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Small water disinfection systems: UV light & the role of women in remote communities

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HADAS MAMANE, TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY, ISRAEL



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Mobile UV-C Devices: User Education is Key



Lighting Up the Meat Sector for **Enhanced Safety and Extended** Shelf

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From Promising Emerging Treatment to Commercialization

for Use in Air and Surface

Disinfection...

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UV-C Tunnels Transporting Food within Processing Plants



Practical Information on Sizing and Design Approaches for UV **AOP Systems**



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MODERATOR & SPEAKERS





Hadas Mamane, Tel-Aviv University, Israel (Moderator)



Natalie Hull Ohio State University, United States



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Bhavani Rao, Amrita University, India



- **AGENDA**
 - Welcome, housekeeping rules, introduction Hadas Mamane and Rachel Gehr (moderators)
 - Women in WASH: Perspectives from Rural India Bhavani Rao
 - Overcoming challenges of implementing UV technologies in small, rural water systems Natalie Hull
 - Women's perception of change and impact on their lives of a novel HWTS UV disinfection system

Ane Galdos Balzategi

- Q&A Discussion
 Speakers & Moderator
- Final remarks and conclusion
 Hadas Mamane and Rachel Gehr (moderators)



Women in WASH: Perspectives from Rural India

DR. BHAVANI RAO, AMRITA UNIVERSITY, INDIA





INDIA'S WATER CRISIS





70% of India's water sources are contaminated the international water association

Water levels in major reservoirs have fallen to 21% of the average of the last decade.



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54% of the country's groundwater is declining faster than it is being replenished.

75% of households do not have drinking water on the premises





84% of rural households do not have access to piped water.

Declining water table in most regions, with an increasing presence of toxic elements





WASH IN INDIA

Many Indians face high to extreme water stress (NITI Aayog) the international water association

Dependence on an increasingly erratic monsoon increases this challenge



Lack of water connections & toilets leads to water-borne illnesses, stunting, and death.

India has 18% of the world's population but only 4% of its water resources





About 15% of India's population (~229 million) practices open defecation

More than 6% of India's population of 1.38 billion (approx. 91 million), lack access to safe water



WOMEN, WATER AND SANITATION

Women's Water-Fetching Responsibility

Affects women's health, workloads, and caloric expenditure.
Time Poverty – Education and Livelihood

Sanitation Access and Gender-Based Violence

• Evidence of sanitation-related gender-based violence

Women's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Needs

Link With Sustainable Development Goals

 Increased need of water for hydration, sanitation and hygiene during menstruation, pregnancy, the postnatal period, and caring for sick family members or young children

- Direct Link between SDG 6 and SDG 5
- Target 6.2 of SDG 'access to equitable sanitation and hygiene and women and girls' needs.
- SDG 10 reduce inequalities access to clean water & sanitation



SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACT





Areas of Impact Evaluation Research

- Empowerment Studies
- Education
- Business/Management
- Economics
- Social Work
- Computational Social Sciences

SUMMARY OF IMPACT

Students Trained: 6000+ # Trainers Trained: 200 + # Villages: 60+ in 19 States

Supported by: Israel Consulate, CSR & Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham







NUF WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM

- a Joint clean water initiative between Amrita, Tel-Aviv University and Consulate of Israel to South India were formed to provide NUF-500 filtrations systems for five flood affected villages in Kerala.
- The NUF 500 water filtration system is ideal for disaster situations. Manually operated, circular economy, easily maintained.







WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: COMMUNITY SANITATION THROUGH DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION (WE:CSDP)

 Target: 21 villages in India, targeted 5,000 women, with an indirect impact on 30,000 individuals.

 Empowering women from rural communities to champion sanitation and community development towards ODF status for their communities.





WISE PROJECT

- The Women in Sustaining the Environment Project (in partnership with the Consulate of Israel and Tel Aviv University), aims to equip rural women with the technologies they need to successfully monitor and maintain local drinking water supplies.
- Ten water ambassadors will be trained as part of the project to monitor water quality in 1000 households in Dongarampur.



- It is a community approach to water and includes information, education and communication as a key component of the mission.
- Women have a key role to play in the Paani Samithi
- 60% of the budget at the Panchayat level is reserved for Jal Jeevan efforts.







