

Members of this National level PSC are:

1. The National Planning Commission who is also the National Authorizing Officer is the Chairman;
2. The Federal Minister of Water Resources is the co-chair;
3. The Commissioners of Water Resources from the three participating States;
4. The Director for International Cooperation Department at the National Planning Commission will act as the Secretary;
5. A representative of the EU Delegation and a representative of UNICEF will attend as observers.

The Stakeholder analysis and baseline study carried out on the on-going reform recommended that in view of the importance of this body, that they meet twice a year so that more issues hampering the sector could be put on the Agenda

6. ACTIVITIES DONE SO FAR UNDER THE PROJECT

- The TAT is embedded in the respective Ministries of Water Resources.
- Project Teams comprising civil servants have been selected and approved
- Operational Programme Estimates (operational cost for civil servants directly involve in WSSSRP III) to support implementation of the Annual Work plan have been developed and approved.
- Annual Work plans have been developed and endorsed by the respective State Water Reform Coordination Committees.
- All states have a State Water Sector Reform Coordination Committee established and functional.
- A Benchmarking Study Visit/Study Tour was undertaken to Uganda in May 2014 in close cooperation with the Water Operators Partnership (WOP) programme.
- A baseline study on the on-going reform and stakeholders survey/analysis (culminating in a stakeholder management strategy) was carried out.
- An Inception Report was prepared.
- A Streamlining/Clarification Workshop was organized in Abuja to facilitate the subsequent project implementation phase of the project.

Planned Activities In The Implementation Phase:

- The States will officially launch the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform Programme Phase III.
- Capacity building interventions in each of the States.
- Support Civil Society Involvement in Water Supply and Sanitation Sector.
- Engagement of Non-Key Experts/Consultancies: for Monitoring and Evaluation, Political Economy Analysis of Water Resources, Baseline Survey/Data Collection coupled with Customer Mapping and improvement of service delivery for the Water Boards, Policy Development and Water Law Development. Sanitation Sector Reform Expert, etc
- Construction/Rehabilitation of Infrastructure (water supply and sanitation works, incl. "Quick Wins") in the three states.
- Update monitoring and evaluation of water sector indicators.
- Human Resources Development, update of sector coordination and donor coordination through performance measurement framework at both State and Federal level.

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1. OBJECTIVE OF PROJECT

The overall objective of the Project is to contribute to poverty reduction, sustainable development and the achievement of the water and sanitation related MDGs in Nigeria

2. PURPOSE

The specific objective or purpose is to improve water governance and institutional capacity for increased access to safe, adequate and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services delivery in Adamawa, Ekiti and Plateau States.

The WSSSRP III project is being implemented by an international consortium led by Hulla & Co. Human Dynamics KG, whose Technical Assistance Team (TAT) resides in the three states with the Headquarters in Plateau State. The TAT began the assignment on 24 March 2014 and will implement the project over a period of 48 months. Based on previous experience and in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the project through knowledge transfer and capacity building within the Ministries responsible for water resources, their Agencies and selected Local Government Areas, it was decided that the TAT will be fully embedded within the respective Ministries of water resources. By so doing, the TAT would ensure that they use, development and enhancement of the recipient institutions' systems of work planning, project and financial management, reporting and monitoring systems, in accordance to best practices and International standards while ensuring that the EU/EDF requirements in terms of reporting, monitoring and accountability are strictly met.



3. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The specific activities to be undertaken under the WSSSRP III project can be grouped into five main categories and they include:

1. Project Management.
2. Facilitation of the Water and Sanitation Sector Reform Process.
3. Implementation of Programme Activities in Small Towns and Urban Areas.
4. Information Processing and Monitoring.
5. Coordination

The three (3) participating states are at different stages in the on-going reform process; Ekiti State has both a Water and Sanitation Policy and Water Legislation, while Plateau State has a Policy and is in the process of updating and preparing its' water legislation. Adamawa State is yet to finalize both its Water Policy and Legislation.

It is therefore expected that some cross-state information and experience sharing would be appropriate among states, taking into consideration similar on-going activities under the WSSSRP II in 6 participating States.

4. BENEFICIARIES

The Beneficiaries of the WSSSRP III are:

The Methodology adopted in this project is to work with Project Implementation Agencies (PIA) and Project Recipient Agencies (PRA). The structure in the states is as follows

1. Adamawa State:

The Ministry of Water Resources is the PIA while the PRAs are: 1) Adamawa State Water Board; 2) Adamawa Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Agency; 3) Adamawa Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency.

2. Ekiti State:

The PIA is Bureau of Infrastructure and Public Utilities and the PRAs are: 1) Ekiti State Water Corporation; 2) Ekiti State Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Unit; 3) Ekiti State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency.

3. Plateau State:

The Ministry of Water Resources and Energy (MWR & E) is the PIA, which is housing the IPMIO (Integrated Project Management and Implementation Office) from where project management and coordination takes place, and the PRAs are the Plateau State Water Board, the Plateau State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency and to some extent the Plateau State Environmental Protection and Sanitation Agency (Ministry of Environment) who officially still have the mandate for liquid waste/urban sanitation.

The TAT is covering the Urban/Small towns components through a TA service contact while UNICEF is covering the Rural component through a contribution agreement with the EU Delegation.

5. STEERING COMMITTEES

State Level

Each of the States has established a Water Sector Reform Coordination Committee (SWSRCC) to supervise the sector reforms in the states as well as provide the coordination of water and sanitation activities across the state line ministries, water agencies, external support agencies, private sector organization, civil society and local government authorities. This body should meet twice a year and is responsible for monitoring and evaluation, guidance on implementation and harmonization of activities in the water sector.

National Level

The National Programme Steering Committee (PSC) is responsible for overseeing and validating the overall direction of the reform activities in Nigeria; that is the on-going WSSSRP II, the WSSSRP III and the Niger Delta Support Programme (NDSP - water and sanitation component). The Steering Committee will meet once a year.

The PSC performs the following functions: (i) Review the progress made by the States in the area of water sector reforms; especially with policy, regulatory and institutional reforms and (ii) Exchange good practices among the states to encourage improved water governance, policies and actions (peer review). The technical assistance teams (TAT) of the different projects will provide secretarial and administrative support to the PSC.

The next PSC meeting is scheduled for November 2014 and the Secretariat will be provided by the TAT-NDSP.

