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Subject: - Submission of 2008 EFY first quarter report

Dear Sir,

Enclosed here with please find the Amhara Region Community Led Accelerated WASH (COWASH) project's 2008 EFY first quarter physical progress and Regional Support Unit (RSU) technical assistance report.

With Best Regards

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**AMHARA NATIONAL REGIONAL STATE COMMUNITY-LED  
ACCELERATED WASH (COWASH) PROJECT**

**2008 FFY first quarter physical progress and Regional  
Support Unit Technical Assistance Report**



**Bahir Dar**

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## 1. Introduction

The Community Led Accelerated WASH (COWASH) is a Water supply, sanitation and hygiene project which is a social development sector. It is a project by the joint effort of the Governments' of Ethiopia and Finland. The overall objective of the project is to achieve universal access to WaSH in the rural areas of Ethiopia. The project purpose is to support the acceleration of UAP rural water and sanitation targets attainment through the establishment of an enabling environment and the implementation of CMP interventions in selected rural areas of Ethiopia.

It is known that first quarter is the completion of the previous fiscal year and the preparation stage for the implementation of the current fiscal year. During the quarter there are no completed schemes from both new and rollovers of 2007 EFY.

In the quarter, the 2007 EFY physical and financial reports and important data in relation to the project implementation was compiled and finalized. As preparatory stage, the 2008 EFY core plan was finalized and approved by RWSC for COWASH Amhara. And based on the approved core plan, detail annual planning of 2008 EFY were performed with WASH partners at Region, Zone, and Woreda levels.

This report shows the 2008 EFY first quarter achievements. And the major assistances and support provided during the quarter by the Regional Support Unit.

## 2. Capacity Building

### 2.1 Physical Capacity Building

There is no physical capacity building activity performed during the first quarter of 2008 EFY.



## 2.2 Human Capacity Building

There is no human capacity building activity performed during the first quarter of 2008 EFY.

## 3. WaSH Facilities Construction

In the quarter there were no rural water points and institutional latrines constructed. The 2008 EFY detail annual plan was prepared with WASH sector partners at region, zone, and woreda levels and submitted to the RWSC members' approval. As soon as the detail annual plan gets its approval, it will be distributed to partners for the timely start of implementations.

Therefore, the cumulative number of constructed water points since the start of COWASH- Amhara remains with the same figure of what reported during the end 2007 EFY, which was 6,457. Similarly there was no Health and School institutional latrine constructed during the quarter, and the cumulative number of constructed Institutional latrine constructed since the start of COWASH- Amhara remains with the same figure of what had been reported during the end 2007 EFY, which was 105.

Annex 3-4, 3-5, and 4-3 shows the cumulative water point constructions, rehabilitation, and institutional latrine constructions.

## 4. Financial utilization of the quarter

In the 2008 EFY annual planning the Amhara COWASH has 4 budget categories, which are:

- Investment budget for the construction of new community and institutional (school & health) water points, institutional (school & health) latrines from



Regional Government (GoE) Financing. And some Investment budget from GoF financing for rollover institutional latrines from previous fiscal year.

- Human capacity building budget from GoF financing.
- Physical capacity building budget from GoF financing.
- Operational budget from GoE financing. But the Regional Support Unit (RSU) Technical Assistance Team's Operational budget, assistant accountant and auditing expense of GoF budgets are from GoF financing.

As per the approved core plan and budget, the 2008 EFY budget by budget category is shown with table A below.

Table A: 2008 EFY budget as per the core plan figures by budget category.

Budget Category	Budget Source (Birr)		Total by budget category
	GoF	GoE	
Investment	600,000.00	54,273,800.00	54,873,800.00
Physical Capacity Building	6,800,000.00		6,800,000.00
Human Capacity Building	28,923,928.00		28,923,928.00
Operational costs	54,000.00	6,326,000.00	6,380,000.00
RSU Operational costs	5,569,055.00		5,569,055.00
BoFED Treasury & Contingency	2,920,976.00	2,000,388.00	4,921,364.00
<b>Total by budget source</b>	<b>44,867,959.00</b>	<b>62,600,188.00</b>	<b>107,468,147.00</b>



Table B- Budget received, transferred, and utilized.

Budget Source	Received from source to date	Transferred to partners to date	Used by partners to date	Balance from received to date	Usage from	
					Received (%)	Transferred (%)
GoF- 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 EFY & RWSEP saving	226,580,502.43	212,633,582.34	207,408,354.48	19,172,147.95	92	98
GoE-WRDB -2008, , 2007, 2006,2005, 2004 EFY & balance from 2003 EFY - ACSI	208,045,863.51	208,045,863.51	194,914,985.38	13,130,878.13	94	94
GoE-BoE- 2008, , 2007, 2006,2005 EFY	9,065,921.00	9,065,921.00	7,078,411.49	1,987,509.51	78	78
GOE-BoH -2008, 2007, 2006,2005 EFY	4,490,237.10	4,490,237.10	3,111,983.06	1,378,254.04	69	69
GoE-BoFED-2008, 2007, 2006 EFY	1,755,050.00	1,755,050.00	1,087,004.42	668,045.58	62	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>449,937,574.04</b>	<b>435,990,653.95</b>	<b>413,600,738.83</b>	<b>36,336,835.21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>95</b>

The above table- C, and Annex 5-2 shows the cumulative utilization by budget sources. And Annex 5-1 shows both the quarter and annual budget utilization by budget source and budget category.

