

Amhara Integrated Rural WASH (AIRWASH)



Country
Ethiopia

Key words

Safe drinking water; hygiene practices; small-scale farming; integrated water resource management (IWRM)

Beneficiaries

Total: 16,000
Water: 16,000
Sanitation: 16,000

Beneficiaries reached

Water: 7,417 (3,442 W)
Sanitation: 8,415 (4,296 W)
Hygiene: 4,620 (2,108 W)
Capacity Bld.: 544 (206 W)

Budget

Total phase budget:
CHF 946,333
SDC funds: CHF 514,083
Own funds: CHF 432,250
Annual budget 2015:
CHF 304,484

Actual Spending (30.6.15)

Total: CHF 311,579
SDC: CHF 192,642
Own: CHF 118,937

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Approach, methods and strategy

The key strategies followed so far include:

- 1. Service delivery**, thereby targeting poorer, disadvantaged women & men.
- 2. Empowerment**, i.e. capacity building of local WASH actors, with focus on gender equality and social equity in WASH.
- 3. Down ward accountability**, i.e. public audit and interface between duty bearers and right holders.
- 4. Approach to sustainability**, i.e. local ownership and community resource mobilization and contribution.



Lessons learnt

- Demand driven interventions highly improve ownership and performances.
- Full involvement and close collaboration with the community enhance ownership and reduce project costs.
- Alignment of the project with government working plans enhances ownership, efficiency and effectiveness .

Good practices (or key success factors)

- Collaboration with the local government has enabled the project to reach the most disadvantaged, vulnerable (and remote) communities and enhanced timely completion of 33 water supply schemes and 1,221 latrines, including hygiene promotion for 3,200 people.
- Couples training and experience sharing have improved hygiene and sanitation practices and understanding of gender.
- Involving the government sector in capacity building works has helped to reach the targets set.

Advocacy & Policy

Together with HEKS and Caritas, HELVETAS Ethiopia presently prepares a proposal for an advocacy initiative at local (project) as well as national level to increase sustainability with regard to sanitation and hygiene interventions and behaviour.