



**3/6/2005
15:00PM**

Meeting called by:	Joanne	Type of meeting:	WSS workshop
Facilitator:	Joanne	Note taker:	Ngan & Hang
Attendees:	INGOs		

----- Agenda Topics -----

Self - introduction	All
Kim's presentation	Kim
Jens Rydder	Jens
John Plan and Vinh UNICEF	
Technical issues:	
- Environmental Impact Assessments	Hanh CCF
- Toilets models for schools	Dung CWS
- Partner capacity building	Examples from all
Other	All

Other Information

Special notes:

Self - introduction:

All participants introduced themselves and the list of attendees at the meeting is as follows:

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Kim's presentation on INGO-MARD paper:

Kim J.Patrick gave the presentation on a recent paper drafted by 9 INGOs on the RWSS sector. This paper was presented to MARD to be included in the on-going donor-MARD RWSS discussion. INGOs commented on:

- Greater attention to sanitation, hygiene, health and gender issues.
- National level institutional structure and National steering committee
- Decentralization of state management
- Capacity building for institutions, private sector and community.
- Demand driven approaches, Private sector development and user pays
- A framework for donor coordination- What's role for INGOs?

(For more details see attachments below)

Jens Rydder on donor coordination:

- Jens gave introduction on the framework for donor coordination being set up by donors and MARD to assist the RWSS sector. Jens gave the example of how this fund works in the forestry sector. INGOs with Vietnamese partners have been able to apply for funding through this fund
- For smooth implementation of RWSS, a mechanism for financial support from donors is needed. The exact way it will be implemented will be the responsibility of a task force. INGOs have been asked to participate in this task force.
- This is a great opportunity for INGOs to voice opinions on all aspects of the RWSS sector – but especially the framework for donor coordination ideas.

Q: How to manage a Trust fund?

A: - Trust fund is a common window for funding, so it is a framework for different donors, different programs. The idea of the Trust fund is for all bilateral and multilateral donors to support National strategic program rather than carry out scattered projects by individual donors.

Q John Collett- Plan Int'l

From a recent study, John witnessed that after 10 years of carry out watsan projects the percent of households accessed to water supply and sanitation system doubled but still has not reached the target. Therefore, to what extent watsan development can be integrated into government strategy, INGOs programs and private sector activities? Is there any efficient approach to get reach the goals?

Q: Ms Minh Khai from AFAP.

Asked whether this survey paid attention to diversity and gender issues and what is the financial support/share in watsan system?

A: On Financial support - normally INGOs + government + donors give an average subsidy of 80 % of expenditures.

Q: Why do we still have use unclear definitions like safe water and how can it be measured?

A: That should be the responsibility of pCERWASS.

John and Vinh on UNICEF/CERWASS/INGO Meeting:

Vinh UNICEF:

- UNICEF projects are carried out at provincial level rather than be focused on strategic program. They find it difficult to work at community level due to wide scale of project areas with different needs among districts and communities.
- So it should be not only the harmony among INGO, CERWASS and communities but also the cooperation, information sharing for better outcomes.

- Vinh said that in the survey done in 2002, there was no subsidy from government but water users cover most of expenditures plus with 10% of UNICEF financial support. That is different from the Credit program with 4 million dong per household mentioned in Decree 62.

Mr Mang:

- Referring to Decree 62, Mang said that government is carrying out strong decentralization. It is the same as Unicef has been doing. Provincial CERWASS are willing to cooperate with INGOs without pay to bring safe water to communities.
- However, according to Barbara Jackson- Cuu Long Delta RWSS project:
 - There is little link between provincial CERWASS and Health department at provinces.
 - In order to receive support from district CERWASS, the water users have to pay for them.
 - Due to the poor capacity of community, the management of village water supply system (600 household) is sent to provincial CERWASS.
- Mr Mang said CERWASS don't have the duty and experience in sanitation; therefore it must cooperate with health department.
- He witnessed that some localities have no cooperation with CERWASS including Red Cross, farmer association; youth union...This practice is not useful. According to him, there are 2 ways to free support from CERWASS via local authorities instead of waste money through directly hiring technical design unit. So it is better to cooperate with Red Cross, farmer association with the invitation of CERWASS, health department in the technical design period.
- As of water test, only 10 out of 64 provinces have specialist department, while the rest is dealt by tourism department.

Q: Kim J.Patrick- Is there any experience of INGOs support CERWASS in implementing national strategy at community level?

A: Mr Mang mentioned some examples in Hai Duong, Nam Dinh provinces. INGOs carry out watsan projects in which they build model latrines so that farmers and local people can see the benefits, and then they follow and invest their money. That is a good way. He suggested that INGOs should implement model for advocacy, awareness raising instead of specific activity implementation in wide scale. Because no government, INGOs, donors can cover 14 million people with water but model building can change and raise awareness of local people and authority. That is little work but high efficiency.

Q: Mr Dung – CWS. In his opinion, CERWASS paid much interest in bigger scale of watsan system rather than small one at community level as INGOs are doing. So how to harmonize these interests and at which level?

A: Mr Mang emphasize on the behavior of INGOs when they provide fund to localities. In order to build up good mechanism between fund giver and receiver and better need assessment, INGOs should first pay attention to plan given by CERWASS.

Hanh CCF on Environmental Impact Assessments:

Hanh- CCF: She now has the Community environmental assessment report with some typical experience witnessed in the project areas. According to Hanh, the local consultants are not qualified enough to make properly technical design. CCF is now seeking for local consultant to carry out assessment in its project sites.

Ms Ly from Cuu Long Delta RWSS project suggested that some partners in Mekong river delta have been trained to become consultants via their projects. So they are qualified to carry out the assessment for CCF.

Dung CWS on School Latrine Models :

Dung from CWS gave the presentation on CERWASS guidelines for design of Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities for schools. He showed everybody some criteria to make the standard design and some toilets models provided by Ministry of Construction together with the pictures of these toilet models that CWS had already applied in project schools

(For more information, please see file attached)

Q: How children – especially disabled – can access the toilet?

A: - Dung said that the location of the toilet is decided appropriately and we need to have baseline survey carefully of school neighboring in designing activity.

- Phuong said that we should build the toilet near the classroom, it is appropriate with kindergartens. Because if the toilet is too far from the classroom, it is difficult for teachers to take care the children. And other thing is to have a standard toilet; we should send them our available, standard design so that they can follow.

- Mr Quynh from Oxfam GB said that as he knows there are some provinces having qualified designers such as: Ha Tay, Quang Tri, Ha Nam.

It was decided that there was so much interest in school toilets that we will dedicate one day in July for just this issue. John from Plan will coordinate. Date suggested was July 22nd.

Others:

- **It was decided that we will have the next WSS WG meeting on August 19.**

The meeting ended at 17:30 PM