SCALING UP RURAL SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Global: As a result of south-south learning, the Government of Sindh (Pakistan), has incorporated lessons from Peru for WSS management models in small towns as part of its recently approved Sanitation Plan. Sindh Province has a population of 35 million, while Peru has a population of 27 million.

Peru: WSP has supported the scaling-up of rural WSS, successfully piloted by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, from two to eight regions (at least 6 million people live in rural areas in these eight regions).

CREATING SUSTAINABLE SERVICES THROUGH DOMESTIC PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

Regional: The Creating Sanitation Markets initiative in Peru is providing technical assistance to Nicaragua to replicate the experience of effective private-public-community alliances for developing new demand-driven sanitation markets for the poor, benefiting households in six municipalities in Nicaragua.

SUPPORTING POOR-INCLUSIVE W&S SECTOR REFORM

Central America: Country Status Overviews (CSO), a sub-sector analysis and reform process, launched in four countries: Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Panama.

Peru: Government included handwashing methodologies in national child day care centers (Wawa wasi), and in delivery of food aid, helping to improve hygiene habits of more than four million persons. Government also included handwashing methodology in public school curricula, reaching more than six million students.

TARGETING THE URBAN POOR AND IMPROVING SERVICES IN SMALL TOWNS

Honduras: Integrated Urban Water Management strategy, including improved services for the poor, has been adopted by Tegucigalpa.

Nicaragua: WSP and World Bank Operations provided technical assistance for introducing condominial sewers to the country’s main water utility, ENACAL. As a result, ENACAL and communities have implemented this approach to benefit 10,000 inhabitants of peri-urban areas and have plans to scale-up the model.

MITIGATING AND ADAPTING W&S SECTOR DELIVERY TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

Peru: Disaster risk management tools and methodologies developed by WSP such as the toolkit to protect the water infrastructure from disasters, financial risk protection strategy for water utilities and low-cost methodology for risk assessment of water utilities are being incorporated in the update of Government’s National and Regional Sanitation Plans.

DELIVERING W&S SECTOR SERVICES IN FRAGILE STATES

Haiti: Initial engagement with Government in identifying technical assistance to improve sanitation and hygiene approaches and introduction of sanitation markets.
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Sharing knowledge and innovations

KEY ANALYSES

Economic Impact of the 2007 Earthquake on the W&S sector: Study reveals that if water utilities from the region affected by the earthquake had taken disaster risk management measures before the event, Peru could have saved an estimated of US$ 30 million.

Multi-country analysis of Sludge Management: Comparison of sludge management models in four countries of Latin America (Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua), including effective practices that have been incorporated into regulatory instruments.

Sanitation Markets at the Bottom of the Pyramid - A Win-Win Scenario for Government, Private Sector and Communities: Sanitation marketing can complement government’s investment in W&S, promoting household access among the poorest in Peru. Consumer analysis approach and recognizing the importance of customer satisfaction, have proven to be key and innovative factors.

Economics of Sanitation Initiative: The first phase of this study has found that lack of basic sanitation in Nicaragua impacts the economy by 2.2% of GDP. Fifty percent of this impact is caused by deficient sanitation in rural areas. The second phase of the study, planned for next fiscal year, seeks to find the cost-benefit of sanitation options.

SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING

Symposium “Monitoring Sustainable Services in Latin America” – El Salvador, November 2010: This specialized discussion generated the basis for regional guidance to measure the sustainability of W&S services in Latin America, and provided key lessons for consideration by post-2015 global monitoring processes.

Conference “Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management in the Water and Sanitation Sector” – Mexico, June 2011: Meeting to bring together experts and policy makers from 12 countries to identify the best way to support the mainstreaming of disaster risk management in the W&S sector.

Next Steps – Results Framework for FY 2012

BOLIVIA
- Policy instruments and norms regarding pre-investment studies; W&S service providers’ master plans; and the reuse of treated wastewater, are strengthened.
- Strengthened government capacity to better plan, target, monitor, and promote sustainable and improved W&S services, by implementing a Performance Assessment Framework.

HONDURAS
- Basin based sanitation management and implementation model developed and tested.
- An Integrated Urban Water Management methodology that includes significant pro-poor sanitation components developed for other cities.
- Capacity of small city service providers to deliver improved W&S services to the poor, strengthened.

NICARAGUA
- Government’s capacity to expand developing of local capacities for sanitation in rural areas and small towns, strengthened.
- The main W&S operator and three major municipalities’ planning capacity to deliver peri-urban water and sanitation services, strengthened.
- Rural and urban W&S operators and the regulatory body’s capacities to implement urban and rural national W&S strategies, strengthened.

PERU
- Regulatory and policy framework for disaster risk management, hygiene and sanitation marketing, strengthened.
- National and sub-national governments and private-public partners capacity to develop and implement sanitation markets and hygiene programs, strengthened.
- Water utilities’ capacities in both disaster risk management practices and customer-focused service delivery, strengthened.

REGIONAL
- Country Status Overviews completed in four countries: El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.
- Technical assistance defined in W&S sector in Ecuador and Haiti.

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