



MoM – EWASH Meeting

Date: 5th Feb. 2009

Place: PHG Office/Ramallah

The main points to be covered during the meeting included:

EWASH Weekly Meeting - Gaza

An update on the current situation from Gaza

Early Recovery

Gaps in knowledge (needs for further comprehensive assessments particularly around hygiene/sanitation related issues)

Prioritizing materials/activities - Links to the Logistics Cluster

Regular EWASH Monthly Meeting

EWASH activities during last month

Quick round table feedback from participants about projects in the West Bank

Drought

Background

Drought Response Plan covering humanitarian issues

2009 drought oriented CAP projects

Situation in Gaza

Through a video link participants were given updates, this time directly from Gaza including information about the relief interventions going on in Gaza, the fast track rehabilitation by CMWU and others in the sector and the Early Recovery Plan in addition to information about the commitments promised to CMWU to this date. It was mentioned that 80% of the residents now have access to water while the remaining 20% are being supplied with water by a number of organizations. A lack of spare parts and materials was also mentioned while there are intensive communications to deliver equipment and urge for pressure on Israel.

A copy of the WASH contribution to the Early Recovery Plan, drafted by Bilas, will be distributed noting a very limited timeframe.

Action points:

1. Coordination efforts to arrange for the entry of required material into Gaza.

2. Sewage leakage investigations and monitoring of water pollution
3. Increase amounts of water currently distributed in Gaza in addition to introducing new filling points and connection to agricultural wells.
4. CARE took the initiative to look into the matter of mobile toilets.
5. Hygiene kits will from now on be reported to the Shelter Cluster in order to avoid duplication.

EWASH Group activities in the West Bank during the previous month

Contamination of Ein Shibli

In response to the call for urgent action in Ein Shibli issued by PWA, a meeting and field visit was organized on January 5th to discuss the contamination of the water anticipated to be due to the wastewater flowing from East Nablus and the proposed interventions including representatives from the Village Council, PHG, Oxfam GB, PWA and CARE.

Oxfam GB was approached by ECHO and were promised support to intervene. Today, preparations are underway for the construction of a balancing tank, installation of a new chlorination unit and clean up of the area in order to resolve the problem.

Work in Zone C

As part of the group's effort to help overcome the current obstacles facing organizations working in Zone C it was agreed upon in November to organize a small scale meeting on Monday Nov. 24 at PHG's office in order to draft a position paper. Under those terms Subha/EWASH, Ghassan/UNICEF, Rebecca/ACPP, Mohammed/PU and Sarah/Oxfam GB met and decided to address PWA with an official letter requesting a written document specifying the exact procedures that organizations working in the sector should follow in the preparation of official documents and permits to work in Area C including the forms to be filled out and the exact address to be approached. This letter was submitted to the Head of PWA on Dec. 1, but to this date has not received a reply.

Action point: Majeda is to follow up the whereabouts of the letter and the response to the request.

Roundtable update about the organizations' activities in the West Bank

A brief description of the activities being implemented by each organization was reviewed as in the Table below:

Organization	Activity
UNICEF	Planning for drought response
CARE	ECHO funded project in Bethlehem including: Rehabilitation and construction of household cisterns Distribution of 2000 m ³ of water
Oxfam GB	Activities in the Jordan Valley including: Separation of domestic and agricultural lines and construction of a reservoir
ACF	Construction of cisterns Water trucking Installation of a water pipeline
ACPP	In cooperation with PHG the following activities are ongoing: Installation of water lines in Huwara Construction of agricultural pools in Jiftlik Training on water irrigation management Rehabilitation of internal water networks in 5 locations in Bethlehem
WUSP	Preparation for its first Conference entitled <i>Clean and affordable water, Twenty four hours a day Seven days a week</i> to be held on March 3
PWA	Requested that the Project Form previously distributed be filled out by the organizations in order to develop the 3 year plan Monitoring of water trucking and awareness campaign in cooperation with UNICEF
PU	Activities in the North include: Water distribution Replacement of 120 household connections Construction of a reservoir
GVC	Activities done in the South in cooperation with PHG: - Expansion of 2 internal networks in Hebron - Construction of 40 cisterns Collection of drought related data
FAO	Construction of 4 reservoirs in the North Rehabilitation of cisterns West Hebron
ACTED	Construction of 100 household cisterns in 15 unconnected villages/Nablus
PHG	In addition to the activities implemented in cooperation with GVC and ACPP the following was implemented: - Construction of cisterns in Awarta, Aqraba, Jourish and Tilfeet / North - Rehabilitation of groundwater well in Qalqilia - Installation of water lines in Al Shouykh and Husan / Hebron - Construction of cisterns in Ramallah - Construction of grey water units in Ramallah - Environmental awareness activities in Silwan / Jerusalem

Drought response

- As the impact of the anticipated drought to hit the region have already began to knock our doors OCHA, UNICEF and FAO have taken the initiative to draft a response plan taking into consideration the lessons learnt from the drought experience last year. The main issues addressed include: drinking water (which is expected to affect half a million people), health, livestock and agriculture.
- For the purpose two coordination mechanisms are suggested including the EWASH platform for strategic thinking and planning and on a District level for more operational purposes.
- A suggestion was made that interventions be included in the last Flash Appeal to address the drought which was not possible since it was strictly dedicated to Gaza, however the revision of the CAP Projects that were previously submitted was requested.
- The importance of collective efforts was stressed.

Action points:

1. A meeting should be organized for the Advocacy Working Group meet next week to discuss the needed steps to tackle the drought and to agree on the messaging.
2. The water sector should revise the CAP drought oriented projects(UNICEF should call for a meeting to do so)
3. Organizations that have initiated drought oriented interventions, or plan to do so, should fill out the matrix previously distributed.
4. We need to have a feed back on the Drought Response Strategy

Additional notes:

Some additional information given by the Head of PWA, Dr. Shaddad Al Atilli including:

1. The decision that has been taken to establish the Bulk Water Utility as a replacement to the West Bank Water Department.
2. The security campaign to cutoff all illegal connections in Hebron and close down or legalize wells in the North including the confiscation or legalization of rigs.
3. A meeting will be held on the 9th between PWA and donors to harmonize and coordinate efforts.

Attendance of the Second Session - West Bank EWASH Meeting

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