



Equal Access to Water and Sanitation Experience in Serbia



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Why is the PWH Important to Us?

- Access to healthy, controlled drinking water is a condition of the general health of the population and directly affects its working ability and productivity.
- Access to water and its quality is a basic prerequisite for a large number of production processes, and directly influences the attractiveness of investments;
- Access to controlled and managed wastewater treatment systems is also an important factor in attracting investment, but also preserving the environment and raising the quality of life of local communities



WHY “Equitable Access Score-card”?

In most of the signatory countries, four basic barriers were identified for unhindered access to water and sanitation:

- Availability of water resources;
- Urban-rural gaps;
- Specific barriers to marginalized and vulnerable groups (people with special physical needs, people who rely on services and access to public buildings, homeless people, schools, public toilets, children without parental care, elderly, prisoners, refugees, people living in non-sanitary houses);
- Incompatible tariff policies



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“Equitable Access Score-card”

Important principles in the management and implementation of Score-card analysis are:

- Inclusion of all relevant actors (policy makers and decision makers, service providers, users-public, civil, profit sector);
- Transparency
- Access to information

The application of the self-assessment should be based primarily on adapting and taking into account their own goals, limitations and opportunities, not comparable with other countries

- In November 2016, Serbia confirmed its interest to carry out self-assessment analysis of equal access to water and sanitation
- In March 2017, at a meeting of the Joint Body, it was decided: The institution / organization that will lead the project as an equal partner in the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health will be the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection;
- The project will be implemented in two phases:
 - Phase 1: Assessment of equitable access to water and sanitation services using the Score card
 - Phase 2: Definition of the action plan of a uniform approach



- The partner for the Ministry of Environmental Protection for the implementation of the first phase was REDASP - Regional Agency for Economic Development of Sumadija and Pomoravlje, and the assessment will be carried out in two districts with a total of 13 local self-governments:
 - Šumadijski (7 local self-governments)
 - Pomoravsky (6 local self-governments)

- The timeframe for the implementation of Phase 1 on the project was 6 months.

Project goals

- Conduct a self-assessment of the condition of equal access to water and sanitation
- Achieve a better understanding of the situation and challenges of equal access to water and sanitation
- Identify relevant stakeholders that can contribute to improving equal access to water and sanitation and raise awareness of a balanced approach
- Develop a comprehensive overview of existing policy measures to address inequalities in water access and sanitation and identify information and policy gaps in order to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation

Project Implementation

- Creation of a basic team in the country that will implement the methodology of self-evaluation of a balanced approach
- The project implementation team consists of three thematic teams with four members (each responsible for one chapter): Coordinator, Thematic Expert, Team Support Expert

Project Implementation

➤ On July 27, 2017, an initial workshop was held with the participation of:

- 12 national stakeholders (Ministry of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Health, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Environmental Protection Agency of the Republic of Serbia, Ombudsman)

- 17 representatives of 10 local self-governments and the head of the Sumadija district

- 6 representatives of civil society and

- 3 representatives of the media

International experts from: UNECE, Macedonia, Ukraine, Armenia, Hungary



Project Implementation

- Four meetings of the project team were held
- A meeting with key local stakeholders was held
- Collected relevant information on the legislative, institutional and strategic approach of equal approach leads to sanitation at the national level
- Data from the local level from 12 local self-governments were collected
- Draft score card made
- Another workshop organized



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Basic principles in our work

- The analysis specifically includes institutions that are targeted to take care of vulnerable and marginalized groups (youth without parental care, old, socially vulnerable groups, people with disabilities, prisoners, sick, single mothers, victims of domestic violence, minority groups) through animation and inclusion of Centers for Social Work, CSO
- The analysis covered specifically:
 - local policy measures towards socially vulnerable categories and their ability to access water and sanitation;
 - service providers (each local self-government has its own public utility company which is a service provider to the local population)

Basic principles in our work

- Strengthening public awareness and inclusion of key stakeholders important for equal access to water and sanitation;
- Promoting equal opportunities for access as part of basic human rights;
- Identifying the status and barriers set against vulnerable and marginalized groups;
- Work on identifying gaps between urban and rural areas, as well as defining measures for removing them;
- Use self-assessment results, without comparing it with others, as a method for tracking progress over time

2nd Workshop "Self-assessment of equal access to water and sanitation in Serbia,, with purpose to present the results of the research using the Score Card on the national and sub regional - Sumadija and Pomoravlje district

	Deadline
Final self-assesment	10.12.2017
Frst Draft Report	20.12.2017
Final Report	31.12.2017
Road map for Action plan	31.12.2017



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