

## Midterm Evaluation for better programme implementations



Mr. Arto Chief Technical Adviser setting expectations/Melaku Tekola/May 2018

We, at COWASH Ethiopia, strive to improve programme results at different layers and periods in time. We are strenuous in promoting innovations, creativity and ensuring efficiency while keeping the balance of quality programme delivery Vis a Vis the most efficient investment possible. Hence why, we conduct periodic evaluation for incorporation of new learning and better management of existing and future funding. It is within this thinking that COWASH Ethiopia Phase III Midterm Evaluation meeting kicked off at Capital Hotel on 07 May 2018.

The meeting begin with a warm welcome made by Mr. Arto, Chief Technical Adviser of the Federal COWASH team and a brief introduction of the attendees. Participants come from Embassy of Finland, COWASH Federal staff, all the Sector Ministries from Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

In his welcome speech Mr. Arto warmly welcomes everyone and facilitated an interactive introduction session among all participants. Mr. Arto noted that “this is an important event for COWASH to see what has gone well and on the other hand provides us information on how we can improve in the future”. He briefly sets his expectations and invited Ms Tiina Byring-Ilboudo, from Embassy of Finland for an official opening. Ms Tiina on her part said “I’m very happy to be here as we have a person like David to guide us on how we would best achieve value for money in COWASH”. She added “I hope everybody will collaborate with the Consultants to truly reflect on our current status”. She assured everyone that the learning will be seriously taken and will be incorporated in the remaining COWASH phase III programmes and an input for any future programming.



Ms Tiina from Embassy of Finland making an opening speech/Melaku Tekola/May 2018

Jeremy Colin, WASH Specialist, introduced his team David Toomey, (Value for Money (VFM) and Finance Specialist, and his local teammate Yemarshet Yemane, WASH Specialist.

Once the brief introduction of the participants made, Mr Arto presented key progress against targets, current issues and challenges, remedial solutions taken and set his expectations from the midterm evaluation for improvement of the existing programme. According to the Consultants, the objective and scope of the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) is “review COWASH phase III progress and potential to achieve programme targets by addressing questions such as relevance, efficiency and value for money by checking its effectiveness, impact, sustainability and to make recommendations for the remaining period of implementations.



Mr. Jeremy, WASH Specialist setting the research objective/Melaku Tekola/May 2018

Their approach and methodology included document review, group discussions, interviews, informal exchanges with stakeholders at federal, regional and woreda and community levels. According to the team leader, the methodology includes direct observations at selected water supply and sanitation project sites - both community and institutional – particularly schemes that are complete and operational. The midterm evaluation was agreed to be conducted in three region; namely; Oromia, Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz regions.

As always COWASH Ethiopia employs innovative and corrective measures to better serve the community we serve and the fund we are entrusted.

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