Overcoming challenges of implementing UV technologies in small, rural water systems

Dr. Natalie Hull The Ohio State University



CHLORINE IS COMMONLY USED FOR MANAGING MICROBIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY





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Hull NM, Holinger EP, Ross KA, Robertson CE, Harris JK, Stevens MJ, and Pace NR (2017). Longitudinal and Source-to-Tap New Orleans, LA, USA Drinking Water Microbiology. ES&T. Stanish LF, Hull NM, Robertson CE, Harris JK, Stevens JK, Spear JR, and Pace NR (2016). Factors Influencing Bacterial Diversity and Composition in Municipal Drinking Waters in the Ohio River Basin, USA. PLoS One.

UV IS ALSO USED FOR MANAGING MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY





UV COMPLEMENTS CHLORINE DISINFECTION





MERCURY BASED UV HAS A PROVEN HISTORY OF DISINFECTION





Dose (mJ/cm²) for 4-log Disinfection

Wavelength (nm)

32



UV DISINFECTION CAN BE WAVELENGTH-OPTIMIZED

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MERCURY-FREE UV FOR MANAGING MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY





MERCURY FREE UV SOURCES ENABLE WAVELENGTH TAILORED DISINFECTION OPTIMIZATION



KrCl Excimer lamp (Excilamp)



Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs)



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UV LED BENCH SCALE OPERATIONAL VALIDATION









UV LED BENCH SCALE OPERATIONAL VALIDATION TRANSLATED TO SUCCESSFUL FIELD DEMONSTRATION







UV LED BENCH SCALE OPERATIONAL VALIDATION TRANSLATED TO SUCCESSFUL FIELD DEMONSTRATION DESPITE CHALLENGING TURBIDITY AND UVT CONDITIONS

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EVEN UNDER VERY HIGH TURBIDITY CONDITIONS







Judith Straathof



EVEN UNDER VERY HIGH TURBIDITY CONDITIONS UV₂₅₄ DISINFECTION CAN BE PREDICTABLE







Judith Straathof



UV LED BIOFILM MICROBIOMES HAD FEWER PROBLEMATIC GENERA









Yijing Liu



Amanda Killian

MERCURY FREE UV SOURCES ENABLE WAVELENGTH **TAILORED DISINFECTION OPTIMIZATION**







222 NM DISINFECTS ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT B. SUBTILIS > 254 NM





20 40 60 80 120 UV Fluence (mJ/cm²)



Yijing Liu



Bacillus Genetic <mark>Stock Cent</mark>er

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 LP_254

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Study design after: He H, Zhou P, Shimabuku K K, Fang X, Li S, Lee Y, Dodd M C (2019). Degradation and deactivation of bacterial antibiotic resistance genes during exposure to free chlorine, monochloramine, chlorine dioxide, ozone, ultraviolet light, and hydroxyl radical. Environmental Science & Technology,

222 NM DISINFECTS ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT *B. SUBTILIS* > 254 NM AND BETTER PREVENTS HORIZONTAL RESISTANCE GENE TRANSFER







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Bacillus Genetic <mark>Stock Cente</mark>r

222 NM DEGRADES ALGAL TOXIN MICROCYSTIN-LR > 254 NM





Zanna Leciejewski



222 NM REDUCES *E. COIL* REGROWTH > 254 NM





David McDonald

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MERCURY-FREE UV FOR MANAGING MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT DISTRIBUTION





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Modified from Linden, KG, Hull NM, and Speight, V (2013): Thinking beyond the treatment plant: UV for distribution system disinfection. Accounts of Chemical Research Special Issue "Water for Two Worlds: Urban and Rural Communities" 55

MERCURY-FREE UV FOR MANAGING MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT DISTRIBUTION





MERCURY-FREE UV + HYDROPOWER FOR MANAGING MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT DISTRIBUTION







Jake Huff

Dr. Clarissa Belloni MAE Capstone

ADDRESSING BOUNDARIES FOR UV DISINFECTION





OVERCOMING CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING UV TECHNOLOGIES IN SMALL, RURAL WATER SYSTEMS



- UV LED disinfected water 1 year with low cost and no maintenance
- Promising possibilities for wavelength optimization
- Risk based planning and tech advancements enable distribution UV



Women's perception of change and impact on their lives of a novel HWTS UV disinfection system

ANE GALDOS BALZATEGUI / CÁNTARO AZUL



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HOUSEHOLD LEVEL WATER SOLUTIONS: THE CHALLENGE



- A necessary solution in a short, medium term for some contexts.
- Challenge in the quantity and quality of the water.
- Burden for the end users (Operation and Maintenance).

