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SECTOR REVIEW: Policy and Regulation

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I. Introduction: the WG

WG composition

- 18 (Addis Ababa)
- 6 (out of Addis Ababa)
- Total 24 (Registered)

Focal Persons:

- MOWR: Lakech Haile
- MOH: Sileshi Taye
- Stakeholders: Kidanemariam Jembere, ECWP



I. Introduction: the WG

Assignment:

- Review Policy and Regulation situation of the sector
- Analyze gaps
- Propose interventions



I. Introduction: the WG

Methods:

- Email and telephone communications
- Informal meetings
- Focal Persons meeting
- Review by individual members
- WG Members meetings
- Consultation with the Taskforce members
- Consultation with the Facilitating Consultant
- Mini-workshops



I. Introduction: the WG

Tasks accomplished

1. Checked completeness of the Source Documents used; and identified additional materials for inclusion- Annotated bibliography checked
2. SWOT analysis on the Synopsis Report
3. SWOT analysis on the Sector
4. Identified gaps and proposed interventions



I. Introduction: the WG

Difficulties the WG faced:

- Sector Review document is very useful and its preparation requires serious attention
- Voluntary basis contribution was not effective
 - Busy members
 - Difficulty in communicating
 - Less commitment



II. Policy and Regulation situation

- Overall reform process: decentralization, separating regulation and service delivery and civil service reform
- water policy, strategy, regulations
- Health policy, environmental health proclamations
- Sanitation strategy, protocol



III. Policy & Regulation: Strengths

- High priority for the sector in the PASDEP
- Comprehensive policies, proclamations, regulations
- Policy and strategy documents embracing key principles
(IWRM, water as an economic good, participatory approach, preventive health care, etc..)
- On-going efforts/programs
 - Universal Access Plan
 - sanitation protocol
 - health extension packages
 - gender mainstreaming guidelines/Women Affairs Dept.



III. Policy & Regulation: Weaknesses

- Policies not well popularized
- Regulations, standards, guidelines missing--at Regions
- Institutional instability and high staff turnover
- Poor coordination
 - Sectoral approaches, conflicts
 - Roles and responsibilities not sufficiently clear
 - Unclear linkages b/n the federal and regional bodies
 - Inadequate cooperation b/n Government, NGOs, Private sector, etc



III. Policy & Regulation: Weaknesses

- Accountability for policy compliance missing
- Poor system of monitoring and evaluation
- Less participatory and integrated planning and implementation
- Lack of mainstreaming Donors' assistance to the overall development plan
- Insufficient implementation capacity, especially at wereda level
- Less involvement by the private sector...limited capacity
- Community structures not recognised as legal entities.
- Inadequate attention to sanitation and hygiene promotion



III. Policy & Regulation: Opportunities

- Existence of PASDEP as a basis for enhancing intervention in the sector
- Emerging Programs (MDGs, Universal access, Health extension)
- Emerging Networks, Initiatives and Partnerships
- Decentralization and overall civil service reform program
- Many development partners willing to assist the sector
- The MOU signed between the water, health and education sectors



III. Policy & Regulation: Threats

- Inadequate budget allocation for the sub sector
- Inadequate supply of competent and skilled human resources.
- The growing environmental degradation
- Lack of accountability for not properly discharging responsibilities
- High population growth that does not match with economic growth



V. Gaps and proposed interventions

Policy and regulatory Gaps	Proposed Interventions
<p>Absence of implementation and accountability mechanisms for policies/strategies.</p> <p><i>including lack of policy, strategy and regulatory enforcement mechanisms</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Promote and publicize policies and strategies○ Mainstream Donors' assistance to the overall development plan○ Create effective mechanism for evaluating implementation of plans and performance.



V. Gaps and proposed interventions

Policy and regulatory Gaps	Proposed Interventions
Missing policy, strategy and regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assist regions to have regulations to facilitate policy implementation○ Enact guidelines to remove private sector constraints○ Devolve ownership and management autonomy to the lowest possible level.○ Improve legal backing for community structures to implement, operate and maintain facilities.



V. Gaps and proposed interventions

Policy and regulatory Gaps	Proposed Interventions
Institutional instability and high staff turnover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Create stable structures○ Improve incentives and rewards○ Create improved working environment
Inadequate system for mainstreaming gender issues in the water and sanitation sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Develop a system for gender mainstreaming: planning; M&E; accountability



VI. Conclusion

(Policies and strategies are available)

- Develop regulations, standards, guidelines, etc
- Develop mechanisms to measure compliance
- Empower local communities to manage systems
- Improve private sector involvement

Sector Review..GOOD START.. should continue



Thank You!

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