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Call for news contribution

If you have news on rural water supply and sanitation, please send us via email: pcu@rwssp.org.vn, or suite 303/304, building A8, 10 Nguyễn Công Hoan, Hà Đình, Hà Nội

RWSSP five-year strategic plan and annual work plan for 2011

Implementing the Decision no. 3205/QĐ-BNN-HTQT issued on 26 Nov.2010 by the Minister of MARD on the extension of RWSSP, the RWSSP Coordination Unit signed contract with an international consultant to the Draft RWSSP five year strategic framework and 2011 annual work plan.

On 4 January 2011, RWSSP Coordination Unit organized a consultation meeting with related GoV. agencies, key donors for RWSS sector and some INGO as partners of RWSSP to finalize the above mentioned draft documents to submit to Partnership Steering Committee and MARD for approval.

Sanitation scaling up Initiative

To accelerate the sanitation scaling up, MARD Minister issued Decision no. 2498/QĐ-BNN-HTQT on 17/9/2010, on establishment of the Sanitation Scaling up Committee as a Technical advisory group to support MARD in implementing the NTP for RWSS. The Committee is led by Health Environment Management Agency (HEMA)'s leader / Ministry of Health.

Based on the received concept proposals on sanitation scaling up, the Committee held its 2st meeting to evaluate the proposals on 3rd Dec. 2010. Up to now 10 proposals are accepted by the Committee for proposal preparation in detail to be submitted to the Committee for appraisal in February and March 2011. Successful project proposals will be funded by DFID for piloting and scaling up.

Activities of the RWSS Sector

NGO WASH Working Group

Hanoi, 10/11/2010, the NGO WASH Working Group reviewed the challenges and achievements of the past year at its last meeting of the year. The participants also discussed how to strengthen the involvement of partners even further in the coming year. NGO WASH Working Group Chair, Bruck Aregai, encouraged members to review and comment on the working group's 2010 report and send in their ideas for the 2011 work plan. An update was provided on the progress of the proposal review process for the DFID funded Scaling up Sanitation Initiative. Finally, IDE presented a prototype low-cost hand washing station, which they have developed in collaboration with the Water and Sanitation Program and IDEO, a design and innovation consulting firm. Once in mass production, the attractively looking hand washing device should retail for approximately 120.000 dong (6 USD). Participants were eager to learn more about the device and to learn about future user testing. *Source: NGO – WASH Working Group*

Activities of RWSSP Sector

ADB Supported Project on “RWSS for Central Provinces”

On 03 November 2010, MARD Minister issued Decision no. 2947/QĐ-BNN-TC on approval of estimate cost for consultation contract for the project “RWSS for Central area” with loan from ADB. *Source: www.omard.gov.vn*

National program on clean water and revenue loss prevention up to 2025

On 24 November 2010, the Prime Minister issued Decision no. 2147/QĐ-TTg on approval of the National program on clean water and revenue loss prevention up to 2025 to mobilise resources for clean water and revenue loss prevention, reducing average the loss from 30% in 2009 to less than 15% in 2025, specifically:

- By 2015: the average loss is 25%.
- By 2020: the average loss is 18%.
- By 2025: the average loss is 15%

The main activities of the program are: a) Community awareness raising; b) Local authority capacity building; c) Water suppliers management capacity improving; d) Preventing of water and revenue loss by technical problems. *Source: <http://www.chinhphu.vn/portal/page>*

Announcement of Goodwill Ambassador for Clean Water and Environmental Sanitation

MARD in collaboration with Lien Aid and UNICEF officially selected artist Xuân Bắc as Goodwill Ambassador for Clean Water and Environmental Sanitation for the period of 2010 - 2011.



On 30 November 2010 in Hanoi, the launching of Goodwill Ambassador for Clean Water and Environmental Sanitation was organized in Hanoi. This event is under the long term communication strategy to improve awareness and change behavior in using clean water and hygienic latrines for rural community in Việt Nam.

