

Sustainable Water
Integrated Management (SWIM) -
Support Mechanism



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**LOCAL WATER GOVERNANCE - PILLAR D
SWIM-SM Suggested Workplan (2013 & 2014)**
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Outcome of 2012 Activities: the Regional Assessment & Experts Workshop

Constraints

3 major constraints during implementation of PIM/IMT:

- A lack of political support slowing down the Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) process, and resulting in inadequate jurisdictions
- Legal constraints - PIM/IMT not supplemented with necessary adjustments in the laws
- Lack of technical and managerial skills within the WUAs, resulting in poor services.

Priority Challenges:

- Need for M&E Program to assess the level of progress/performance of WUAs & determine points of failure and impact
- Strengthening political support to PIM/IMT reform process
- Setting equitable and transparent tariffication rules aiming at enhancing O&M recovery and sustainability

New orientation based on 2012 outcomes

PIM/IMT offers strong potential to improve the sustainability of irrigation systems, but requires among many other things:

1. A firm policy decision to transfer responsibility to water users;
2. A legal framework for establishment of independent WUAs, and empowering them;
3. Capability of the:
 - a. WUAs to manage the irrigation system or sub-system
 - b. Irrigation agencies to provide tech. & institutional support to WUAs & oversee their performance
4. WUA financial autonomy & viability

New orientation based on 2012 outcomes (2)

- ❖ Sharing information through high level study tours to countries representing success in PIM/IMT & with strong enabling environment
 - encourage project countries to provide adequate support for reform (1+2)
- ❖ Joint development of a comprehensive M&E system based on BPs in the field;
 - improve knowledge in best M&E practices
 - Better understanding of the role of M&E in adjusting the process & overseeing WUAs performance (3a)
- ❖ Joint application of selected Best M&E Practices in a pilot area and dissemination of lessons learnt (3a)
- ❖ ToT to enable local agencies to train WUAs staff (3a)
- ❖ Training of WUAs by trainers on subjects related to budgeting, water fees, business plans and models of income generation (3b+4)

Objective of new activities

1. Promote BPs in support of priority areas for WUAs establishment & operationalization
2. Assist with the creation and/or strengthening of the enabling environment.

Specific Objectives:

- Develop a comprehensive M&E system that best suits the needs of the PCs to monitor PIM/IMT throughout its different phases:
 - Monitoring the degree of political commitment towards PIM/IMT
 - Monitoring government interventions to establish and support WUAs
 - Monitoring WUAs status
 - Periodical assessment of the results/impacts of the government interventions
- Contribute to mobilizing support to PIM/IMT
- Build the capacity to carry out training for WUAs in areas needed to ensure WUAs sustainability.
- Promote N-S and S-S exchange and contribute to the extension of regional networking.

Expected Outcome

- ✓ A regional M&E system & associated indicators for M&E of PIM/IMT is developed to suit the PCs needs with a view to their existing systems & the Best M&E Practices used by selected international organisations.
- ✓ 25-30 National water users are with improved capacity to monitor and evaluate WUAs performance
- ✓ 3 best M&E practices for PIM/IMT are examined and explored by local beneficiaries within a pilot area and lessons learnt are documented and disseminated for potential replication
- ✓ High Level officials concerned with the implementation of WUAs in the PCs, are aware of the role of the political commitment and enabling environment in the successful implementation of PIM/IMT.
- ✓ 25-30 National officials are capable to deliver training on the formulation of WUAs legal statutes; including elements related to WUAs budgets, water fees, business plans & models of income generation

Description of Activities:

WP1: Water Governance & mainstreaming

Activity 1: Develop a comprehensive M&E system for PIM/IMT that is best suited for the Project Countries (2013).

- ✓ Provide a regional view on the status of M&E system in the PCs
- ✓ Review best M&E practices adopted by international organisation
- ✓ Conduct 4-days regional EG workshop presenting both 1 and 2 for discussion and to adopt a comprehensive M&E system

Activity 2: Test the applicability of the M&E system in 1 pilot area (2014) involving:

- ✓ joint Identification of local beneficiaries
- ✓ Refinement of selected BPs in M&E system to suit local conditions
- ✓ Applying the M&E system in 1 pilot area.
- ✓ Documenting the approach, the results, problems
- ✓ Self-evaluation workshop in the pilot area to identify lessons learnt
- ✓ Dissemination of findings to other PCs for potential replication.

Description of Activities: WP2: Capacity Building

Activity 3: Conduct a high profile study tour involving relevant officials in the project countries, to raise their awareness on the role of the political commitment and enabling environment in the successful implementation of the PIM and IMT(2013)

✓ Prepare & Convene a 3 days high level study tour to Turkey preceded by 2 days training on subjects related to the visit.

Activity 4: Develop the capacity of relevant Authorities/NGOs that are well established in the irrigation field, to carry out training in the formulation of the legal statutes for WUAs (2014)

1. Conduct 5-days regional workshop to train trainers on the formulation of the legal statutes for WUAs

2. Conduct one 3-day local “supervised” training by trainers assisted by the SWIM-SM in 2-4 countries -> Where

- ✓ WUAs have degree of autonomy,
- ✓ Countries willing to undertake the training & establish commitment to its implementation

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