



MoM – EWASH/WASH Meeting

Day/Date: Tuesday 6th October 2009, 11:00 am

Place: PWA Office/Ramallah

The main points that were included on the agenda to be covered in this week's meeting include:

Agency reporting - Round-table: Who's doing what and where
Update from Advocacy Task Force
Updates from Gaza
Capacity building – Learning needs assessment
Briefing from EWASH Steering Committee Meeting
Updates on different water scarcity related issues
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Agency reporting - Round-table: Who's doing what and where

PHG has been advancing with the WASH Monitoring Programme, for which over 145 communities in the West Bank and Gaza have been visited. The first report is due any time soon.

UNDP reports on working:

- on providing reliable water in Zabuba
- on a telecontrol system to manage water system in Hebron, in a 9 months project, funded by the Italian Cooperation
- on the connectivity of border communities in the North (Baqa, Habla, Barta, etc.) to the Israeli sewerage system. Memorandum of Understanding at national level is being developed
- Water Governance Initiative
- on supporting PWA on various interventions.

GVC reports on working :

- on emergency projects in Gaza rehabilitating sewerage networks in Rafah and Khan Younis areas
- rehabilitation of agricultural well in Deir al Balah
- providing cisterns to villages around Hebron
- on a research about access to water for vulnerable communities in the West Bank. The Research is together with PHG and UAWC, funded through FAO. A concept paper will be published on the issue by January 2010.
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CISP reports on 3 current projects with Bedouin communities in the central West Bank:

- 2 projects focusing on fodder distribution, also addressing sanitation and water use in their community training
- 1 pilot project in Jericho, building latrines especially with women as a focus group.

PHO reports on one ongoing project in Deir al Balah, providing 3 chlorination units for drinking water wells. PHO has 2 projects planned for Gaza and for the West Bank.

ICRC reports on various current projects in the West Bank, working on

- water network and booster system
- a 2000 m³ reservoir and 3.3 km transmission line in Halhul/Hebron
- a 11 km transmission line in Awarta - Aqraba and Aqraba - Qusra / Nablus
- a 1000 m³ reservoir in Anabta and well site facilities
- Booster station in Dar Salah
- Booster station in Awarta
- and waiting approval for a 1000m³ reservoir and connection to a drilled well
- and having finished the construction of a booster station in Nablus.

And in Gaza, ICRC is working on the Khan Yunis WWTP, the Rafah WWTP and sanitation in Wadi Gaza.

Save the Children reports on working in Gaza to reconnect kindergartens and child friendly centers to safe water and sanitation, and working on a project proposal for sewage treatment in Beit Lahiya.

Care International reports on working in Nablus and Jenin area on water distribution, construction of cisterns and distribution of tanks.

Lifesource reports on working on the 3 remaining films and preparing the community workshops for the Advocacy Task Force. In addition is working on the BDS campaign focusing on water and sanitation related companies, both at the local and international level.

FAO reports on working on:

- 8 grey water treatment units in Idna/Hebron
- construction of 29 domestic cisterns in Idna/Hebron
- 12 grey water treatment units in the North
- construction of 22 domestic cisterns in the North
- building of a 1500 m³ reservoir in Tubas
- the rehabilitation of 18 cisterns in Masafer Yatta area.

ACF reports on working on:

- the distribution of water in the South around road 317, as part of the ECHO funded project including the construction of 20 cisterns of rehabilitation of 20 cisterns in Dura . In the same project, a pipeline was rehabilitated in Ad Dahriya, installation of a filling point the Bani Naim population with a 3km pipeline.
- providing drinking water and plastic tanks in the South of the Hebron Governorate as part of the ECHO funded drought response
- reparation of damaged networks in Gaza, Khan Yunis and Rafah in a DFID funded project
- also in Gaza ACF is working on cleaning of Beit Lahiya lagoon.

Oxfam GB reports working on:

- the construction of a 500 m³ reservoir in Masha

- the construction of a 500 m³ mobile reservoir in Jiflik, which is being stalled by the Israeli Civil Administration because of permit issues
- construction of 15 septic tanks in Zebaidat
- providing drinking water and plastic tanks in the Jiflik-Nassariya area as part of the ECHO funded drought response
- constructing sewage pipeline at Sekka Road (phase 3) and Kateeba street, both in Khan Younis, helping 1505 people. The project, including a health promotion component, will be completed by February 2010
- the construction of a sewage network in Abu Bakir St (Rafah). The project, benefiting 1000 people, will be finished by June 2010.
- the construction of a sewage pressure main from Tal Al Sultan (Rafah) to Rafah Waste Water Treatment Plant. The work, benefiting 55,000 people, will be completed by June 2010.

DanChurchAid reports working on:

- the rehabilitation of 10 cisterns in the south and east of Bethlehem
- a pilot study, in the framework of the drought response, growing native plants adapt to arid circumstances on a small plot of land.

ACPP/PHG reports on working on:

- 1 project in the Jordan Valley (Al Jiftlik and Furush Beit Dajan): rehabilitation of 4 ground water wells, 1 water network and 1 natural spring, onstruction and rehabilitation of 36 rainfall water pools (18 concrete and 18 earth pools), 20 latrines, and 20 septic tanks. Mostly in Area C.
- 2 projects in Tulkarem:
 - o 1 in An Nazlah ash Sharqiya and Attil: rehabilitation of 2 water wells for domestic and agriculture use
 - o 1 in Saffarin: construction of 3 rainfall water cisterns for domestic use
- 2 projects in Qalqilya:
 - o 1 in Falameya and Azzun: rehabilitation of 2 water wells for domestic and agriculture use
 - o 1 in Imateen: construction of 3 rainfall water cisterns for domestic use
- 1 project focusing on the rehabilitation of cisterns in Jenin (Al Judeida) - sorry, I can't find the exact number of cisterns for this one
- 1 project in Nablus (Majdal Bani Fadel): construction of 7 homegardens
- 1 project in Hebron (Beit Ula, Idhna, Al Kum, Tarqumiya): construction of 8 home gardens and 4 cisterns, and implementation of training courses on food security
- 1 project in Bethlehem (Shama, Merah Muala, Khalet, Al Masara and Wadi An Nis): rehabilitation of domestic water networks
- 1 project in Gaza (Beit Hanoun): construction of 30 cisterns, 20 pools and 4 ha of micro-home gardens.

