



Indigenous Kichwa women lead community water and sanitation management in Ecuador

Deborah Payne, MPH

MedWater





Meeting the cultural values through home visits

TOILET CONSTRUCTION

Women are intimately familiar with the health of children and therefore recognize the need for improved sanitation.



CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Establishing gender mainstreaming within institutional policies can ensure women are engaged in WASH management in indigenous Kichwa communities.

Kichwa women provide a highly contextualized skill set to inform WASH programming.

Engaging both women and men ensures that goals are achievable and appropriate to the values of the community.
