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Gender sensitive indicators in sanitation and wastewater planning and implementation

Experiences from Jordan: Decentralized Waste Water and Sludge Management in Jordan – Water Portfolio (GIZ)

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The gender dimension in the Water Portfolio and 3 selected projects

Gender dimension in the Water Portfolio:

- Training of female plumbers (Water Wise Plumbers) to fix leakages on household level
- Water Wise Women – Women as multipliers to raise awareness of water-related issues
- Water Wise Women Association – a platform and reference point for authorities and donors

Gender Dimension in WASH in Schools:

- School toilets will be rehabilitated according to WHO-standards (gender-aspects as key elements)
- Hygiene focal points will be organized in a network and consist of mainly female teachers thus enabling even sensitive issues (such as menstrual hygiene etc.)
- Specific gender-related challenges of mixed Double Shift Schools...

Gender Dimension in Sludge Reuse and industrial WW Reuse

- Treated waste water and sludge re-use in agriculture/food production requires awareness and acceptance of women in particular
- Women need to be actively involved in pilot activities to build trust



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

- Schools: Double Shift Schools generate a special set of circumstances/problems in combination with gender issues
- Acceptance/Outreach: Women act as main decision-makers for food-related issues and acceptance of reuse activities



How can the gender dimension be measured through indicators?

WASH in Schools:

- Gender-separated toilets in each school, adequately used?
- Seat to person ratio?
- Necessary items available – bins and rinsing facilities, mirrors etc.?

Suggestion: Guidelines as a reference for indicators: i.e. “ School toilets are rehabilitated according to WHO-guidelines.”

Sludge (biosolids) and Reclaimed Water Reuse:

- # of women involved in reclaimed water reuse activities (awareness) and how many are applying water reuse
- Women reporting on issues of water reuse (NGO, or social worker)
- Women reporting health aspects related to water / biosolids reuse (records from health centers?)
- Women farmers? Applying water reuse and / or biosolids (Agri. Officers, JVA, etc.)



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How can this indicator be monitored at national level?

- Government could establish nationwide WASH-Monitoring/standardized and institutionalized WASH-Assessments
- Development of standards would provide measurable indicators (work in progress)
- Standardized guidelines to be monitored on national level



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

Simple feedback systems used by children (and teachers):

- Anonymous “suggestion boxes” for sensitive issues (e.g. not enough privacy, facilities inadequate...) managed by Hygiene Focal Point
- Include parents/ mothers; social workers (= central role in schools), and may be health advisors (RW / biosolids).



Thank you



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