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Community Plumbing Challenge Recognized by Local Project Challenge Initiative

Washington, D.C. (Feb. 7, 2020) — The International Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Foundation (IWSH) is proud to announce that its upcoming Community Plumbing Challenge (CPC) Indonesia program has been recognized by the Local Project Challenge: an initiative of the Center for Sustainable Urban Development, The Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched the Local Project Challenge website, <https://localprojectchallenge.org>, in November 2019 at the Urban Thinkers Campus, Columbia University. Its purpose is to demonstrate how various Sustainable Development Goals and targets have been considered and/or implemented across a range of contemporary initiatives spanning civil society, professional, and education projects. A total of 110 projects, submitted from 39 countries, have been included.

“I encourage you to share this important gallery with colleagues, fellow students, friends and family. I encourage everyone to ask how the SDGs can be incorporated in our daily lives. Their widespread adoption will help realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and create a more equal and livable future. To all who have taken this first step by submitting their projects to create this extraordinary resource, my warmest congratulations,” said Ban Ki-moon.

The CPC’s feature page is available at <https://localprojectchallenge.org/community-plumbing-project/>.

The next instalment of the CPC Indonesia program, featured by the Local Project Challenge, is scheduled to take place in May 2020 and will assemble an international team of skilled, volunteer tradespeople to build a new public facility for Untia village (Makassar, Sulawesi) featuring new toilets, a handwashing area, water supply system, and wastewater system.

A range of Local Project Challenge Awards will be announced at the U.N. World Urban Forum 10 in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, Feb. 12, as part of the “Accelerating the SDGs through the Local Project Challenge” seminar. To view all of the projects and cast a vote for the People’s Choice Award, visit <https://localprojectchallenge.org/vote>. Voting closes at 8 a.m. EST/5 a.m. PST Tuesday, Feb. 11.

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