

# Welcome to the global community of rural water supply professionals

RWSN's **vision** is of a world in which all rural people have access to sustainable and reliable water supplies which can be effectively managed to provide sufficient, affordable and safe water within a reasonable distance of the home.

**Mission:** RWSN is a global network of rural water supply professionals and organisations committed to improving their knowledge, competence and professionalism, to fulfil RWSN's vision of sustainable rural water services for all. Both individuals and organisations participate in the network.

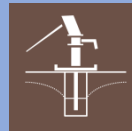


## Leave No-one Behind

**Theme & Topic Leaders:**  
WaterAid, Simavi

### PRIORITY TOPICS

- Human Right to Water: making rights real
- Gender equality and human rights
- Social accountability for sustainable services
- Inclusion



## Sustainable Groundwater Development

**Theme & Topic Leaders:**  
Skat Foundation, Water Mission

### PRIORITY TOPICS

- Professional water well drilling
- Manual drilling
- Handpumps
- Solar pumps
- Groundwater resources management



## Sustainable Services

**Theme & Topic Leaders:**  
IRC, World Bank

### PRIORITY TOPICS

- Innovation in rural water supply finance
- Evolving service delivery approaches
- Direct support to service providers



## Self-supply

**Theme & Topic Leaders:**  
Skat Foundation

### PRIORITY TOPICS

- Monitoring, regulation and support of self-supply
- Capacity building and vocational training
- Rainwater harvesting



## Mapping & Monitoring

**Theme & Topic Leaders:**  
WaterAid, World Bank, UNC

### PRIORITY TOPICS

- In-country monitoring
- Innovative models in mapping and monitoring
- Indicators harmonisation
- Water quality monitoring and safety

Join 11,000 professionals from all over the world in regular news updates, webinars, e-discussions and events that share research, expertise and raise the level of the professionalism so that everyone gets lasting access to safe water



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# Publishing and sharing through RWSN

## Why publish through the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN)?

We are the global network dedicated to universal access to safe drinking water in rural areas. We have over 11,000 members in 160+ countries – most of whom are practitioners and managers looking for high quality guidance and experience-sharing on rural water supply. Member surveys have consistently shown that RWSN publications are highly valued and have a long shelf-life. Over 25,000 documents per year are downloaded from the RWSN website. RWSN publishes in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese, but we are open to other languages where there is demand.

### RWSN Blog Post

**Length: 400-800 words**

**Good for:**

- Publishing quickly and cheaply
- Short experiences, opinion pieces or linked to an event.
- Provoking debate

**Limitations:**

- Short shelf-life
- Not available offline
- Not peer-reviewed

**Our rules:**

- We don't accept commercial-style sales pitches
- You can be provocative but remain respectful

### RWSN Webinar / RWSN Talk

**Length: 10-20 minutes**

**Good for:**

- Raising awareness about a project, method or experience
- Engages audiences who are less likely to read reports
- Can be integrated into training

**Limitations:**

- Not peer-reviewed
- Production costs
- Limited number an annually

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### RWSN Field Note

**Length: 8-16 pages**

**Good for:**

- Capturing lessons learned from a particular experience, programme or research study
- Long shelf-life printed publications

**Limitations:**

- Peer review process, editing and layout takes several months
- Production and printing costs

**Our rules:**

- Focus on issues from your experiences with broader implications or applications

### RWSN Guidance Manual

**Length: ideally 16-32 pages**

**Good for:**

- Trusted, peer-reviewed guidance that will be used by professionals in their day-jobs
- Long shelf-life printed publications

**Limitations:**

- Slowest production time due to writing, review, editing and layout process
- Production and printing costs

**Our rules:**

- Keep it clear, concise and practical

### RWSN Forum Paper / Poster Film

**Length: set by Forum criteria**

**Good for:**

- Sharing major developments or trends in rural water supply
- Trusted, peer-reviewed information.

**Limitations:**

- This option is only available in connection to RWSN Forum conferences, which are every 5 years

**Our rules:**

- We like practitioners to document their work rigorously and having academics write about practical issues



RWSN publications are free online and to download. Printed versions are not sold so costs need to be covered by upfront funding or donations.

**Get started now:** contact the RWSN Secretariat and together we share knowledge to achieve universal access to safe water