Gender roles in water management

Women are water managers at the household level: responsible for ensuring enough water every day for all the needs of the family.

- Transportation to the household
- Storage and distribution within the household
- Administration (smart use)
- Drinking water treatment



THE DESIGN



PURPOSES

- 1. Increase treated water availability in the household to fulfill the human right to water (50-100 liters per person per day).
- 2. Provide access to treated water at key points in the household to simplify exclusive use of treated water.
- 3. Avoid water storage after treatment to reduce the risk of re-contamination.



HOUSEHOLD WATER TREATMENT AND SAFE STORAGE (HWTS) SYSTEM



- Point-of-entry system, designed to supply at least the minimum 50 liters of safe water per person per day, established by the human right to water.
- The water is piped and distributed to taps at different points in the household. At least:
 - Kitchen
 - Hygiene setting







WATER QUALITY FEEDBACK









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STUDY DESIGN

Stepped Wedge Randomized Trial

Households

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44	ο	ο	Хо	ο	ο	ο	ο	ο
63	ο	о	о	Хо	ο	ο	ο	ο
94	ο	ο	ο	о	Хo	ο	ο	ο
127	ο	ο	о	ο	о	Хо	ο	ο
158	ο	ο	ο	0	ο	о	Хо	ο
187	ο	ο	ο	0	ο	ο	ο	Хо
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Step/Time Point (t)

O= Observation

X=Intervention

Before Intervention
After Intervention

Sample	187 HH		
Number of observations	8		
Duration of each step	2 months		
Total follow up time	15 month		

METHODOLOGY

Quantitative data

- Observations
- Surveys
- Water quality tests
- Main indicators
 - Water Quality
 - Water use practices





Qualitative data

- Four focal groups
- Six interviews
- Reflection sessions with the field team
- Research question

What are the aspects that women name when expressing the changes they perceive after the intervention?



DRINKING WATER IN THE HOUSEHOLDS





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PERCENTAGE OF HHS WITH PRESENCE OF *E.COLI* IN DRINKING WATER





WATER USE PRACTICES

- Most households discontinued the practice of storing water in multiple containers after the installation of the SAFEWATER systems.
- Chenge in the habit of drinking treated water, as it increased from 42% to 89%.
- Only 9.5% of respondets in intervention households with access to disinfected water reported drinking from a point of access different than the taps of the system.





WOMEN'S PERCEPTIONS OF CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES





LIFE IS EASIER

- "we no longer boil the water"
- "I fetch less water and wood"
- "I don't have to walk long distances"
- "before I had to carry clothes long distances"
- "safe water is in every home"
- "now the water is close by, even inside the house"
- "It is easier to serve the water"
- "It is easier to store water"





PHYSICAL HEALTH



- "we have noticed that children get less sick from diarrhea and stomach ache"
- "We also get sick less"
- "My back doesn't hurt so much anymore"
MENTAL HEALTH

- "I feel calmer not having to fetch water, now when I need it I have it at home"
- "Before, I would wake up at five in the morning thinking that I had to go fetch water and my back would hurt a lot"
- "I feel calmer because the water is clean, I'm afraid of bacteria"
- "Before we suffered a lot. Children sometimes also fetched the water and they suffered"





SECURITY

- "we are many people in the community. Sometimes at three in the morning we keep waiting for the water to sprout, we arrive home at 5:30 in the morning"
- "we fought over water, because there is very little, whoever stays last gets pure mud"
- "the water is safer, it no longer has bacteria"





TAKES AWAY



 Solutions must be designed to make life easier. It's not just about technology. They must be contextualized.

The biggest challenge is to guarantee continued access to safe water.
Operation and maintenance are key points to consider in the design of an intervention.



Testimonials



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