As the Goodwill Ambassador for Clean Water and Environmental Sanitation, artist Xuân Bắc will participate in on site communication campaigns, RWSS Program events and on mass media to contribute to the communication, advocacy for community participation and action for RWSS. *Source: NCERWASS Bulletin vol. 34-2010*

Training workshop on household safe water treatment and storage

From 6 to 10 December 2010 in Nha Trang city, Khánh Hòa province, NCERWASS/MARD in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) in Viet Nam organized the training workshop on household safe water treatment and storage. The objective of the training was to train main trainers in the technical, economic, management and health aspects, providing technical support for the implementation of national program on household safe water treatment and storage.

The trainees were from provincial CERWASS Bình Định, Quảng Ngãi, Phú Yên, Bình Thuận, Gia Lai, Kon Tum, Đắk Lắk, Quảng Bình, Quảng Nam, some INGOs (SNV, PATH, World Vision) and related agencies under Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and rural Development. *Source: NCERWASS*

Workshop on output based aid investment and management in RWSS sector

From 29 November to 1 December 2010, in Mỹ Tho city, Tiền Giang province, East Meets West Foundation organized a workshop on output based aid (OBA) investment and management in RWSS sector. The workshop created a forum for water supply scheme management staff, private investors, officials from related ministries, provinces, districts and communes to exchange experiences on the application of OBA in private investment and management of water supply schemes to improve the effectiveness of projects providing clean water supply services in rural areas. *Source: EMWF*

Activities of RWSSP Sector (cont.)

OBA learning workshop – policy and implementation

On 13 December 2010, the „OBA learning workshop – policy and implementation“ was organized by MARD and GPOBA/WB with the support by RWSS NTP II Standing Office, East Meets West Foundation, and chaired by MARD Vice Minister Dao Xuan Hoc and World Bank Hanoi Country Director Ms. Victoria Kwa Kwa. The workshop participants were from MARD, MoH, mass media agencies, sub-Dept. Of water resources, PCERWASS, Women’s Association, private enterprises from Mekong Delta where the OBA projects has been implementing (provinces of Tiền Giang, Long An, An Giang, Đồng Tháp) and Ha Nam PCERWASS Director who pioneered in RWSS socialization and among pilot provinces of Red River RWSS project with WB loans making a presentation at the workshop, and donors/international organizations of WB, GPOBA, Danida, AusAid, DFID, Unicef, EMWF.

At the workshop, oversea and Vietnam experiences and lessons learnt on OBA implementation were shared. The workshop participants discussed about the issues raised for development of an action plan as a roadmap.

Source: RWSS TNP II standing office

National Targeted Programs in 2011

On 20 December 2010, the Prime Minister issued Decision no. 2331/QĐ-TTg on the list of national targeted programs (NTPs) to be implemented in 2011 and authorizing the relevants agencies in charge of management and implementation. The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) NTP is among the above mentioned 15 NTPs.

The objective of RWSS NTP is to implement the national strategy on RWSS up to the year 2020; improve life quality of rural people through improved access to water supply and sanitation; raise awareness, change hygienic behavior and reduce the environment pollution. The RWSS NTP includes the following components:

- Component 1: rural water supply;
- Component 2: rural sanitation;
- Component 3: rural environment improvement;
- Component 4: awareness raising; capacity, institution strengthening and development of technology on rural water supply and sanitation.

MARD is authorized to be in charge of the overall management, execution and synthesis of the NTP implementation; leading in collaboration with relevant ministries and provinces to organize the implementation of components 1, 3 and 4. Ministry of Health (MoH) lead in collaboration with MARD, relevant ministries and provinces organize the implementation of components 2.

In 2011, the RWSS NTP II management agency will lead in collaboration with MPI, MoF and relevant ministries and provinces to review the RWSS NTP II 2006-2010 and propose the NTP 2011-2015 to send to MPI, MoF before June 2011 for synthesis and submission to the Prime Minister. Source: <http://www.lawmard.gov.vn>

Plan of RWSS NTP for 2011

The document no. 4319/BNN-TCTL was sent to Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) by MARD on 27 December 2010 on the plan of RWSS NTP for 2011. The document specified criteria for budget allocation, tentative options for budget allocation and financial mechanism for implementation. <http://law.omard.gov.vn>

Water for community – Cooperation between Coca-Cola Việt Nam and UN-HABITAT

The UN-HABITAT has been implementing the project “water for community” at Cửa Việt town, Gio Linh district, Quảng Trị province under the framework of MEK-WATSAN initiative. In this regard, Coca-Cola company in Việt Nam has established relationship with UN-HABITAT with commitment of about 69,500USD contribution to support 2 communes of Gio Thành and Gio Việt helping remote communities access clean water and hygienic environment. The agreement is plan to be signed in February 2011.

