WaSH-UP, or **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Upgrading Programme**, is an innovative solution to common health problems in urban informal settlements. It begins with the creation of a WaSH-UP facility *created and operated by the community members*. These facilities include access to important WaSH appliances such as sinks, laundry areas, toilets, and showers. Beyond the physical facilities, it becomes a **key social space** for community **health, education and wellbeing development**.

**Who is WaSH-UP?**

WaSH-UP is driven by a **collaborative partnership** between **regional NGOs** with connections to informal settlements, **local government agencies**, and a **university in the United States** that engages students and faculty in a shared learning and supporting role.
Why WaSH-UP?

A WaSH Crisis in South Africa
- Access to basic sanitation facilities has been identified as a human right
- Limited health and wellness education leads to increased prevalence of disease

WaSH-UP provides opportunities for community members to address health and well-being issues such as grey water management, early childhood development support, HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, disease, alcoholism, etc.

What Next?
Continued Need for Support
- Need for diversified revenue streams
  - Support from Local Governments
  - Support from Community Members
  - Collaborative Partnerships with Local Business
- Need to strengthen community management structures
  - Training and Continued Education for Community Leaders
  - Effective Community Participation
  - Mentorship for Caretakers in Career Development

WaSH Achievements
- Facility built and upgraded
- Caretaker training
- Health, Education, Wellbeing Services
- Constructed Health Products Kiosk