Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Advocacy in International Development

Millions live without the basic human rights of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). In 2010 UNICEF reported 2.6 billion people do not have access to toilets and 884 million do not have access to safe water.

Research by the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at UTS convinced the Australian Government to allocate $300 million to water supply and sanitation, ensuring one million people in developing countries received access to safe water and toilets during 2009. Its work has elicited a further Government commitment of $433 million over four years for similar projects.

The ISF is recognised for its research leadership in aid effectiveness. It provides knowledge and know-how to support technical, economic, environmental and social sustainability.

It has developed economic analysis and sustainability assessment methods to inform infrastructure decision-making and support service delivery. It provides research expertise in integrating gender equality and has developed measures to assess the effectiveness of WASH approaches in developing countries.