Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation
Experience in Ukraine

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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACHIEVING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION: FROM ASSESSMENT TO ACTION
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Objectives:

- testing of the score card framework at the local and national levels and preparation of the baseline analysis on equitable access to water and sanitation in Ukraine;
- organization of a national and local multi-stakeholder workshops;
Leading partners: State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service (SSES) of Ukraine and Ukrainian National Environmental NGO (UNENGO) MAMA-86
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5 experts.
In completing the instrument and providing information involved about 13 ministries and agencies.

Scale of the project: national + local (at level of city Sevastopol)

Time frame: January-May 2013
Outcomes of the assessment: main findings

There is an extensive international legal framework related to the right to water and sanitation, but there is a lack of implementation. Lack of legislative definition of the right to sanitation.

- Ukraine has geographical inequity on access to WS, especially to S.
- Water quality is one of the core problems to ensure eq. right to WS.
- There is a lack of data to asses the size of main categories of marginalized & vulnerable groups (invalids, traveler (Roma), homeless others) and no possibility to assess problems with M&V groups’ access to WS.
- One of the identified problems is access to WS of children.
Right to WS is not known as theory and practice and needs active promotion and capacity building, including awareness rising at national-local levels.

Lack of information or access to relevant information at national-local levels.

Scorecard is not easy instrument, its application needs a capacity to implement. It is possible to use this tool by different stakeholders (national/local authorities, NGOs or other stakeholders).

Practical experience and skills to cooperate with stakeholders, especially with authorities and to work on Water sector items at local-national levels provide a good basis for such kind of exercise.

Scorecard does not reflect the Water Quality aspects of the Right to WS, which is important principal provision of equal right to WS.

Scorecard provides basis for gap analysis, prioritizing the problems and stakeholder discussion of the efficiency of existed policy on the equal Right to WS.
Communication of the outcomes

- National and regional Workshop in Kyiv, March 1, 2013 and in Sevastopol.
- Press events in Kyiv and Sevastopol
- Notified the executive authorities of the Self-assessment results.
- Notified the services that is responsible for drinking water supply and sanitation.
- Informed population about Self-assessment results (web, publications, briefings, etc).
- Informed the Government about the needs to take decisions in this area.