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WASH Strategy 2017
Uganda Refugee Operations

EMERGENCY WASH SECTOR OBJECTIVE

Objective: Ensure that refugees and local populations affected by humanitarian crisis in Uganda have safe access to water, sanitation and hygiene services of sufficient quality and quantity.

OVERVIEW OF THE WASH SITUATION



WATER



- ❑ More than 50% of the refugee population walks more than 1km distance to the nearest improved water facility
- ❑ Poor ground water potential - both unfavourable quality and inadequate quantity
- ❑ 60% BH drilling success rate (MoWE statistics: net balance of water supply infrastructure breakdown equals the numbers installed)
- ❑ Over-reliance on water trucking post-emergency

SANITATION



- ❑ Institutional latrine coverage is below 1:40 stance to pupil ratio
- ❑ Household latrine coverage affected by topographical challenges in some areas (loose soils, volcanic soil formations)
- ❑ Latrine coverage also affected by delays/unavailability of latrine construction materials (slabs, superstructure)

EMERGENCY WASH SECTOR TARGETS

In the next 3 years, the WASH sector will **strive to attain** in refugee settlements:

Water:

- 100% coverage of safe water supply in adequate quantities within 1km walking distance per household
- Elimination of dependency on water trucking operations - post-emergency

Sanitation and Hygiene:

- 85% coverage of households with appropriate drop-hole latrines
- 80% communities practice positive hygiene behaviours incl. hand-washing with soap/ ash

Operation and Maintenance:

- 80% participation in community management systems for water supply facilities

Coordination mechanisms:

- Functional national and sub-national sector coordination structures to support delivery of effective WASH services to refugees and other disaster-affected populations

STRATEGIC APPROACH

1. **Coordination:** Strengthen field and national sector coordination to ensure quality WASH service delivery through collaborative partnerships
2. **Technical guidelines:** Develop SoPs to harmonize approaches - ensuring that they are aligned to national standards, as well as best practices from WASH actions in refugee settlements
3. **Evidence-based planning:** Coordinated needs assessments (rapid and continuous)
4. **Capacity development:** Assess capacity gaps and support capacity development efforts for national/ local WASH actors in relevant technical areas through formal/informal trainings; online courses; and technical learning resources
5. **Emergency preparedness:** Develop sectoral contingency plans for refugee settlements to ensure a predictive rather than a reactive response
6. **Monitoring:** Develop monitoring systems to assess quality of WASH interventions
7. **Innovation, Research and Learning:** Encourage innovative thinking in the design of facilities and approaches used in WASH services - and collaborate in research in the sector
8. **Inter-sectoral integration:** Identify areas of synergies with other sectors (Shelter, Livelihood, Health and Nutrition) for integration and joint planning

Next Steps?

- a) Develop settlement level WASH operational plans (1 year).. Field level plans should include:
- *WASH Baseline data; Targets and Indicators*
 - *Coordination arrangements/ partners*
 - *Operational plans (activities, timeframe, approach)*
 - *Monitoring and evaluation framework*
 - *Linkages (with district development plans)*
 - *Etc. Etc.*
- b) Finalize and share the national WASH sector strategy (First draft for comments by mid Feb; expect to have the final draft in early March). The Field level plans will feed into the national WASH strategy