UNDP GoAL-WaSH Programme:
Governance, Advocacy and Leadership for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
UNDP Water Governance Programme

Active in over 150 countries, providing policy support and advisor services in multiple thematic areas:

• Water supply and sanitation
• Integrated Water Resources Management
• Transboundary Water
• Climate change
• Gender mainstreaming
• Capacity building

Supports governments through UNDP Country Offices
UNDPs comparative advantages

- Governance skills in all sectors
- MDG mandate
- Presence in 166 countries incl. fragile states
- Implementing agency
- Access to senior levels of government
- Convening power
- Multilateral channel for donors
- Coordination role (UN Joint Watsan Programmes)
GoAL WaSH approach

• Addresses key governance issues
• Strategic value
• Identify and address:
  – Root causes
  – Responsibilities
  – Institutional issues
  – Planning and Policies
The problem

• Availability of water - concern for some countries

• But the world water crisis is rooted in poverty, power and inequality, not in physical availability.
  (2006 Human Development Report)

• Better governance is needed!
Country Sector Assessments

- Snapshot of water governance in country
  - 11 published
  - on website
  - Options identified
  - Project agreed
GoAL WASH focus

Range of Interventions:
• Monitoring progress towards MDG water / sanitation targets
• A Human Rights Based Approach to water
• Strengthening consumer voice associations
• Institutional reforms, to clarify responsibilities
• SWAp
• Decentralisation
• Regulation
• Capacity building to ensure sustainability
• Supporting anti-corruption initiatives
GoAL-WaSH Phase 1 (2009-11)

- 12 programmes in ‘MDG-off-track countries’

UNDP GoAL WaSH Project Initiatives:

- **Bosnia & Herzegovina**: Raising awareness of water rights and responsibilities in municipalities
- **Tajikistan**: Water rights and responsibilities campaign in rural areas
- **Mali**: Supporting 166 Councils prepare and implement WASH plans and projects
- **Mongolia**: Strengthening Water and Sanitation Leadership, Coordination to achieve the MDGs
- **El Salvador**: Strengthening capacities for sustainable management of water and sanitation services
- **Paraguay**: National co-ordination and planning, policy and strategies to reach MDGs
- **Sierra Leone**: Country Action Plan to accelerate MDG achievement
- **Liberia**: Making operational the Water Supply and Sanitation Commission
- **Djibouti**: Capacity Support for development of a National Strategic Water Policy
- **Madagascar**: National water and sanitation master-plan and inventories
- **Angola**: Baseline study of water and sanitation governance in Luanda and Mexico provinces
- **Zambia**: Voice and governance – consumer representation and participation
Develop capacities of stakeholders in HRBA for WASH

- Stakeholder consultations
- Capacity building on:
  - Legal and Institutional Frameworks
  - WASH implementation mechanisms at local and national levels;
  - Planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation (M&E)
  - Roles and responsibilities.
- Independent research on:
  - MDG 7 WASH, national laws,
  - Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Surveys
  - Communications
  - Information bulletins, media, schools , workshops
Project activities

- **Completed**: assessment of WSS challenges and problems for all stakeholders, legal review, study of WSS rights & responsibilities and their understanding, public awareness campaign and WSS trainings for 720 households.

- **Ongoing**: seminars on WSS rights & responsibilities, mobile theatre shows, building of sanitary well for waste waters, building and rehabilitation of WSS systems, development and distribution of visual materials.

- **To be implemented**: work with mass-media, seminars and WSS contests for schools, monitoring and evaluation, road map for scaling up and expanding and lessons learned.
Feedback

• Actively requested by more governments
• Seen as complementary by other UN Agencies
• Cost efficient and strategic
• Works in neglected fragile sates (GLAAS)
• Targets one of the most off-track MDGs (sanitation)
• Need to communicate results more
• Gradual enlargement – interested countries – 2012 (in CA Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan)
Linkages

• Millennium Acceleration Framework
  – TA supporting Poverty Reduction Group in Belize

• UN Water Global Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water
  – we’re targeting aid on LDCs, off track countries and populations

• Sanitation and Water for All
  – Mobilising WASH sector funding

• UNSGAB Thematic Priority Area:
  – sanitation

• Other frameworks and agreements
  – such as the Protocol on Water&Health
Thank you!