**5. Major Challenges faced and measures taken**

S/N	Major challenges faced	Measures taken
	No Major challenges faced during the first quarter of 2008 EFY.	



## 6. AMHARA COWASH RSU technical assistances and other general activities

The major activities achieved by RSU in the quarter were:

- Field visits were made to CMP Zones and Woredas to support and follow up partners' 2007 EFY annual plan completion activities such as compilation and submission of annual physical progress and financial reports, CMP data base, and other data required for annual report compilation.
- Letter sent to WRDB, BoFED, BoE, and BoH, based on the estimated budget for 2008 EFY implementation of COWASH- Amhara with reference to the 2008 EFY GoE budget stated in the project document. This helps each Bureau can request and get allocated budget of 2008 EFY from the Region.
- Facilitations were made for the transfer of 70% payment for 26 Single cap Vehicles to the regional procurement and property disposal service from WRDB. The transportation of vehicles from Addis Ababa MOENCO main office to Bahir Dar was assisted by assigning 2 RSU drivers. And RSU staffs assisted WRDB by communicating Woredas and Zones for the soonest hand over of vehicles to woredas by WRDB.
- Facilitations were done in collaboration with WRDB public relation for the arrangement of news preparation by Amhara TV about procured vehicles to promote and give recognition for the Government of Finland and Ethiopia Bilateral Project activities.
- Based on the order letter from BoFED, communication was done with Medhin Insurance so that the new vehicle at BoFED can get Insurance Coverage.



- One of RSU old vehicles at BoFED with plate number 23-009 was handed over to WRDB by the order letter from BoFED.
- Communications were made with WRDB about the payments of RSU office utilities for the suppliers based on bid process done by WRDB.
- Amharic report was prepared and submitted to WRDB based on the up to date physical and financial progress of 2007 EFY annual plan.
- The 2007 EFY physical progress and financial reports were compiled and submitted to the COWASH-Amhara RWSC members. The annual report was submitted to the RWSC members before the meeting date, September 3, 2015.
- The 2008 EFY core plan finalized based on the reported remaining budget balance end of 2007 EFY and the budget allocation of 2008 EFY as per the project document. The Core plan was submitted to the RWSC members before the meeting date.
- Facilitations were done for the arrangement of the RWSC meeting at Bahir Dar venue by communicating with Embassy of Finland, Federal COWASH, and Regional Bureau Heads.
- The 2008 EC agenda (datebooks) prepared by Federal COWASH were distributed to WASH sectors and other relevant sectors in the Region, Zones and Woredas.
- The 2007 EFY physical and financial progress reports and 2008 EFY core plan were presented at the RWSC meeting of COWASH- Amhara which was held on September 3, 2015.
- The RWSC meeting minutes was prepared and sent to the RWSC members and other participants for their comments.



- Based on the request of the Embassy of Finland, WRDB communicated about the CMP Woredas which face rainfall shortage. The collected data was submitted to the Embassy of Finland.
- As per the request of Federal COWASH, data about ODF kebeles was prepared and submitted.
- RSU meeting was held on September 9, 2015 to discuss and decide about the date and venue of the 2007 EFY annual review workshop and 2008 EFY annual planning workshop. The decided venues were at Bahir Dar and Dessie on the dates of September 24 to 26, 2015 and Oct 1 to 3, 2015 respectively. And the workshops were conducted successfully.
- ToR about the workshop venue and the required budget was submitted to WRDB and approved. Communications were made with WRDB Procurement and Finance section for the on time procurements of the workshop materials and other payments preparations.
- Facilitation was made to arrange meeting between the COWASH Amhara RWSC members or their representatives and the consultant responsible (FCG) for COWASH phase III project document preparation.
- At RSU level discussions were made with the consultant responsible for COWASH phase III project document preparation.



COMMUNITY LED ACCELERATED WASH PROJECT IN AMHARA REGION (COWASH)

Annex 3-4: Summary of Water Supply Schemes Constructed by COWASH until end of reporting period (2004\_2008 EFYQ1)

