



Waste Wise Education Factsheet # 14

The Blue Schools Kit



LOCATION: AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA | **SPAN:** REGULAR ENGAGEMENT | **TARGET AUDIENCE:** UPPER PRIMARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS

OBJECTIVE:

To guide schools in their pathway to become healthier and environmentally friendly.

INITIATIVE SUMMARY (WHAT & HOW):

The Blue Schools Kit proposes a variety of low-cost technologies for schools and practical exercises for teachers to illustrate some topics of the school curriculum in a practical way. The kit covers the following topics:

- WASH-related topics: drinking safe water, sanitation and hygiene, menstrual health
- Environment-related topics: sustainable land and water management techniques through school gardens, safe solid waste management, watershed, water cycle, etc



Impact: Improved environmental sanitation conditions, Improved children's health, Improved children's participation, Replication of good practices at home.



Resources: Investment for water and sanitation infrastructures, Training of practitioners, Engagement of teachers, Blue Schools Kit (English, French, Spanish), Coaching.



5Rs

Application: Scalable, Easy to replicate in other schools and contexts.

5Rs/Other Keywords:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Innovative Features

Content of the Kit

- Concept brief
- Catalogue of practical exercises
- Catalogue of low-cost technologies
- Facilitator's guide

Topics covered

- Water (For drinking and water resources)
- Sanitation and hygiene (incl. menstrual health)
- Gardening
- Solid waste management
- Environment

Educational Features

- Relies on ownership and engagement of school stakeholders and children.
- Does not impose pre-defined solutions.
- Generic enough to be used in different contexts.
- Contains suggestions of practical exercises to foster learning by doing, to complement the national curriculum.
- Offers technologies that are low cost and easy to implement.



Useful link

Webpage: <http://waterconsortium.ch/publications/blue-schools-the-practical-teaching-experience-in-line-with-sdg-6-targets/>

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