

Making Water Kiosks More Succesful

executive summary

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Making safe water kiosks successful is "very complex"

Water organization	Safe water kiosk	Households		
How to provide technical	How to avoid failures in the	What is the best ater water price?		
assistance for the kiosk operator?	operation?	How many people should live in the		
How to manage financial risks?	What competences does the operator	community?		
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How to attract		X market share		
 external funding? Provide technical 	services?	What services do customers expect?		
What treatment	How to charge for services?			
technology?		What preferences do people have?		



Summary Session 1: Current challenges

- In theory, making safe water kiosks successfull is «easy», but in reality, we observe various phenomena questioning the success of the water kiosks (long take-up, drop-down, breakdown, volatile demand, overestimation, high CAPEX)
- In the workshop, coping with non-business partners, finding the adequate partners, initial persuasion of the customer, and the financial viability of water sales were most commonly cited as being current challenges to successful water kiosk management both for existing and new water kiosks
- Other commonly cited challenges were securing water quality after sales, coping with ressource-scarcity for indirectly linked acitivities (e.g. behavior change campaigns), scaling up succesfully, setting prices, the relationship with political/local institutions, and securing the continued use of customers



RANAS approach

Systematic behaviour change based on data



- (1) Which psychological factors determine the use of a safe water kiosk?
- (2) which factors are affected by which promotional activities?
- ➔ Apply promotions that are targeted to the specific community and thus improve the promotion strategies



Systematic selection of promotion activities





Overall goal of the campaign: Bring community members to believe in their hearts that buying all their water at the Maji Safi Kiosk is beneficial, pleasurable, socially expected, easily accomplished and a personal key priority. Today's situation: Tomorrow's situation: How we will achieve this: Currently only a small proportion of people are buying drinking water at At least 60% of the population within a distance of 1 kilometre Through an innovative population-tailored the Maii Safi Kiosks. around the Maji Safi Kiosks buy all their drinking water there. behaviour change campaign. What non-users and irregular users (compared to main users) think What we want the target individuals to think and feel about the How we will achieve this (Behaviour and feel about the Maji Safi Kiosks today: Maji Safi Kiosks tomorrow: Change Techniques): Risk factors: User groups do not differ in health knowledge, and in perceived No changes required. No interventions required. vulnerability to and severity of diarrhoea. Attitudinal factors: • Inform about and assess costs To buy all drinking water there is inexpensive and effortless. It is expensive, time-consuming and effortful to buy water there. and benefits (5). • The water is salty and not tasty. The water is very tasteful and not salty. Describe or prompt experience of • It is unpleasant to buy water there. To buy water there is very pleasant. positive feelings when buying water (8). Normative factors: Most of my relatives buy all their drinking water there. • Inform about others behaviour None of my relatives buy their water there. • Most of the community members buy all their drinking water (12). Few of the community members buy their water there. Prompt public commitment (13). there. Important people don't expect me to buy my water there. People expect me to buy all my drinking water there. • Inform about others approval (14). Ability factors: It is difficult to find the time and money to buy all water there. It is easy to find the time and money to buy all water there. Provide models (20). • In light of impediments it would be difficult to keep me buving No matter what happens, it is easy to keep me buying all Use persuasive arguments to • water there. water there. bolster self-efficacy (21). After an interruption I wouldn't be able to push me to restart to After an interruption it would be easy for me to restart to Organize social support (19). buy water there. buy water there. Self-regulation factors: Prompt goal setting and specific • My goal is to buy all my drinking water there and I control I don't have the goal to buy water there and don't care whether I • planning (36 & 26). and push myself to follow this plan. buy water there or not. Agree a behavioural contract • One of my personal priorities is to buy all my drinking water It is not important to me to buy water there. (37). there. I don't feel committed to buy water there. Prompt public commitment (13). • I feel committed to buy all my drinking water there. • Prompt self-monitoring (27). Additional factors: Me, my family and the community are the Kiosk's owner. Inform about others feeling of Me, my family and the community don't own the Kiosk. It is crucial to drink safe water. ownership. It is not important to drink safe water. I prefer to buy treated water compared to treating water at Inform about benefits of safe . I prefer to treat water at home compared to buying treated water. water and of buying treated water. home.



