Where Policy and Practice Collide: Tales from the Mucky Middle

Women in the middle
Decision making and implementation

- Decision making = power
- Implementation $\sim$ access to resources
- Power sharing
  - Within the family
  - Within the community
  - Within the district
  - Donors and recipients
- National standards
- Transnational cooperation
Top down

- Who controls the levers of power?
- Over what?
- At what cost?
- Borne by whom?
- To what end?
- The role of power for the sake of power
- The gap between regulation and practice
Bottom up

• On the ground reality of women and water
  – Health
  – Education
  – Food security
  – Economic participation

• Finding a voice

• Using their voices
The Mucky Middle

Social Capital

→ Knowledge
→ Strategy
→ Cohesion
→ Action