Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is essential to health and wellbeing.

Water for Women is partnering with Thrive Networks to deliver Women-Led Output Based Aid (WOBA) to some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in 5 provinces of Vietnam, benefitting an estimated 276,000 people.

Gender equality and social inclusion are central to Water for Women. Actively involving all people within communities (women, men, marginalised groups, people with disabilities) ensures more equitable and inclusive processes, which lead to more effective and sustainable outcomes in WASH.

Water for Women is the Australian Government’s flagship WASH program and will be delivered over five years from 2018 to 2022.
Only 45% of the rural population has access to piped water supply that meets quality standards;

While 95% of the richest urban quintile has a piped water connection on premises, only 35% of the poorest have access to this service.

In rural areas, only 3% of the poorest quintile has a household connection.

The benefits of improved, safe access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are clear. Not only does access to WASH prevent disease and death, it also has profound, lasting socio-economic impacts on a community and its ability to prosper, particularly for women and girls.

Women-Led Output Based Aid will support opportunities and benefits in WASH for everyone in the community, with its emphasis on gender equality and social inclusion (GESI).