

Secure water

**Building Sustainable Livelihoods for
the Poor into Demand Responsive
Approaches**

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Background



- Problems of the water supply and sanitation decade
- Emergence of 'demand' as a key factor
- Development of water and livelihoods thinking
- Emergence of sustainable livelihoods frameworks
- Policy shifts in the water sector
- Concerns about the ability to address poverty issues

What do we aim to achieve?

- Five country, multi-collaborator research project with direct input into policy development and implementation
- Increasing the capacity of DRA to be 'pro-poor' in development and implementation
- Creating a wider understanding of water, livelihoods and sustainability issues

Where are we now?

- Inception phase: (to end 2001)
 - mapping and scoping studies in India, Sri Lanka, Malawi, Kenya and Sudan (from September)
 - developing methodological tools (HEA, CVM, SL approaches)
 - producing a concept paper for wider dissemination and comment (www.securewater.org)

Where are we going?

- Phase 1: Case study research (to end 2002)
 - policy mapping, household-level water and livelihoods linkages, links with policy making and implementing bodies
 - drafting decision support, monitoring and demand assessment tools

What we need from you

- Comment and critical feedback on our outputs
- Ideas for dissemination, uptake and mainstreaming
- Interest and collaboration