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MINISTRY OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES

Botswana's experience on Completing Report SDG indicator 6.5.2 on Transboundary Water Cooperation

Asia Region Online Workshop -SDG indicator 6.5.2 on Transboundary Water
Cooperation

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- **The Organization/Agency** that has overall responsibility for coordinating the transboundary water matters should coordinate the SDG 6.5.2 reporting exercise.
- A Designated Officer (Focal Point) should lead the Survey and should have a support (officer / small team to work with).
- **Botswana Setup;**
 - Department of Water and Sanitation is the SDG 6 driving Agency on behalf of Ministry of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services
 - A teams is assigned to focus on each Indicator under Goal 6 of SDG.
 - The Focal Point of SDG6.5.2 and the team was assigned work on this reporting exercise

LEVEL OF REPORTING

Carryout Own Desktop Category Assessment

➤ **Step 1: Determine the level of Reporting:**

- Transboundary Basin-wide Level or,
- Multilateral/Bilateral Agreements Level or
- Sub basin Level

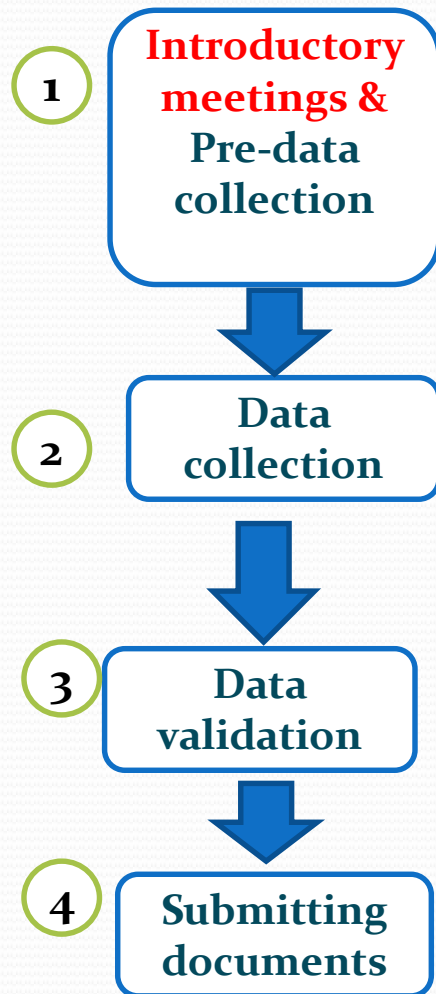
Botswana Report at Transboundary Basin-wide Level

- Botswana is a member of Four (4) River Basin Organisations (RBOs) that have Permanent Secretariats / Joint bodies i.e ZAMCOM, OKACOM, LIMCOM, ORASECOM
- These RBOs/ Joint Bodies have Agreement that guide area of objectives / Activities

➤ **Step 2: Identify Key Stakeholders**

- They should be requested to be involved in the reporting exercise
- They should be able to provide possible sources of data/information

SDG 6.5.2 reporting exercise Process



- Host a meetings with key stakeholders to introduce and advocate for the Survey. Explain the Reporting approach. Disseminate the Reporting Template. Set due date for submission of Data/information (copies of any relevant Objective area, Agreements, and Planned activities).
- The Focal Point coordinates responses from various stakeholders. Then the SDG 6.5.2 Team Collate data and compile the Report. Thereafter host a workshop to present the report to key stakeholders for further Data Analysis [discussions among stakeholders to complete section II of individual Transboundary wide basin (RBOs)].
- The Focal Point share the Report with RBOs' secretariats for Validation.
- The Foal Point then request authority/ consent from accounting office to release the report / submit the report. **In Botswana Case ; the Director of Waster and Sanitation has authorised the submission of the report.**

CHALLENGES/LESSONS LEARNED

During completing the reporting template and calculating the value of SDG 6.5.2 the following were encountered.

- Limited groundwater data:
 - Need to conduct research on relations between Aquifers and Watercourses/Rivers
 - Transboundary Agreement objective on groundwater in not fully implemented due to limited resources
- Unable to host key stakeholder workshops to discuss face to face due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Less commitment by other stakeholders to avail information/data onetime.
- Issues were not interrogated thoroughly as in workshop basis

VALUE/UPTAKE OF THE REPORTING

How can the Reporting be used to promote transboundary water cooperation?

The reporting Process on its own;

- Identify Gaps in data – which lead to identifying priorities areas to address / need more attention.
- Identify Agreement gaps – this leads to further analysis of where Transboundary Basin Agreement and Plans can be supported/ improved/ reviewed to addressing cooperation bottlenecks.
- The reporting process doesn't end at submission- Conduct your own further detailed analysis. The results can inform Policy brief.

Thank you

