Small-scale water supplies and sanitation: Proposed future activities for 2020–2022

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- Aligned with and supports implementation of SDG targets:
  - 3.3 to combat waterborne disease
  - 3.9 to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from water pollution and contamination
  - 6.1–6.2 to achieve equitable access to safely managed water and sanitation services for all
  - 6.b to support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management
A wide range of tools, experiences and good practices for improving small scale systems have been developed and disseminated across the region.

Information on key improvement actions undertaken by Parties and other States can be valuable for monitoring the SDGs.

Some data gaps related to rural systems are closed; capacities and knowledge for improving the situation of SSWSS have been improved.

Further support to Parties and other States for target setting and developing national policies and strategies to improve small-scale water supply and sanitation, therefore should be continued.
To achieve safe services, taking a holistic approach is particularly beneficial in rural areas; approaches for water and sanitation safety plans should therefore be further promoted.

Safe services need financial resources. Good practices on sustainable financing of small-scale systems should therefore be promoted.
Objectives and expected outcomes

- Increase policy attention to small-scale water supply and sanitation systems
- Support policy uptake and the implementation of approaches based on good practices in the regulation, management and surveillance of small-scale water supply and sanitation at national and local levels;
- Assist Parties and other States in improving access to safe, sustainable and equitable drinking water and sanitation services in rural areas, small towns and peri-urban areas
Future work: Improving the evidence base for better policy development/1

- Analysis of provided and reported information under the 4th reporting cycle under the Protocol:
  - Small water supply and sanitation systems in rural areas
  - Target set to improve the situation of SSWS
  - Key improvement actions that Parties and other States have taken within the programme of work for 2017–2019.
Future work: Improving the evidence base for better policy development/2

In collaboration with programme area 6

Join activity of programme areas on SWSS & Equitable access to W&S

Collect and assess information on actions taken for reducing geographical disparities

- Data gaps and needs
- Support countries

Linked with the work of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting under the Protocol and programme area 1

Target setting

National policies and strategies
Promotion of tools and good practices that support the formulation of national road maps, policies, regulations and programmes

Aim: to improve the situation of small-scale water supply and sanitation, including through national capacity-building events (upon request by countries).
Future work: Strengthening the application of approaches to safe management

In collaboration with programme area 5

- Update the document: Water safety planning: a field guide to improving drinking-water safety in small communities
- Develop supporting awareness-raising materials
- Develop a complementary water and sanitation safety plan tool for application in rural areas
- Support field projects on improved planning, operation and management of SSWSS
- Develop training material for the application of WSP for small scale water supplies in the pan-European region
Future work: Strengthen capacity for the sustainable financing of small-scale systems

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| Build capacities of policy makers at national and local level | The key principles of costing and financing of SSWSS  
Track financing on small scale services |
Activities are closely linked with other programme areas (2020-2022)

- Target setting & reporting
  - Set targets related to SSWSS and report

- WRD/Water quality surveillance
  - Risk-based approach for surveillance of SSWS

- Institutional WASH
  - Schools and HCF connected to SSWSS

- Safe & efficient management
  - WSP/SSP in small systems

- Equitable access
  - Reduce rural-urban disparities

- Climate change
  - SSWS particularly vulnerable