Region: Amhara

Year of construction	No. of Water Points Constructed										No of people using the water points										No. of People Having Access to the COMPLETED WPs with in 1.5km radius of the WPs									
	HD with RP	HDW	SPD	SW	DW	RWH	RP from SPD	Total	HD with RP	HDW	SPD	SW	DW	RWH	RP from SPD	Total	HD with RP	HDW	SP	SW	DW	RWH	RP from SPD	Total						
A.2004 EFY																														
A.1 Comm WPs		771	212	0	0	0		983		208170	74200					282370			200798	71572					272370					
A.2 School WPs		47	1	0	0	0		48		12690	350				13040			12241	338					12578						
A.3 Health Faci WPs		8	0	0	0	0		8		2160	0				2160			2084						2084						
Sub tota	0	826	213	0	0	0		1039		223020	74550				297570			215122	71910					287032						
B.2005 EFY																0														
B.1 Communit y WPs	15	1259	291	0	0	0		1565		339930	101850				442905			339930	101850					442905						
B.2 School WPs	0	81	5	0	0	0		86		21870	1750				23620			21870	1750					23620						
B.3 Health Faci. WPs	0	18	1	0	0	0		19		4860	350				5210			4860	350					5210						
Sub tota	15	1358	297	0	0	0		1670		366660	103950				471735			366660	103950					471735						
C.2006 EFY																														
C.1 Comm WPs		990	361	13	0	0		1364		191335	75106	6862			273303			191335	75106	6862				273303						
C.2 School WPs		53	4	0	0	0		57		28525	1537				30062			28525	1537					30062						
C.3 Health Faci. WPs		18	2	0	0	0		20		664	40				704			664	40					704						
Sub tota	0	1061	367	13	0	0		1441		220524	76683	6862			304069			220524	76683	6862				304069						



Annex 3-5: Summary of Water Supply Schemes Rehabilitated by COWASH by until the end of reporting period  
 Region: Amhara Fiscal Year 2008 Q1

of construction	No. of Water Points Rehabilitated							No. of people using the Rehabilitated water points							No. of People Having Access to the Rehabilitated WPs with in 1.5km radius of the WPs									
	HDW with RP	HDW	SPD	SW	D W	RW H	RPS from SPD	Total	HD W with RP	HDW	SPD	SW	D W	RW H	RPS from SPD	Total	HD W with RP	HDW	SPD	SW	D W	RW H	RPS from SPD	Total
A. 2004 EFY																								
A.1 Community WPs		70	23					93																
A.2 School WPs																								
A.3 Health Facilit. WPs																								
Subtotal		70	23					93																
B. 2005 EFY																								
B.1 Community WPs		90	36					126																
B.2 School WPs		4						4																
B.3 Health Facilit. WPs																								
Subtotal		94	36					130																
C. 2006 EFY																								
C.1 Community WPs		46	19					65																
C.2 School WPs																								
C.3 Health Facilit. WPs																								
Subtotal		46	19					65																





Annex 4-3: Summary of Institutional Latrines Constructed by COWASH until end of 2008 EFY

Region: Amhara Fiscal Year(EFY): 2008 Quarter: I

Year of Construction/Institution	No. of Latrines Constructed	No. of People Benefiting from the Completed Latrines			Remark
		Male	Female	Total	
<b>A. 2004 EFY</b>					
A.1 School Latrines	3	1,550	1,448	2,998	
A.2 Health Facilities Latrines	-			-	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>2,998</b>	
<b>B. 2005EFY</b>					
B.1 School Latrines	12	8,224	8,355	16,579	
B.2 Health Facilities Latrines	6	62	63	125	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8,286</b>	<b>8,418</b>	<b>16,704</b>	
<b>C. 2006EFY</b>					
C.1 School Latrines	30	15,308	14,314	29,622	
C.2 Health Facilities Latrines	21	166	143	309	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15,474</b>	<b>14,457</b>	<b>29,931</b>	
<b>D. 2007 EFY Reporting period</b>					
D.1 School Latrines	13	7,849	9,856	17,705	
D.2 Health Facilities Latrines	20	411	385	826	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>10,241</b>	<b>18,531</b>	
<b>E. 2007</b>					
E.1 School Latrines					
E.2 Health Facilities Latrines					
<b>Subtotal</b>					
<b>F. Total (2004_2008 Q1)</b>					
F.1 School Latrines	58	32,931	33,973	66,904	
F.2 Health Facilities Latrines	47	669	591	1,260	
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>34,564</b>	<b>68,164</b>	



Annex 5.2: Total COWASH Funds utilized to Date in Amhara Region, by Fund Source  
 Region: Amhara Fiscal Year(EFY): 2008 Quarter: I

Budget Source	Received from source to date	Transferred to partners to date	Used by partners to date	Balance from received to date	Usage from	
					Received (%)	Transferred (%)
Gof	226,580,502.43	212,633,582.34	207,408,354.48	19,172,147.95	92	98
GofE	223,357,071.61	223,357,071.61	206,192,384.35	17,164,687.26	92	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>449,937,574.04</b>	<b>435,990,653.95</b>	<b>413,600,738.83</b>	<b>36,336,835.21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>95</b>

**Exchange rate gain received and utilization to date:**

- Total exchange rate gains received (in Birr) to date: Birr 20,482,429.01
- Total amount of exchange rate gain utilized (in Birr) to date: The region was using the exchange rate gain from the previous year by re planning in the coming budget. This implies it is difficult to calculate the unused exchange rate gain.

