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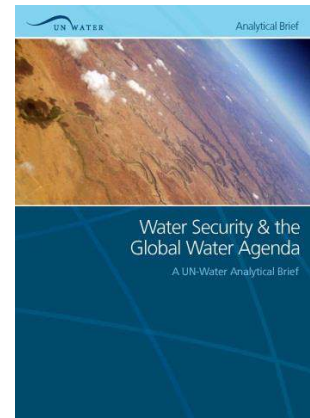
BREAKING NEWS**UN-Water Brief defines water security**

The UN-Water Task Force on Water Security has released an analytical brief, titled "Water Security and the Global Water Agenda," to mark World Water Day 2013. The brief defines water security to clarify agreement on the concept and to facilitate progress on water security in international fora, including on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and at the UN Security Council. It underscores the importance of interdisciplinary cooperation across levels, sectors and political borders to address water security and ensure transboundary water security.

UN-Water proposes the following definition for water security: **"The capacity of a population to safeguard sustainable access to adequate quantities of and acceptable quality water for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being, and socio-economic development, for ensuring protection against water-borne pollution and water-related disasters, and for preserving ecosystems in a climate of peace and political stability."** The definition was developed by the UN and experts from around the world.

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Scaling up a chlorine distribution programme in Guinea Conakry

Since 2008, Antenna Technologies has been working with Tinkisso, a Guinean NGO. Tinkisso has been recognised by UNICEF and the Ministry of Health for its successful economic model that combines social marketing campaigns and sale of chlorine.

Tinkisso staff produces chlorine in the centralised locations of Dabola and Conakry, using 20 [Maxi-WATA](#) devices. The NGO has established a reliable production and distribution system where chlorine flasks are now reaching 560,000 beneficiaries who regularly use chlorine to treat their drinking water.

The Antenna-sponsored programme is set for nation-wide scaling up. Antenna and Tinkisso are currently working with the Guinean Ministry of Health to extend the programme throughout the national territory.



[Read more here](#)

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BRAC WASH offers to help half a million Indian imams promote hygiene

On [WaterCouch.tv](#), Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp shares a practical example of international water cooperation that emerged during the 2013 World Water Day celebrations in The Hague, the Netherlands. In one of the sessions, BRAC WASH programme director Dr Babar Kabir explained that his programme had trained 18,000 imams in Bangladesh to include hygiene messages in their Friday prayers.



Also present in The Hague was Iman Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, Chief Imam of the All India Organization of Imams of Mosques, "the largest and oldest imam organization of the world". Dr Kabir and the Chief Imam "agreed to cooperate on education for water and sanitation". This cooperation has the potential to create "five hundred thousand new teachers" to spread hygiene messages all over India.

Kabir, 2010: [The role of imams in hygiene promotion](#)

Peepoole – Successful large-scale project in Pakistan

In February 2013, UN-Habitat and Peepoole concluded a joint intervention, following the Pakistan monsoon floods, that successfully provided sanitation to nearly 5,000 people. The collaboration, with funding support from the Swedish Postcode Lottery, delivered Peepoo toilets and hygiene promotion to 786 families. The overall conclusions from the project are very positive. User adoption was very high; 91% of beneficiaries used Peepoo every time for defecation.

[Download the evaluation report](#)

[See a short video from the project](#)

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

New WEDC online course: Rural Sanitation at Scale

This WEDC self-paced online course has been designed in partnership with the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) of the World Bank to address important global challenges facing the water and sanitation