

Monthly WASH Coordination Meeting
National WASH Promotion Committee
July 24, 2014, 2PM
Ministry of Public Works, Small Training Room

Introductions

Recap from Last Meeting

- Strategic Objective Working Groups to be established with first activity of prioritizing activities for FY 2014/15 (follow up from Joint Sector Review)
- FACE Africa presented its county-by-county, district-to-district approach
- Sector engaging with MOF on new National Project System for submitting proposals for national government budget allocation
- ECOWAS to provide \$6m for water, agriculture, husbandry; Minister of Finance signed agreement but no response yet from Abuja
 - MPW can share criteria for accessing funds

Status Update on Action Points

- Circulate compiled and suggested actions
COMPLETE
- Move SO group forward
INCOMPLETE
 - Notify SO group leads through letters (AWAITING SIGNATURE)
 - Provide ToR on group activities
 - Send schedule of presentation
- Set up WASH Project Team
INCOMPLETE; three WASH reps attended MOF training but not yet met to plan

Ebola Situation

- Still some denial but MOHSW and partners have engaged religious groups and now more people believing
- Increase in reporting of onset of fever but varies by county
- Many new cases in Bong, especially health care workers from same church and close families
- Ebola has increased attention on hygiene promotion and temporarily shifted focus to creating awareness
- MOHSW notes large gap in psycho-social specialists
- People are confused on signs and symptoms; still issues with contact with sick family members and wish to continue burial rites
- Some communities showing distrust of white SUVs, think that government is spraying houses and causing Ebola

- Implementing partner reported clinics rejecting patients due to lack of PPE in Gbarpolu
- MOHSW projected funding requirement of US\$ 1.2m but big gaps
- MOHSW trying to trace all contacts

QUARTERLY REPORTS UPDATE

- Want to come up with mid-year review report
- 4 NGOs submitting through AKVO FLOW dashboard
- NWSHPC expects ministries and agencies to report but none did
- Some partners still not reporting, partly due to poor attendance record at monthly meetings which provide opportunity to share information
- Donors could help ensure implementing partners are reporting
- Efforts of reporting within ministries should be strengthened
- Gov't (WASH Coordinators, OIC at clinics, schools administrators) have legal mandate to verify
- CSOs would like to know how they fit in reporting structure; report is service delivery-focused, though
- Clarification that implementing partners (vs. donor) should report
- Concern that compliance chart not accurate as some partners not expected to report (not direct implementers) continue to be told they are not reporting; will help avoid double counting
- Need for clarification on reporting responsibilities

REPORT FROM THE FIELD: LIBERIA MUNICIPAL WATER PROJECT

- 4-year project, started in 2011 with objective to cover 90% of target cities with potable water and that they are sustainable (mgmt., financial)
- Slides posted online

AOB

- Meetings should have structured minutes
- EPA present to see how this group can help with wetlands conservation; noted that EPA invited to meetings and JSR but does not consistently attend
- Agua Consult doing assessment of rural water supply in Bong, Lofa and Nimba to inform USAID policies and strategies

Action Points

- Move SO Groups forward – send letters (NWSHPC)
- Share minutes (NWSHPC)
- Share funding criteria for ECOWAS grant (MPW)
- Create guidance note to clarify reporting responsibilities and explore how to add CSO activities (NWSHPC)

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2014, 2PM, MPW