



# **“Innovative One WASH for Sustainable Development”**

## **Proceedings of the Sixth Multi-Stakeholder Forum**



### **Objective**

The objective of the MSF6 is to bring together all stakeholders to participate, discuss and generate consensus on program implementation and strategies in the field of water, sanitation and hvaiene.



### **Participants**

Participants to this 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum included State Ministers, representatives from donor agencies, private sector, exhibitors and the media. Attendance of the yearly MSF has grown considerably, and has drawn in presenters and participants from several high level government Ministries and development partners, showing the importance of the subject of water, sanitation and hygiene coming into the forefront.



### **The themes of the 6<sup>th</sup> MSF Undertakings**

- One WaSH coordination and leadership
- Sustainable services of One WaSH
- One WaSH performance monitoring
- Hygiene and sanitation in One WaSH

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## Background

The annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF) is the largest and most important WaSH sector conference in Ethiopia. It was begun in 2006 under the auspices of the EU Water Initiative (EUWI). Ownership of the forum was handed over to the Government of Ethiopia in 2009 and has since been led by the MoWIE. The sixth MSF has taken place following different important events in the sector that includes

- Preparation of an annual One WaSH Program document with a breakdown of the Plan and budget. The Program Operation Manual (POM) for the Consolidated WaSH Account (CWA) is ongoing. Work is underway to update the Universal Access Plan II (UAP) based on the results of the 2003 EFY NWI, EMIS and HMIS indicators.
- Approval of the WaSH Plan, the dissemination of MoUs at all levels, and the adopting and signing of MoUs at most regions based on the Federal MoU.
- Although the legalization of WASHCOs is still a work in progress, the WaSH Operation and Maintenance Management Manual and the WaSH Supply Chain Outlets have been finalized.
- Publishing of the NWI 2003 EFY findings, inventory of the Somali region has begun. Also one JTR was



conducted with a plan to conduct two more JTRs in the future, and the establishment of the 2012 High Level Commitments monitoring system.

- The monitoring of Safe Water Programs have been started with two utilities and two regional health labs, Regional Water Safety (RWS) plan capacity building has been carried out with CSO and COWASH and some pilot Water Safety Plans have been set up.

### **Aim**

The aim of the MSF is to gather all key stakeholders of the WaSH sector together to discuss and debate the strategic direction and orientation of the sector.

### **Key note addresses**

The MSF6 was opened by keynote speeches by:

- His Excellency Ato Alemayehu Tegenu - Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy
- His Excellency Ato Fuad Ibrahim – Ministry of Education
- His Excellency Dr. Kebede Worku – Ministry of Health
- Dr. Peter Salama – Country Representative of UNICEF
- Mr. Robel Lambisso - Chair of the Water and Sanitation Forum, WaSH Division Director of World Vision Ethiopia
- Ato Getahun Tagese – President of the Water Supply contractors Association
- Ato Nuredin Mohammed – Chair of the NWTT and Acting Director of the Water Supply and Sanitation Directorate of the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy



Although the keynote speakers were from different Ministries or development partners, the basic theme of water being a fundamental and basic human right was touched upon by all. Another reoccurring theme was the need for all parties to work together to become the driving force to bringing about the reality of the Universal Access Plan (UAP) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

MSF 6 is held under the theme of “Innovative One WASH for Sustainable Development”. Discussions mainly focused on issues raised above and presentations were made under different sessions. The undertakings for the coming year are developed based on the output of the above mentioned thematic areas. A summary of the most relevant issues is presented below.

The two-day meeting was divided into plenary and parallel sessions where the major findings and recommendations were discussed. There were a few important issues repeatedly brought up by presenters and participants in the discussions. These include:

- Lack of coordination amongst concerned stakeholders mainly due to the absence of a lead institution with clear roles and responsibilities
- Although it is suggested that a uniform method for application of the One WaSH National Program is necessary, there needs to be leeway in the program to meet the specific needs of each region



- Absence of proper budget allocation
- No focal person to properly collect data and input it into the MIS database
- Lack of capacity in terms of infrastructure, manpower, and new technologies
- Behavioural change is slow

The need for better coordination, and horizontal/vertical information sharing was an important and recurrent point throughout the forum. The central themes of these MSF6 were to increase access to quality water supply, sanitation and hygiene facilities through:

- Building of strong partnerships between all levels of Government, Development Partners (DPs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Private Sector Organizations and the communities themselves
- The involvement of all Ministries as the proceedings have shown that the issues of water has an effect on all aspects of daily life
- Defined roles and responsibilities of all involved with a clear timeline to achieve set goals
- Capacity building
- Mobilizing of funds in an efficient manner to all levels, with functional procedures and processes to monitor fund utilization
- Creating low-cost technologies for the WaSH sector through sanitation marketing by directly involving the private sector
- Reducing high staff turnover

The MSF6 Undertakings for the coming year are as follows:

1. One WaSH coordination and leadership
2. Sustainable services of One WaSH
3. One WaSH performance monitoring
4. Hygiene and sanitation in One WaSH

The meeting was wrapped up by H.E. State Minister of Health Dr. Kebede Worku by stating that success is built from the ground up. Therefore, we need to reach the grassroots level to turn common vision into reality. The meeting was officially closed with one resonating thought that through collective action all present can make the wash sector an example in Ethiopia and beyond.