UNICEF reports working on:

- awareness raising campaign for World Handwashing day on October 15th in 48 schools in the West Bank and 80 schools in Gaza, in cooperation with PHG and the MoEHE
- WASH Monitoring programme, executed by PHG
- Household survey in Gaza, executed by PHG
- Rehabilitation of WASH facilities in over 20 schools.

Premiere Urgence reports working on:

- installation of a pumping station and supplies in the Qualqilya District as well as a 500 m³ reservoir in the area
- rainwater collection installations in Khan Younis.

Round up the agencies presentations, Thierry announced efforts will be undertaken to synchronize the various attempts monitoring the response. Although different monitoring projects exist in parallel, there is a need for a detailed track record of the agencies response. In the following weeks, an inquiry for updating the overview of activities and projects in the West Bank will be sent out by the WASH Cluster.

It was raised that the monitoring should not only focus on humanitarian response but also on the large scale interventions, such as World Bank projects. PWA announced the launch of its Governorate Report in the near future.

Action points:

- *WASH Cluster will send out an inquiry for updating the overview of activities and projects in the West Bank to all agencies.*
- *PWA will launch its Governorate Report*

Update from Advocacy Task Force

The Advocacy Task Force is up and running. It is implementing the activities together with the partners.

The HCT media event of 3 September on the impact of the blockade on the Water and Sanitation situation in Gaza was a success and is still yielding attention in local and international media.

Following the first fact sheet on Sanitation issues in Gaza, the Task Force is currently working on a general fact sheet on access to water resources in the West Bank and water quality in Gaza.

This week ACF and COHRE organized a workshop on rights based approaches to water and sanitation advocacy in Ramallah and a similar workshop will be organized the end of the week in Gaza. The workshop was largely attended and enjoyed very active participation. A number of participants expressed an interest in receiving further training on utilizing rights-based indicators for monitoring purposes.

In the meantime, the first film 'Gaza is floating' has been finalized by LifeSource and is in its final approval stage. Two films on the West Bank are in the making and the production of a second Gaza film will start soon.

The 21 and 28 of October the Advocacy Task Force will organize two events in the Friends International Center in Ramallah (FICR). The first Gaza film will be shown at this event. Invitations will follow.

Updates from Gaza

Mark Buttle reports on the work of the WASH Cluster in Gaza, stressing the importance to maintain the link between the groups convening in Ramallah and Gaza.

The WASH sector in Gaza is working on following projects:

- Initial screening for the CAP projects has taken place two days ago in Gaza
- UNDP has taken up the work on the Khan Younis WWTP
- CMWU has set up a working unit on Gaza WWTP
- The 2000 Master Plan for Gaza has been updated
- Drinking water remains a high priority
- Quality of the seawater has been researched, now awareness rising campaigns should be set up for net summer season
- The cluster is working to prepare for winterisation

It is raised that the pollution of the Mediterranean is not only a Gaza issue, but should be addressed at the level of the Union for the Mediterranean (Barcelona Process). Public advocacy at government level should be undertaken.

Capacity building – Learning needs assessment

Agencies are invited to share their learning needs with the Cluster in order to prepare a cluster training programme. An assessment sheet will be sent out to the partners.

Briefing from EWASH Steering Committee Meeting

On 14 September the EWASH Steering Committee convened for a meeting with the Cluster in order to maximize the synergies between the EWASH and the cluster. It has been discussed how the Cluster can strengthen the EWASH. The Steering Committee has been working on updating the EWASH Guidelines, which are outdated. The updated guidelines will be presented to the EWASH group for approval asap.

Updates on different water scarcity related issues

The cluster will follow up on the drought response as prepared in spring 2009.

Meetings have taken place with PWA and WBWD on the issue of the emergency filling points requested to alleviate water scarcity in the West Bank. The 9 filling points approved by the JWC, have still not materialized. 5 are still pending at the level of the ICA for unknown reasons.

On 13 October a WASH Water Scarcity Working Group meeting will take place at OCHA in Hebron to follow of the issue and also to prepare next years response strategy. PHG has offered to monitor this year's response.

WASH Contingency Plans

The WASH contingency plan for the West Bank, dating from 2007, needs to be updated. A working group will be organized on the issue around 27 October.

CAP process follow up

In total 59 WASH projects have been uploaded for the CAP 2010. The CAP having an emergency focus, a prescreening of the Gaza projects has been organized to do give the necessary revision time for the Gaza projects. The national vetting will take place on 8 October. If questions remain on certain projects, agencies will be given 24 hours to revise.

The vetting will be resulting in a sector response plan, that will be integrated in the first draft of the CAP 2010 (16 Oct.). The latter document will be up for revision from 19-23 October. Final sign off of the CAP

document will take place on 2 November. Nevertheless the CAP process will continue: further follow up will be needed with donors, needs will have to be re-assessed, etc.

PWA debriefs on a meeting at the Ministry of Planning with all governmental focal points for the CAP. It is stressed that PWA should be fully included in the process and that duplication with the PRDP should be avoided and overhead costs to projects should be minimal.

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