

## MINUTES OF THE INGO WATSAN WORKING GROUP

**Date and time:** 13:00 – 15:00, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Venue:** NGO Resource Center meeting room

**Facilitator:** Ms Joanne/ Church World Service (CWS)

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**Content:**

### 1. Meet and greet: List of participants

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### 2. Update on MARD Task Force on RWSS Sector Support Partnership

Jens Rydder from CERWASS gave a brief presentation on the Partnership for RWSS with information including government's ideas for the sector setting; why and when the Partnership is established; what it will look like; how the progress is now and what the follow-up activities are; etc.

Questions and Answers:

Q1: Who interest in joining the Partnership?

A1: The government represented by MARD and some international donors supporting behind the Partnership including WB, Danida, ADB, etc.

Q2: What will be the role of INGOs in Partnership?

A2: INGOs can either be a part of the Partnership as a donor or can apply for funding from the trust fund. INGOs will bring into the Partnership their practical working experiences, especially working to support the poor, disadvantaged and ethnic people

Comment: Result from the Government – Donor sector review is government's strategies for the sector show weaknesses in the part about sanitation. There has not been enough follow up and sanitation issues need more concerns about process that can get more ideas from more organizations.

Q4: Partnership is only one among the other recommendations? How about the others?

A4: Not sure – but think this is the only one being followed up quickly. Others such as who is responsible for the NRWSS are more controversial.

Q5: Involvement of private sector in the Partnership?

A5. (Rick): There are a lot of hesitancies as every organization wants to keep the existing system. So, it is still a long way to go.

Q6: Who are in the taskforce?

A6: Plan, CWS, IDE is currently in the e-mailing list and take turn to go for the meetings. Other INGOs can be shared information about it or can be invited to go on behalf of the INGOs if they are interested. Please let us know your interest as sometimes it is hard to find an INGO person who is available to go.

### **3. Briefing on National Baseline Survey on Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene**

Nguyen Thanh Hien from UNICEF gave a brief presentation on the National Baseline Survey on Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene. This will be a big and detailed exercise for the issue. Please see more detailed in the Power Point presentation attached.

#### **Questions and Answers**

Q1: Who actually do the survey?

A1: Staff of MOH at the national level

Q2: Will the survey cover the matter of wastewater, wastewater treatment?

A2: No, the survey will not look at this issue.

Q3: The issue of latrine coverage is mentioned in the Government – Donor RWSS sector review report already. So, information from this survey will be separate or not?

A3: No, data from the sector review will be combined into this survey.

Q4: The survey was planned to complete in 2005. However, the year is ending soon. So, what is the updated schedule?

A4: There are some changes in schedule to make it more practical. Collected data will be completely processed by the end of Jan. 2006 then a draft report will be available. The final report will be ready by March 2006.

Q5: Concerning about other surveys that conducted by WB, ADB

A5: This survey will apply new MOH's standards (decision #8 and #9 for clean water and hygienic latrine issued in 2005) so data collected must be different. Moreover, the similar survey conducted by MOH was at a very long time in the past.

Q6: Please be noticed of the word "hygienic latrines" as not only septic toilet is hygienic. Or, in the other hand, even a septic tank is no longer septic and becoming really unhygienic.

A6: This survey will look at the issues of construction quality as well as O&M of the system and so on. These concerns are already included in the survey's questionnaire.

Q7: When carrying out the survey, it is really necessary to look at the latrine itself to assess not only asking the people. Does the survey take account of the animal sheds or only latrine for people?

A7: There are questions about the animal sheds, distance from it to the house (at least 50m) integrated in the questionnaire.

Q8: What is the ability of the people conducting the survey? Do they get trained about the survey beforehand?

A8: There will be training for them in advance though they are staff of MOH at the national level and usually familiar with implementing surveys.

#### **4. Update on 2nd Edition INGO Watsan Reference document**

John Collet from Plan updated participants with progress of the production of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition INGO Watsan Reference document. The deadline for consultants to apply for this exercise was extended to Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The TOR is for the work to be done in 25-30 consultant's working days within 2-3 months. It will cost about USD 3,000, which has been generously sponsored by SNV and World Vision.

#### **5. Upcoming workshops/conferences**

John informed people that following the last WEDC conference on Watsan in Laos in 2004, the next WEDC conference will be organized in Uganda in 2006.

#### **6. Watsan and Hygiene Calendar 2006**

Participants were consulted regarding the idea of producing a Watsan and Hygiene calendar for 2006. John showed an example of a one-page calendar made for last year in

India/Bangladesh. Joanne asked about a diary planner as another choice. Agreed to ask the INGO RC what other working groups did.

#### **7. Consultant CV database**

Joanne said and passed around a consultant CV and discussed the establishment of a watsan consultant database. All agreed to ask if the INGO RC has a centralized database.

#### **8. Next meeting agenda and date:**

The next meeting is scheduled on **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 3:00 pm** at the INGO RC meeting room. Agenda will be discussed via email exchange between now and then.

*The meeting ended at 3:00 pm*