Revisiting the Sanitation Ladder(s) from a Gender Perspective

- **Gender Roles & Relations**
  - Differ between societies
  - Related to age, ethnicity, socio-economic status...
  - Change over time

- **Sanitation Systems & Gender Roles**
  - Interdependent and Changing!
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4 takes on the sanitation ladder
Cost/Technology Sanitation Ladder

Mainly urban and peri-urban services

- Tertiary wastewater treatment: $800
- Sewer connection and secondary wastewater treatment: $450
- Connection to conventional sewer: $300
- Sewer connection with local labor: $175
- Septic tank latrine: $160
- Pour-flush latrine: $70
- Ventilated improved pit latrine: $65
- Simple pit latrine: $45

Mainly rural services

- Improved traditional practice: $10

The JMP Sanitation Ladder

Source: WHO & UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (www.wssinfo.org/definitions/ladders.html)
The “Functional” Sanitation Ladder

1) Excreta containment
   - toilet & hand-washing facility in use, no vectors, no faecal matter out of place

2) Access
   - privacy, security & shelter, 24/7 to men, women, children, elderly...

3) Greywater management
   - no stagnant water - no vectors

4) Pathogen elimination

5) Nutrient reuse

6) Nutrient containment
   - no eutrophication

7) Integrated resource management

From: EcoSanRes Programme (Kvarnström, McConville, Fogde et al.)
“Participatory” Sanitation Ladder

Adapted from: COSI Foundation for Technical Cooperation, Sri Lanka
Group Exercise: Brainstorming

In groups, identify and note down gender issues

Related to / inspired by different versions of the sanitation ladder

“Practical” gender issues
- Make life easier...

“Strategic” gender issues
- Transform relationships...