INNOVATION in WASH and GENDER MONITORING
TOWARDS STRATEGIC GENDER OUTCOMES and EQUITABLE SERVICES

*STRATEGIC GENDER OUTCOMES can be defined as those that reflect changes in power relations between women and men.*

**GWMT INDICATORS**
GWMT generates data for four indicators based on underlying principles that were developed to ensure WASH programs work effectively with both women and men.

- Indicator 1: Level of shared WASH workload in the household
- Indicator 2: Level of participation in WASH activities in the community
- Indicator 3: Level of shared WASH decision making in the household
- Indicator 4: Level of women’s leadership in the community around WASH

**GWMT STEPS**

1. **Research Focus:**
   - **Objective:** Examine the effect and impact of GWMT in Vietnam on the achievement of strategic gender outcomes
   - **Approach:** A quasi-experimental design

2. **Research Hypothesis:**
   - “Greater strategic gender outcomes within WASH programs are achieved when women and men are supported to explore their own gender relations and opportunities for change through the GWMT tool, when this opportunity is not offered.”

3. **Research Questions:**
   - Developed to test the research hypothesis

4. **A Range of Dimensions is Explored:**
   - The frequency of experience of strategic gender outcomes:
   - Whether changes in WASH lead to changes in other areas of life (such as livelihoods, child rearing)
   - How significant these changes are to people (i.e., how they feel about these changes) and also how long lasting women and men think these changes will last.

5. **Study Results:**
   - Will be disseminated in September 2021

**RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

The research is being carried out through a collaborative approach to ensure academic rigour, ethics, quality, and research integrity as well as relevance and ownership of the process and results by PLW practitioners and government partners who are well placed to influence, or set, policy and strategy.

Design and planning of research tools, data collection, and analysis is being done through a participatory process led by IUF.

Capacity building approaches including formal training, learning by doing, and critical reflection to build skills of Vietnam-based partners.