Coca Cola company has had similar collaboration projects earlier in the region (Nepal, India and China) and will collaborate with Vietnam and Cambodia in 2011. Their objective is to expand the water supply network by September 2011. The poor selected household in Cửa Việt town will access clean water, broken down pipes will be replaced to reduce the water loss (about 5% or 5.11 million liters of water). Source: *Phạm Thị Thu Hương, Chief technical adviser in Việt Nam, UN-HABITAT, WAC, MEK-WATSAN*

Activities of RWSSP Sector (cont.)

Training workshop on “Health communication planning, monitoring and evaluation”

From 10 to 14 January 2011 in Hải Phòng city, the Central Center for health communication and education/ MoH in collaboration with UNICEF organized the workshop on “Health communication planning, monitoring and evaluation”. The training workshop included 2 parts (part 1 is from 10 to 14 January 2011 and part 2 will be organized in March 2011). The objective of the workshop is to contribute to the improvement of capacity in implementing mother and child health care communication activities.

The workshop participants were from relevant agencies under MoH, MARD and MOLISA. *Source: Central Center for health communication and education/ MoH*

Consultation workshop on draft Circular guiding the implementation of Rural Water Supply Socialization Decision

On 17 January 2011 in Hà Nội, NCERWASS in collaboration with RWSS NTP II Standing Office organized the workshop on draft Circular guiding the implementation of Decision 131/2009/QĐ-TTg dated 2/11/2009 by the Prime Minister on some policies promoting investment and management of rural water supply schemes to consult relevant ministries and provinces before issuance.

The guiding circular objective is to promote/mobilize the resources of private sector for RWSS and to act as legal basis to create favorable conditions for private investment in rural water supply piped schemes. *Source: NCERWASS*

Plan on Improvement of NTP 2011-2015 Implementation Capacity

On 18 January 2011 in Hà Nội, RWSS NTP Standing Office organized the workshop Plan on Improvement of NTP 2011-2015 Implementation Capacity which has been developed by the NTP SO in collaboration with Vietnam Water Supply Association. The workshop objective is discussion and consultation on the final draft report of the plan.

The workshop participants were from relevant agencies at central and provincial levels under MARD, MoH, Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), NCERWASS, DARD, DoH, DoET and PCERWASS and donors/international organizations. *Source: RWSS NTP II standing office*

Regional Workshop on “Rural Sanitation Supply Chains and Finance”

From January 16 to 21 SNV Vietnam jointly with IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre and SNV Asia the organized “Rural Sanitation Supply Chains and Finance” workshop in Vietnam’s north western Dien Bien province.

This was the second learning event held as part of the SNV Asia’s Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene for All Program being implemented in Nepal, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam with support from AusAID.

The Dien Bien workshop aimed to enable the exchange of ideas and deepen participants’ understanding of Rural Sanitation Supply Chains and Finance. Specifically it focused on the following topics:

- Informed choice and sanitation technology options:
- Rural sanitation value chain analysis: What does it look like in practice?
- Entry points for rural sanitation business development:
- Pro-poor support mechanisms and subsidies



The workshop participants included government partners from the five countries as well as professionals from other development organizations including DFID, WaterSHED, IDE Vietnam, WSP in Indonesia, SNV and IRC. In Vietnam it included representatives from SNV’s program partners from CPM in Dien Bien, Women’s Union, IEC in Lao Cai and Lai Chau pCERWASS. The next workshop on public governance will be held in Nepal by the end of November 2011. *Source: SNV Việt Nam*

Upcoming events

- Review workshop of NTP II 2006-2010, 25th February 2011
- Training on “Planning, monitoring and evaluation of communication”, March 2011
- 8th PSC meeting of RWSSP, March 2011