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MUS: Perspectives from USAID



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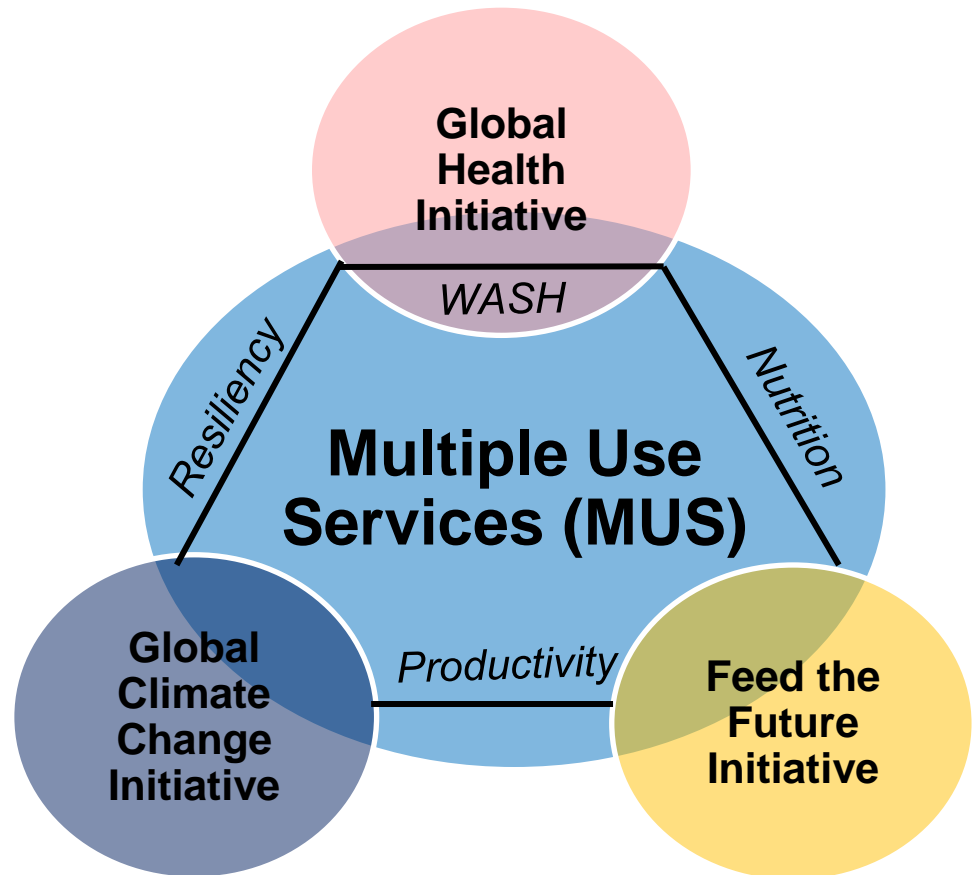
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USAID and MUS: A History

- **2005:** Initial USAID/W staff ‘exposure’ to MUS concept
- **2006:** Concept mentioned in first RFA in Kenya (‘MUS-lite’)
- **2007-2010:** First rigorous MUS program built into USAID water program (WAWI-Niger)
- **2** **All of this driven by**
- **2** **USAID/Washington “champions”**
- **2010-2011:** New programs with significant MUS components launched in Tanzania (2010), Rwanda (2011), and Burkina Faso/Mali (2011); MUS training development supported through WASH Plus (*NOTE: All USAID MUS programs to date implemented by Winrock as one component of broader integrated programs*)
- **2011:** WB/USAID MOU signed – WASH Working Group selects MUS as a key mutual theme of interest

Alignment with USAID Priorities

- Supports all three major Presidential Initiatives
- Potentially attributable to various ‘flavors of funding’ (earmarks and directives) – fits especially well with integrated programs
- Mentioned in USAID Water Strategy
- Good receptivity on the part of Missions



Scaling Up MUS in USAID: Challenges



- **Staff are not widely aware** of approach, or research/evidence behind it
- USAID WASH or agriculture **implementing contractors/NGOs often do not have ‘rigorous’ MUS expertise**
- Implementing MUS requires **‘creative’ blending of earmark/directive funding** (WASH+ Food Security + Climate Change Adaptation, etc.)
- USAID has focused almost exclusively on **‘domestic plus’** model to date – will need full engagement of agriculture colleagues to pursue more **‘productive plus’** opportunities

Scaling Up MUS in USAID: Recommendations



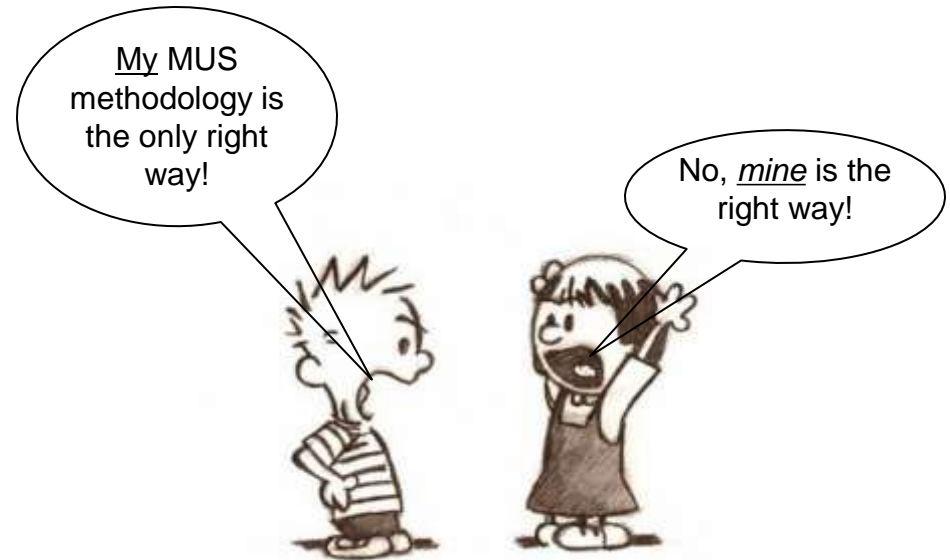
For USAID:

- Conduct more **staff training** on MUS as a programming option – especially to non-WASH staff (FtF, etc.) *(already integrated into WASH and environment trainings...)*
- Support **capacity building of local and international partners** in rigorous MUS approaches through USAID water programming
- Collaborate with others to **document and disseminate field experiences/lessons learned** in MUS programming
- Partner strategically with the **World Bank** to introduce/scale-up approach within donor agencies

Scaling Up MUS in USAID: Recommendations

For the MUS Group:

- Produce more **analytics, guidance, and training materials** to systematize and standardize MUS approaches (entire typology)
- Better integrate the MUS approach into broader sector movement towards **sustainable service delivery** (e.g., SDA/Triple-S, WASHCost), and analogous approaches in sustainable agricultural water management



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“May the MUS be with you!”



Thank you!

Sharon Murray (and other USAID friends!)