

CONCEPT NOTE

Key Result Area 2: Increasing Local Capacity

Title: Making a Difference in Water Governance Through Increased Local Capacity Development

Rationale/Background:

Time and again, it has been stressed that the current water crisis is mainly a crisis of governance. And one important player in water governance are local government authorities (LGAs) in view of their mandates, especially in the light of on-going water sector reforms and decentralization efforts of governments. Thus, it has become necessary to build and develop the capacities of local government authorities in the area sustainable water management. Being at the forefront of managing local water resources and delivering improved water and sanitation services to their respective constituencies, the local government authorities need to understand the politics of managing this scarce resource. There is a need to sensitize these LGAs through training, sharing of experiences and actual exposure and visits to water development programmes and projects.

In most part of Asia and the Pacific, decentralization process are in different phases of progress with some more advance than the others. As part of these processes, the responsibility for water resource management and delivery of water, sanitation and hygiene service provision has been transferred to decentralized bodies such as the LGAs. Yet, many of these LGAs lack the critical capacity in the many aspects of water management.

Enhancing the capacities of these LGAs require mobilizing knowledge and support from water-related resource institutions like Streams of Knowledge, access and to ready and available tools, methodologies and information and continuing capacity development initiatives such as formal and informal training including advocacy and awareness raising campaigns.

The proposed project is intended to contribute towards the attainment of the three pre identified priority themes for the summit on water financing, disaster management and water for development and ecosystems. Simultaneously, the proposed undertaking also aims to transform LGAs into proactive partners of government and non-government organizations in the management of water resources as well as delivery of water and sanitation services. LGAs are perceived as a potent mechanism to ensure the attainment of the MDG target with LGAs playing a pivotal role. Thus, making the much needed difference in water governance through intensive capacity development efforts.

Objective/s:

The overall objective is to facilitate the proactive involvement of local government authorities for effective water management and improved delivery of sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Specifically, the objectives are as follows:

- To build up a network and partnership composed of local government authorities and local government executives
- To strengthen LGA- civil society relationships towards coordinative water management
- To promote peer learning and capacitate local government authorities in the area of effective and sustainable water management
- To compile water resources management capacity development materials tailored for local government authorities

Major Project Activities:

Phase 1 –

- Activity 1: Network Identification, Mapping and Profiling – this initial activity is aimed at taking stock of existing networks, preferably those composed of local government authorities or those who have done extensive works with local government authorities in the area of sustainable water management. This will basically involve identification and mapping such network. The final output will be listing of networks, the reason for their being and description of their water – related activities including location and network coverage.

Activity Description	Timetable	Indicative Budget
Network and partnership identification, mapping and profiling	March, 2007	US\$ 5,000
Electronic Publication of Network Profiles (Water Network Directory)	April 2007	2,500
TOTAL		US\$ 7,500

Phase 2- April, 2007 and onwards to the summit

Streams has identified the activities to be undertaken in Phase 2 , in line with the overall objective of building the capacity of LGAs and harnessing capacities develop at the same time taking into account the different themes

- Activity 1 :Water Management Learning Materials Packaging – this is intended to identify and collect available learning packages such as manuals and CDs which could be made available to LGAs to help them gain knowledge on water management. This will be done for a period of 6 months.

Activity Description	Timetable	Indicative Budget
Materials Inventory and Collection (Selected based on the 3 themes)	April –July, 2007	US \$ 20,000
Materials Packaging in	June-August, 2007	10,000

standard electronic format		
Materials production and distribution (in CD format)	August-September, 2007	5,000
TOTAL		US\$ 35,000

- Activity 2: Conduct of Knowledge Fair – this particular activity is designed to bring together water stakeholders to facilitate exchange of knowledge, expertise information, products and services at the same time provide a platform for proactive participation of LGAs in promoting water management advocacy. The event can also be used to initiate a face to face meeting with the various players in the water sector, especially implementers of water programmes in the Asia and Pacific regions. Using the poster session format, the Knowledge Fair will target a broad range of water technocrats and practitioners. A total of 100 participants are targeted to participate in the Fair. This is tentatively scheduled on November, 2007 to be a back-to-back event to coincide with the Southeast Asian Water Forum to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Activity Description	Timetable	Indicative Budget
Knowledge Fair planning meeting (in Manila or Malaysia)	March, 2007	US\$ 10,000
Knowledge Fair preparations	March - October	20,000
Knowledge Fair	Nov. 4-6 2007	267,500*
Post Knowledge Fair assessment	Nov, 2007	10,000
TOTAL		US\$ 307,500

* Budget breakdown in Annex A

- Activity 3: Water Management -Focused Study Tour- this activity is intended to provide local government executives and senior staff actual exposures to various water management projects to serve as models for their future activities at the same time promote cooperative efforts among LGAs.

Activity Description	Timetable	Indicative Budget
Organization of the Tour	July, 2007	US \$ 5,000
Selection and briefing of Tour Participants (10 participants)	August 2007	2,000
Study Tour and Visit	October, 8-12, 2007	35,000
Lesson Learned Meeting and Assessment of Tour Participants	October 13, 2007	5,000
TOTAL		US\$ 42,000

Budget Summary:

Activity Description	Timetable	Indicative Budget (in US\$)
Phase 1		
Network Identification, Mapping and Profiling	March-April, 2007	7,500
Phase 2		
Water Management Learning Materials Packaging	April – Sept., 2007	35,000
Conduct of Knowledge Fair	March-Nov, 2007	307,500
Water Management-Focused Study Tour	Oct, 2007	42,000
GRAND TOTAL		392,000

Lead Implementing Institution: Streams of Knowledge, UN HABITAT

ANNEX “A” BREAKDOWN OF THE INDICATIVE BUDGET

Budget Breakdown for the Knowledge Fair

- Preparatory meeting (Manila or Malaysia) with 5 people participating at \$2,000 for airfare and DSA - US\$ 10,000
- Knowledge Fair preparatory activities (hiring of an Event Manager to work out all the preparations including communication expenses – US \$ 20,000
- Conduct of Knowledge Fair (for 100 participants)

Accommodations @ US 150/day for 100 pax (3 nights for the 2 days Knowledge Fair- US\$ 45,000

Travel and Airfare @ 1,000 per pax for 100 pax – US\$ 100,000

Travel, airfare and accommodations of speakers US 22,500

Payment for meeting venue facilities, meals and conference kit- US\$ 80,000

Allowances and other incidentals of Secretariat and support staff – US\$ 20,000

ANNEX “B” LIST OF IDENTIFIED NETWORKS/PARTNERS/ALLIANCES

LONG LIST OF POTENTIAL NETWORKS/PARTNERSHIPS/ALLIANCES TO BE CONTACTED (within Asia and the Pacific)

1. MAPES (Mayors of Asia-Pacific Environment conferences)
2. Kitakyushu network of cities
3. ICLEI
4. SEA CapNet
5. NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation
6. WASH partnerships in the region
7. Global Water Partnership
8. WaterAid
9. OPP (Pakistan)
10. International Union of Local Authorities (IULA-ASPAC)
11. Korea Local Authorities Foundation for International Relations (KLAFIR)
12. All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG)
13. ASEAN
14. ASPAC
15. Gender and Water Alliance
16. International Water Association
17. Sulabh International
18. GramVikas