



# GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA NATIONAL WASH COORDINATION MEETING - JUNE 20 , 2013

ACTION POINTS – AGENDA- DISCUSSIONS

# GENERAL INFORMATION



**Venue :** Tetrattech ARD

**Meeting Chair :** Hon. George W. K. Yarngo, Assistant Minister-MPW

## Organizations Represented at the meeting:

|                  |                 |              |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| UNICEF,          | MPW,            | LNRC,        |
| TETRATECH,       | UNDP GOAL WASH, | WATERAID,    |
| INFRACO,         | FACE AFRICA,    | AFRICANRAIN, |
| WASH CONSORTIUM, |                 |              |

## Organizations Absent:

**Government:** EPA,LDA,LWSC,MOE,MOF(**officially excused**), MOH, MLME, MPEA, NTCU

**Donors:** AFDB, IRISH AID, USAID,DFID, WSP-WORLD BANK

**NGO's:** ACF, CARE INTERNATIONAL, CIPORD, CODES,  
CHF, CONCERN WORLDWIDE, ERS, EQUIP,  
ECREP, LIVING WATER, OXFAM, NACFECEO  
FAAL, LURA,LICH ,PSI (**excused**) SMARITANS PURSE,  
RIDA, ZOA , UOF

**OTHERS:** CSO WASH WORKING GROUP, UNITED YOUTH FOR PEACE

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## Identify mechanism for strengthening Sub National Coordination

### -Key Discussions Points

- Consideration to integrate the strengthening process to ongoing programs at the counties and district levels. (E.g.. Current DGIS ongoing programs etc.)
- Critical issues to consider has to do with Mandates and functions of sub-national actors.
- A need to ensure that Partners provide the perfect support to ensure these sub national programs are linked with national Objectives (E.g.. *SOM-Sector Operations matrix*).
- Are Partners using the tool as a planning guide?

### **ACTION POINT**

- NWSHPC Secretariat to produce a concept note with an indicative work plan on how this will unfold.

**Progress:** Concept note ready for comments. ( Will be sent out before Close of day – June 24<sup>th</sup> ,2013.

**Responsible entity/Person:** NWSHPC Secretariat/ Abdul

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## JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 2013



### ○ Identifying Funding sources for WASH sector Capacity Development

#### **-Key Discussions Points**

- Considering the MOF key representative leading this discussion called in to officially register her absence, the National Committee could not make any decision on the above issue. However some interesting issues made prominence because of this situation. These are summarized in the action points below as more general notations but non-specific to the Agenda item itself.

#### **ACTION POINT**

- NWSHPC Secretariat should provide notices to responsible persons for agenda items at least 72 hour before the meeting to ensure their preparedness for the tasks etc.
- Also a need for MOH/MOE/MPW/ and other partners to provide some information on Capacity development opportunities within their institutions.

**Progress:** These points have been incorporated into *the NWSHPC Standard Operating Procedures for meetings and Events*

**Responsible entity/Person:** NWSHPC Secretariat/ Abdul

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## ❖ **Developing equitable district WASH plans to feed into county WASH plans**

### **-Key Discussions Points**

- A general agreement that County Plans should be a general assemblage of district WASH Plans.
- Committee members dwelled mainly on the “HOW”, this can be achieved. The SOM indicates that by June 2013, these plans should be ready. The direction however remains unclear in terms of the following:
  - Who is taking this up at the moment as an issue? SOM names MIA-MPW-MOH as leads.
  - How is inter-agency coordination working to ensure this works within the deadline?
  - A number of partners have begun the process of consultation with District authorities in the implementation of the DGIS program as indicated by Mr. Mussa Uwesu of UNICEF. There is still however a gap in terms of how systemic this is taking place.
- Current implementation of programs is at most a hodgepodge of activities not actually targeted at developing these plans. The way forward is being sought.

### **ACTION POINT**

As a first step to create an awareness on this issues with the responsible sector Ministries, MPW will lead the effort to convene an Assistant Ministerial meeting of all sector Ministries to have a discussion on the matter and other issues .

**Progress:** Letters have been drafted for signing and submitted to the Deputy Minister of Public Works.

**Responsible entity/Person:** MPW- George Yarngo

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- **Develop the WASH Sustainability Guidelines for Communities**
- **School WASH Guidelines Update**

These are two critical points that could not be discussed due to the fact that again institutional representatives to these meetings were not present nor did the National Committee receive any information that could clearly explain the absence of these individuals from the meeting. A number of issues emanated yet again from this situation.

## **ACTION POINT**

Basically, there was a large agreement that a lot of the stakeholders in the sector might not be aware of their mandates and functions and as such were not taking these designated assignments in the SOM as a priority activity for their respective institutions. These will be discussed at the Assistant Ministerial meeting being arranged by MPW.

## **Progress:**

No progress could be recorded as they were not even discussed due to reasons listed above. The anticipation is that however we can include on the next meeting's agenda for discussions.

## **Responsible entity/Person:**

MOH/ MPW will have to be available to report on the WASH Sustainability plans.

MOE will be expected to report on the School WASH Guidelines.

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## ➤ **Establishing Thematic Groups to Monitor Progress/Challenges on the Four (4) Strategic Objectives of the Sector Strategic Plan**

### **Key Discussion Points**

The Joint Sector Review Report had recommended the establishment of thematic groups to support the process of monitoring progress and serve as working groups on the four strategic objectives. This action had not taken place since and as such key deadlines are already being missed along with the fact that there is no awareness whether these targets are being considered in budgeting-action plans etc.

Key points raised Suggested a review of mandates and functions as a panacea rather than the establishment of thematic groups .

A suggestion of an inter ministerial working group as a consideration in moving ahead.

### **ACTION POINT**

- Establish Working Groups and send out the sign up sheet within two weeks of the meeting
- Establish short ,brief and precise clear terms of reference for the Groups
- Appoint a Theme Task Leader (TTL) within a week
- -Suggest a work plan to be communicated to TTL

### **Progress:**

- Sign Up Sheet developed- Terms of Reference undergoing development- TTL identified as of date

**Responsible entity/Person:** Not decided but NWSHPC secretariat is performing role independently at the moment. Support will be required.



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## ➤ Any other business

### Key Discussion Points

**Developing Standard WASH Surveys:** On this issue, stakeholders agreed that we would form ad-hoc working groups on three survey development areas:

1. Water Points
2. Institutional Latrines
3. CLTS

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#### **Progress:**

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# AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING



**THIS IS CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED FOR INPUTS FROM SECTOR MINISTERS**





○ **Next meeting :**  
**Thursday, 18 JULY 2013**

**Venue :**  
**Ministry of Public Works**  
**Large Conference Room**

**Meeting Hosted by: WaterAid**

# THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING

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