10th APWF Webinar: Strengthening Integrity: crucial in advancing Water Security in Asia Pacific

Integrity
Management Experiences from Asia-Pacific:

Nepal, Bangladesh, Cambodia & Indonesia

WIN
Water Integrity Network
Fighting corruption in water worldwide

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Initial Engagement: convincing the government and ministries on the topic of integrity (positive as against corruption)

Mainstreaming Integrity in policies and laws: WASH and IWRM Sector Plan mentions the need to address integrity and build vertical and horizontal accountability mechanisms

Making budget allocation transparent: Investment Plan on WASH broadcasted over Community Radio by local district official

Embedding Integrity in Project Documents: Water User Master Plan (IWRM at local watershed level)

- Nepal, young decentralised democracy
- Collaboration with Helvetas Swiss Inter-Cooperation
Bangladesh

**Initiation:** Assessment of Water Policies and Laws from Integrity and TAPA perspective. Leads to alignment of work with the National Integrity Strategy

**Projects:** Integrity Management project with Bangladesh Water and Sewerage Authorities - Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi. *Scale-up after Khulna*

**Results:** Improved business plan by addressing integrity risks; development of roadmap and implementation over at least one year, e.g. establishment of e-procurement, public hearing with utility customers

**Advocacies:**
- Roundtable on integrity management and knowledge exchange with media as moderator
- Strengthening integrity in School WASH including gender & inclusion dimensions

- Focus country of WIN, collaboration with water utilities, NGO Forum, cewas, DORP
- Establishment of Bangladesh Water Integrity Network (BAWIN)

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**Preparation (1 – 6 months):**
- Interview with the utility to adapt the Toolbox
- Establishing team of Integrity Coaches and the internal Integrity Team

**Workshop (3 – 5 days):**
- Risk identification and selection of tools
- Developing roadmap and assigning responsibilities

**Implementation (1 – 2 years):**
- Implementing roadmap
- Monitoring, progress evaluation

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Engaging with small farmer groups

Adaptation of integrity management tools for small scale irrigation systems

Making Stakeholders talk to each other and building an accountability mechanism among them

Irrigation Management Guidelines strengthened establishing collaboration among several user groups

- Partner project in Cambodia: Caritas Switzerland
Integrity Management in multi-stakeholder processes: Partnering in the Brantas River Basin, East Java

Sustained Engagement for more than 6 months with various stakeholders for addressing integrity challenges

Adaptation of integrity management toolbox to include *Common Tools* for multi-stakeholder challenges,

Complicated process and need an identified common issue-embedding integrity issues within the Master Plan on Pollution Management in Surabaya

Establishing a CoP on addressing integrity issues among various stakeholders
Adaptable, Scalable and Capacities

- Adaptable Approaches and Tools
- Scalable
- Pool of Integrity Coaches

**From integrity to performance**

The Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority has implemented an integrity-led turnaround over the past two years, due to changes in the national regulations and with the help of the Water Integrity Network. The performance-based governance approach carried out at the utility has put it on the path to outstanding customer service, improved service coverage and greater financial sustainability.
Joint Statement
Raising Ambition. Empowering Integrity Action.

**Recognize** the indispensable role of Integrity in the water sector in achieving impactful climate action among others;

**Advocate** for collective action towards enhanced integrity for water security in the Asia-Pacific region;

**Ensure** that current and future investments for water, infrastructure and climate-related projects are appropriately utilized and accounted for.

**Support** knowledge and capacity building among water and climate stakeholders in relation to transparency, accountability, participation and anti-corruption;

**Apply** available and well-established frameworks, tools and methodologies for assessing integrity risks and strengthening integrity within projects and institutions; and

**Commit** to ensuring continued support in fulfilling the agenda for sustainable climate finance for 0% Corruption – 100% Climate Action.

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