



Sustainable Water
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Support Mechanism



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LOCAL WATER GOVERNANCE - PILLAR D
SWIM-SM Suggested Workplan (2014)

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PREAMBLE

- During the Inception Phase, Supporting and strengthening water users' associations was identified as one of the main priorities in Water Management in the PCs
- Emphasis of the Pillar “Water Governance at the Local Level” during year 1 was on Sharing Experiences from WUAs & identifying actions for improving local water management and reinforcing users' participation in the region.

Activities - 2012

- 1. Undertook a regional assessment** on the status of water users' participation in the PCs, with case studies from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia. The assessment illustrated the range of experiences in irrigation water users' participation in the PCs, and the status of WUAs in the region, including progress achieved and lessons learnt, and identified measures to improve the efficiency of WUAs.
- 2. Conducted a regional WUA experts' group workshop** (Athens-April 2012); to (a) discuss and validate the findings of the regional assessment, (b) identify priority actions including capacity building that could be undertaken by SWIM-SM to improve local water management and enhance users' participation, and (c) promote the exchange of experiences

Activities - 2012

- **Conducted in July 2012**
 - **a regional training** on “Basic Operational Concepts and Practices for WUAs’ Establishment and Institutional Support” in coordination with H2020 CB/MEP,
 - **a field visit** to one of the Capitanata irrigation schemes in Italy, representing a success story for WUAs.

Training was catered to address the needs in the PCs based on the findings of the regional assessment and the EG workshop

New orientation based on 2012 outcomes

Based on the findings of the assessment & the regional experts' group workshop, the 2013 & 2014 workplan was designed in one package; addressing the priority actions proposed by the PCs:

- (a) the need for continuous monitoring & evaluation of the PIM/IMT throughout the process and its important role in alerting the countries of favourable or negative variances from targeted progress and the adjustment of the process accordingly,
- (b) strengthening the political commitment to the reform process,
- (c) developing the capacity of the irrigation agencies; to ensure effective formulation of PIM/IMT programs and the establishment of viable WUAs - and of the WUAs' staff; to ensure that WUAs are managed effectively.

Activities - 2013

- Develop a comprehensive M&E system for Participatory Irrigation Management and Irrigation Management Transfer Process that is best suited for the Project Countries. This included the following tasks:
 1. A review of the existing M&E systems in the PCs that are used by the countries to monitor and evaluate the PIM/IMT process with a view to identify gaps & good practices in M&E implementation (whenever such a system is available) and the availability of relevant statistical data and information needed to develop a regional M&E system (Completed; awaiting EC approval)
 2. A review & compilation of international experience in the development and implementation of M&E systems, and in monitoring and evaluating WUAs formation and support; focusing respectively on used or recommended practices & suitable indicators. (Completed; awaiting EC approval)

Activities – 2013 (Continued)

- Conduct a regional M&E experts group meeting to discuss existing related M&E experiences emanating from the SWIM-SM regional and international reviews and adopt one system that suits best the needs of the participating countries. (Completed 2-4 Sept. 2013)

Refinement of the M&E system based on the workshop results (under finalization)

- Conduct a high profile Study tour involving officials from the authorities concerned with the implementation of WUAs 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 (Completed).
 - The study tour to Turkey (Izmir) was preceded with two-day training on the formulation of PIM/IMT programs and the establishment of viable WUAs with special emphasis on the importance of the enabling environment.

Objective of 2014 activities

Overall Objective: Promote BPs in support of priority areas for WUAs establishment & operationalization

Specific Objectives:

- Design and implement a user-friendly regional M&E system application for the monitoring and evaluation of the PIM/IMT (with a view to the best practices in the implementation of the PIM/IMT process) and customize it to suit the national and local conditions in two pilot areas.
- Enable national and local authorities in addition to WUAs in two pilot areas to examine and explore the applicability of the M&E system with due consideration to the country's particular context/ local specificities,
- Document the approach and the lessons learnt during implementation for potential replication within the same and/or in other countries and disseminate the findings and the system to the partner countries and relevant regional organisations.

Expected Outputs

- ✓ A regional M&E system - involving a list of indicators which correspond to best practices in the implementation of PIM/IMT process - is designed, installed and customized to the national context and/or local conditions in two pilot countries/areas.
- ✓ The application of the M&E system is examined and explored by national/local beneficiaries
- ✓ Selected best practices in the implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems are applied in two pilot areas.
- ✓ 25-30 relevant users are with improved capacity in monitoring and evaluating the performance of PIM/IMT process including the WUAs' and in applying best practices in implementing M&E systems.
- ✓ Lessons learnt throughout the pilot implementation are documented and disseminated for potential replication.
- ✓ System is disseminated to the partner countries and relevant regional organisations.

Description of 2014 Activities:

WP1: Water Governance & mainstreaming

1. Meet with the National representatives to
 - ✓ familiarise them with the system,
 - ✓ agree on the implementation approach including the best practices to be applied in the implementation of monitoring and evaluation system and to select the pilot areas,
 - ✓ identify stakeholders and focal points
 - ✓ define roles and responsibilities of the FPs & SWIM-SM.
2. Jointly with the stakeholders:
 - ✓ select the indicators that match the national context (if applicable) and the local conditions
 - ✓ identify the arrangements for monitoring including data flows and clarification of responsibilities for data collection, storage, processing and evaluation.
3. Prepare the TOR for the system developer including defining the M&E system requirements and subcontract the implementation

Description of 2014 Activities (Continued):

WP1

4. Design and program a user friendly system application, and prepare users' manual. Customise based on local specificities.
5. Apply the system in the 2 pilot areas (and at the national level if desired by the government).
6. Conduct in each pilot area, a 3-day self-evaluation workshop to:
 - ✓ analyse the monitoring and evaluation results,
 - ✓ identify any recommendations for system refinement and
 - ✓ evaluate the pilot implementation
7. (Provisional): Modify the M&E system and its application to account for the experience at the national/local levels.
8. Conduct a one-day regional meeting to
 - ✓ present the system to the PCs & relevant regional organisations
 - ✓ share the experience & disseminate findings & lessons learnt of the pilot implementation.

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