



PLWHA & Water, Sanitation/Hygiene

The Needs & Challenge

- **Morbidity/Mortality high** among PLWHA related to poor WatSan/Hygiene
- **Reduced natural immunity increases vulnerability**
- **Poverty** of many PLWHA reduces WatSan possibilities
- **High % of PLWHA with no access** to good WatSan facilities



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Reality Check

- WatSan coverage will increase with MDG goal ('reduce by half those without WatSan by 2015') **but many will remain unserved**
- Urgency for WatSan Coverage among PLWHA to **save lives and reduce morbidity**
- Improved WatSan must be linked to **improved hygiene**
- **Rapid, Low-cost, simple solutions** must be sought while encouraging longer-term solutions



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Pilot Project – WatSan and PLWHA

- Unsafe water can be treated at household level with tablets or sachets, simple, low-cost
- Low-cost latrines can be encouraged
- Both of above must be presented as part of hygiene promotion campaigns
- These activities should be embedded in existing or expanding RC/RC home based care projects
- One year pilot to commence this year in 3 African countries, Kenya, Zambia & Zimbabwe