Intervention	Behaviour Change Techniques		Communication channels			
strategies		BCT description	Mass media	Group	One-to-one	
1	Mass media motivation	Provide models.	Provide similar (and important) community members who are already buying water at the Kiosk as role models.			
		Inform about others behaviour.	Point out that others are already buying water at the Kiosk.			
		Inform about and assess costs and benefits.	Provide information about costs and benefits of buying water at the Kiosk and conduct a cost-benefit analysis. This includes also the benefits of safe water and of buying treated water instead of treating water at home.	Poster with picture story or radionovela		
		Describe feelings about buying water at the Kiosk and feeling of ownership.	Present buying water at the Kiosk as pleasant and joyful. Present how others feel as the owners of the Kiosk.			
		Inform about others approval.	Point out that important others support buying water at the Kiosk.			
2	Community-based empowerment	All five BCTs applied in intervention strategy 1	See above (intervention strategy 1)		Community meeting	
		Use persuasive arguments to bolster self-efficacy.	Convince participants that they are able to buy water at the Kiosk by emphasizing that similar others have already succeeded.			
		Prompt public commitment.	Let people publicly commit to buying water at the Kiosk, thus showing to others that there are people who buy water at the Kiosk.			
		Prompt behavioural practice.	Prompt people to fetch water at the Kiosk.			
3	Customer-to- customer promotion	Provide models.	Provide users as role models.			
		Organize social support.	Prompt people to receive practical or emotional support from a user.			At home and at Kiosk
		Prompt guided practice.	Prompt people to fetch water at the Kiosk together with a user.			
		Prompt experience of positive feelings when fetching water.	Enable people to have a positive experience when fetching water.			
		Prompt to talk to others	Prompt (irregular) users to talk to others.			
4	Individualized empowerment	Inform about and assess costs and benefits individually.	Provide information about costs and benefits of buying water at the Kiosk and conduct an <i>individual</i> cost-benefit analysis. This includes also the benefits of safe water and of buying treated water instead of treating water at home.			
		Prompt goal setting and specific planning.	Prompt people to set the goal to buy all water at the Kiosk and to specify how much water per week they will buy at the Kiosk, at which days they will fetch water, at what time, with whom and with which vessel.			Household visits
		Agree a behavioural contract.	Invite people to agree on a behavioural contract towards the above goal.			
		Prompt self-monitoring.	Invite participants to monitor their behaviour by means of recording at which days they bought how much water at the Kiosk and at concurrent sources.			



Summary Session 2: Behavior change

- Through the RANAS approach organizations can identify important pschological factors that influence the behavior of their customers and enables them to develop adequate behavior change campaigns
- Influental psychological factors to the use of water kiosks are perceived distance to water kiosk, perceived benefits vs. costs of usage, tradition, social norms and habits, trust in quality and service, taste of water, and feelings evoked while using water kiosk
- It is important to keep in mind that behavior and behavior change is not exclusively driven by knowledge. Intervention that focus exclusively on information dissemination are therefore prone to be ineffective
- Rather, behavior change campaigns should **target a mix of factors** related to **risks, attitudes, norms, abilities**, and **self-regulation** as well as they should use **different communication channels** for **different intervention strategies**



Group work Managing a water kiosk

What capabilities are necessary to deliver/manage these services?

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What services should the kiosk offer?

Water services	Type of water: un/treated Cans, barrels, jars
Payment	Per liter, jerry can, flat rate Cash, mobile, RFID Debit / credit
Distribution	Tap, ATM, delivery, store
Cleaning	Clean at stores, give away disinfection means
	Devices: buy, rent / standardized or not

Potential services



Summary Session 3: Services

- Depending on what services the kiosk should offer, the range of capabilities that are necessary to deliver and manage these services can be extremely wide
- Additional services can help to increase the financial viability of the kiosk and mitigate risks but come necessarily with the requiremend of even more capabilities
- Among the most important capabilities are financial ressources, a deep market understanding and business skills/«mindset», technical skills/knowledge, and intrinsic motivation
- Additional potential services should generate traffic, increase quality of waterkiosk, and opportunity-driven
- Additional potential services could include e.g. health-related services, cellphone charging, a barbershop, internet access, sales of WASH and other retail products



How can we scale up the number of water kiosks?

Questions

- How do we know, which growth path is sustainable? (too fast / too slow)
- How can we maintain and improve the existing water kiosks?
- How do we manage the risk by scaling up the number of water kiosks?
- What organizational barriers do we face in the scaling process?
- How do we know what elements should be replicated?





Summary Session 4: Scaling-up





Summary Session 1-4

- **Current Challenges**: Despite being different types of organizations, locations, and technologies most participants reported *similar challenges/obstacles*
- •Behavior change: Behavior change as important factor to success; two approaches to achieve behavior change: *behavior change campaigns* based on strong psych. grounding \Leftrightarrow *social marketing* where behavior change is changed through more traditional marketing strategies; maybe it is important to *take into account insights from both sides*
- **Services**: Single Kiosk: Participants agreed on *broadening the business scope*/extending the kiosk-concept => consequence: more and also *more sophisticated capabilities* needed => consequence: might be *more difficult to identify the right entrepreneurs* & create capacity development

• **Scaling-up**: Scaling starts often with *luck/timing* and *proof of success*; the focus then shifts gradually from *external* to *internal factors*; other important factors are *funding schemes* as well as *general factors* such as flexibility and commitment



Feedback Session 1-4

• 27 Participants showed interest to share knowledge and enter into a dialogue about current challenges to success

• Thinking about the challenges on the conceptual levels of households, single and multiple waterkiosks was productive

• Ideas generated in the workshop are implemented in the organizations

•People welcomed the idea to meet again in one year, maybe some participants would like to present some of the results

•Quotes: «Inspiring, thank you!», «Great Workshop, I will test some of the ideas we developed today»