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Gender sensitive indicators in sanitation and wastewater planning and implementation

Experiences from rural Georgian and Kyrgyz communities

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The gender dimension in our projects

Women are responsible for home and community-based sanitation practices

- ✓ The provision of hygiene and sanitation are considered women's tasks.
- ✓ However, women's concerns are rarely addressed, as social barriers often restrict women's involvement in decision-making processes regarding sanitation programs and projects.
- ✓ Girls from secondary schools miss classes due to inadequate sanitation facilities



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What are the two key learnings in terms of gender equality in your project/programme?

- Safety and privacy are women's main concerns for sanitation
- Cleaning of the toilets is primarily the responsibility of women and construction the responsibility of the men



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How can the gender dimension be measured through indicators?

- ✓ Less work burden on women
- ✓ Safety and security while using toilet
- ✓ Girls don't miss school during periods
- ✓ Less pollution of surface and underground waters
- ✓ Comfort using toilet as it can be attached to the house
- ✓ Number of women using toilet products in agriculture



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How can this indicator be monitored at national level?

- ✓ Through stakeholder meetings with representatives of local authorities, experts, school directors, teachers, parents and students.
- ✓ Number of women in decision making processes in the wastewater sector
- ✓ Household level surveys, interviewing women and men separately gathering sex disaggregated data
- ✓ Monitoring girls absenteeism from schools
- ✓ Gender responsive budgeting



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(Optional) Do you have ideas or experiences how to collect the monitoring data in a non-traditional way (by communities through mobile phones or other)?

- Community based Informational Resource Centres on national level
- Online gathering and dissemination: Social links (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Youtube...) and APPs
- Sanitation Data Communication Group
- Sharing the collected data with stakeholders at regional and national levels.



Thank you



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