**Exercise: WatSan RDRT Refresher Training 2013**

**LINKING HYGIENE PROMOTERS AND DM/RELIEF TEAMS**

**Scenario – for water treatment group**

You are part of the Aroha Red Cross Society (ARCS) WatSan NDRT. There have been heavy rains in the north of Aroha, which has caused flooding.

You have been deployed today with the ARCS WatSan Kit 5, but it will take you at least 1 week to 10 days to set it up and begin distributing safe water to the beneficiaries.

In the meantime, you have asked the ARCS DM / Relief team to distribute PUR sachets and buckets to the affected people, so that they can treat water at household level until the Kit 5 is set up or the situation improves.

Two years ago there was floods in the same area of the country, and you remember that people did not like to use the PUR sachets because of the “bad chemical smell and taste”. They used them once and then went back to using the dirty flood water which “tastes better”, even though they know they should drink treated water to prevent disease. They also believe that if babies or children drink water with a chemical smell it will make them sick.

You also remember that people would use the treated water only for drinking, not for cooking food. The buckets you distributed did have lids, but the children usually took them and made toys (so most water storage containers were without lids). There was a large outbreak of diarrhoea at that time.

**Ask the ARCS Hygiene Promotion team if they can help you!** Can they work with the DM/Relief team for the distribution of PUR and buckets, to make sure that people use the chemicals properly this time – preventing an outbreak of disease?

**Scenario – for hygiene promotion group**

You are part of the Aroha Red Cross Society (ARCS) hygiene promotion team. There have been heavy rains in the north of Aroha, which has caused flooding.

The ARCS WatSan NDRT and the DM/Relief team are requesting your assistance to develop a communication and hygiene promotion plan. They are distributing household water treatment chemicals and NFIs in 2 days’ time. Several years ago there was a similar situation, but ended up in an outbreak of diarrhoea because people did not use the chemicals properly.

Go and see them (*at the* *mass water treatment station*) for more information.