## **UNDERTAKINGS**

### **1. One WASH Coordination and leadership**

Fiduciary Risk Mitigation Plan developed and the implementation of the plan commenced. The plan includes capacity building activities & systems that address the fiduciary risks mitigation.

One WASH bodies established according to the WIF, unique features and needs of the federal level, regions, zones and woredas with clear definition of roles and responsibilities with matching budget.

The capacity of the established bodies at all levels strengthened to implement One WASH.

Functional and financed Water Sector Working Group and Secretariat

### **2. Sustainable services of One WASH**

Strategy on the financing and supply of the household level WASH facilities developed. It is expected that the strategy adequately addresses the coordination with other sectors such as agriculture and include the engagement and development of the enabling environment for the Micro-Finance Institutions and private sector in the actual implementation of the strategy.

Generic Rural Water Supply Operation and Maintenance Management Manual and Strategy developed. The manual and strategy are expected to be socially sensitive and especially

addressing the roles and functions of women and people with disability in the actual use of the manual and implementation of the strategy.

### **3. One WASH Performance Monitoring**

The strategic plan on the updating of the National WASH Inventory database and finalization of the all-accessible WASH Management Information System developed and implemented. The strategic plan shall address the coordination and links with other relevant Management Information Systems and national institutions, enabling environment development, organizational arrangements and responsibilities, budgeting requirements, technology choice, horizontal and vertical data and information transfer, commercial or open source software selection, key performance indicator development, institutional memory and capacity building issues to effectively provide accurate and timely information of the WASH service provision to the planners and decision makers at all levels.



### **4. Hygiene and Sanitation in One WASH**

Integrated Urban Sanitation Strategy developed. The strategy shall define the scope of the intervention; address issues related to coordination among different actors at all levels and clarifies roles and responsibilities, create room for higher integration, harmonization and alignment of efforts. Develop and sign MOU between the relevant government institutions that

have not signed the WASH MOU, shall take place for the sake of smooth implementation of the strategy. Development partners shall be expected to support the implementation of the strategy.

Institutional WASH shall be mainstreamed in all programs, the standards set under the Institutional WASH manuals and OWP helps smooth implementation and resources allocation. Budget should be allocated in line with the annual agreed plan at each level. Community will be also mobilized and encouraged wherever possible to contribute to the improvement of the access and utilization of Institutional WASH. Performance monitoring system and indicator developed and sector reports should capture the progress of Institutional WASH.



Sanitation marketing shall be promoted, enabling environment created, support mechanism developed to strengthen the supply and demand for improved sanitation products ultimately to create the private sector to take up sanitation as a business. Different actors will be encouraged with the aim of sustaining the behavioral changes achieved at community level through CLTSH approach. The coordination among the traditional sector actors shall be strengthened for effective implementation and new sector actors such as the Micro finance Institutions, Small and Medium enterprises shall be encouraged to support private sectors those engaged in sanitation marketing.

The detailed report is available on separate document for references (web-site [www.mowr.gov.org](http://www.mowr.gov.org) / [www.cmpethiopia.org/page/739](http://www.cmpethiopia.org/page/739)).

## Agenda of the MSF 6

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Plenary session 1</b>	<b>Opening remarks of the MSF 6 by MoWIE</b> Key-note address from MoE Key-note address from MoH Key-note address from Water Technical Working Group by UNICEF Key-note address from CSOs Key-note address from Private sector Introduction of the MSF 6, short brief of MSF 5 achievements and JTR 8 findings and welcoming Presentation of the detailed recommendations of JTR 8 Presentation of the CSO's Annual Report of 2005 EFY SMART Commitments for SWA High Level Meeting 2014 Plenary discussion Exhibition
	<b>Parallel session 1</b>	<b>One WASH Coordination and leadership</b> OWNP Operational Manual WASH Social Assessment results WASH Fiduciary Risk Assessment results
	<b>Parallel session 2</b>	<b>Sustainable services of One WASH</b> SNNPR and Oromia Self Supply Experience and Strategy Self Supply Package Rural Water Supply Operation and Maintenance Management Manual and Strategy
	<b>Plenary session 2</b>	<b>Discussion of the parallel sessions 1 and 2</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Parallel session 3</b>	<b>One WASH Performance Monitoring</b> ToR for the establishment of WSWG and Secretariat WASH M&E MIS and Experience of Somali National WASH Inventory WASH facility mapping
	<b>Parallel session 4</b>	<b>Hygiene and Sanitation in One WASH</b> Urban sanitation in One WASH Institutional Sanitation in One WASH Sanitation Marketing in One WASH
	<b>Plenary session 3</b>	<b>Discussion of the parallel sessions 3 and 4</b>
	<b>Plenary session 4</b>	<b>Presentation of MSF 6 Undertakings and Closing</b> Reading of the MSF 6 Undertakings Discussion Closing

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