





Title of Capacity Development Workshop:	An introduction to system mapping to support the institutional sustainability of WASH	
Contact details		
Name of proposing organization/s	WASH Catalysts Malawi, Water Mission	
Practical requirements		
Timing	Monday morning half day	
Minimum/ Maximum number of participants	12-25	
Facilities preferred:	Nested tables in groups, projector, flipchart and markers	
Staff details		
Names, qualifications and brief description of experience of staff delivering the workshop.	Sydney Byrns – Program Director, WASH Catalysts Malawi, a venture of Engineers Without Borders Canada. Sydney has over 7 years working in Malawi's WASH sector in a facilitative role with both government and non-government partners. Her experience working on district government operation and maintenance innovations built a foundation for her current role as Program Director which she has held since 2014. Caroline Foster—Community Development Specialist, Water Mission. Caroline works at Water Mission's headquarters based in Charleston, SC working on program development in 9 country programs including Malawi.	
Course details		

Aims:	The project-based approach to WASH service delivery can lead to uncoordinated and under-supported projects spread across service areas. Integrating community projects into a region's pre- existing system bolsters external support and institutional sustainability, making it easier for NGOs to successfully transition out of communities. The course will cover techniques for assessing pre-existing systems, assessing the institutional sustainability of a project, and approaches to integrating identified stakeholders in the system into project plans and on-going support.
Intended audience: Explain who the capacity development workshop is suitable for – what is assumed existing knowledge/ level of education/ experience	Members of NGOs or CSOs that implement WASH projects at a regional or district level, and members of local government that often work with such projects. Prior knowledge of local government structures in developing countries.
Intended Learning Outcomes/Objectives: Please explain in terms of:	 Knowledge and understanding of a systems view of the service delivery approach and how NGOs can identify and incorporate other local stakeholders in project planning and support Subject-specific skills: a. Categories of common district stakeholders relevant in WASH projects Key transferable skills: a. System mapping b. Methods of incorporating external stakeholders in planning and support roles of WASH projects c. Recommendations for designing, implementing, and transitioning projects that are more institutionally sustainable d. General sustainability concerns from WASH projects in various contexts, generated from group discussion







Format and Content of Workshop	9:00am-10:00am:
	Introductions and Introductory Simulation (10 min)
	 Interactive activity to simulate
	operating in multi-stakeholder systems
	 Water Mission and WASH Catalysts Project Transition Strategies (20 mins) Full group session Explanation of Water Mission's original approach to project transitioning Case study: WASH Catalysts' work with Water Mission Malawi country program and headquarters assessing institutional sustainability and strengthen the long-term support and transitioning approach
	Interactive Lesson on System Mapping
	(30 mins)
	Full group session
	Participatory lesson
	10:00am-10:30am: Break
	10:30am-12:00pm:
	 Putting theory to paper (45 minutes) Individual work: outline support and transitioning approach of a project from their organization, create a rough system map; apply the morning lessons to this project (15 mins) Group work: share individual work; discuss road blocks, challenges for these projects and brainstorm how to overcome some of these to get started (30 mins)
	 Group discussion (40 mins) Full group session Guided discussion on tying projects into pre-existing local systems focusing on work from small groups and

	 feedback on strengths, weaknesses, and applicability to alternative scenarios of approach used with Water Mission Malawi Closing (5 mins) Full group session Settle on key take-aways from session Final remarks by presenters
Materials to be circulated in advance or after the workshop.	 Summary of key points on systems thinking Example of structured interview questions for institutional sustainability assessment Example system map of Malawi Case study paper on work in Malawi by WASH Catalyst and Water Mission
Means of assessment and feedback to students:	 Participants will be leaving the workshop with mini-system maps of their own projects and should be able to recreate this process to create maps in other contexts where they may work. Participants will have identified and heard methods of addressing challenges to external stakeholder integration. Participants will have at least one case study to follow as an example of external stakeholder integration.
Mechanism and means of course evaluation:	A short feedback card will be available for participants to fill in on an individual basis.