

## **The National WASH Inventory (NWI) seminar: lessons learned and maximising value**

*Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa*

*8 April 2013 0900-1700*

Monitoring is in the spotlight - and rightfully so! Monitoring is crucial for sustaining WASH services and protecting infrastructure investments. Monitoring is needed at different levels, by different stakeholders, for different purposes and with different means. From 9-11 April 2013, the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre are organizing their International Symposium 'Monitoring Sustainable WASH Service Delivery' in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Energy in Addis Ababa. Some 200-300 international experts and practitioners are expected in the city.

The National WASH Inventory has been a major effort to monitor the work of the sector in Ethiopia. This involved survey of some 93000 rural water supply schemes, 1600 town supplies, 50000 schools and clinics, water sources and 12 million households. The costs amounted to more than 100 million Birr (about 4 million Euros). The results of the first full nationwide inventory have recently been approved and updating is already underway in some regions.

The day before the international symposium, on Monday 8 April, MoWE, IRC and CCRDA-WSF will co-organise a seminar on the 'National WASH Inventory: lessons learned and maximising value'. This will bring together regional government staff, NGOs, key federal government agencies and other stakeholders that were involved in design, data collection and analysis of the NWI or are interested in use of the data that is now becoming available.

Key issues and questions that will be considered in the seminar are:

1. the findings of the first National WASH Inventory: what are the major implications?
2. lessons learned in undertaking the National WASH Inventory in data collection, analysis and reporting: including plans for keeping data up to date
3. making data available and encouraging use: what is needed to maximize its value for implementers at regional level and below?
4. international and national monitoring processes: understanding differences and identifying complementarities

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**0900-0930 Welcome and introductions (MoWE, IRC, CCRDA-WSF)**

**0930-1000 National WASH Inventory: Presentation of results and reflection on the process (Tamene Hailu, National WASH Inventory Coordinator, MoWE)**

**1000-1030 Q&A**

**1030-1100 Break**

**1100-1200 World Café discussions: key issues in the National WASH Inventory** Discussions will focus on questions 1-3 as set out above.

**1200-1300 Panel discussion. A national resource: making use of the National WASH Inventory (invited panel including MoWE, UNICEF, CSA, COWASH, SNV, MWA, and CCRDA)** This panel discussion will take forwards the discussions on making data available and encouraging use.

**1300-1400 Lunch**

**1400-1430 National statistics and global analysis: working towards mutual reinforcement (Didier Allély-Fermé, World Health Organisation)**

**1430-1500 Q&A**

**1500-1600 Panel discussion. Into the future: aligning international and national monitoring (invited panel including UNICEF/WHO JMP, UNICEF, WHO, MoWE, COWASH, WAE, IRC)**

What are the main trends in monitoring at international, national and local levels? Is monitoring getting more complex? Are we getting better at monitoring and how we can improve further? What should replace the MDGs after 2015 and what are the implications for national monitoring in Ethiopia? What are the other monitoring efforts related to sector performance (broader than sector results as reported by the NWI and JMP)?

**1600-1700 Wrap up and next steps**

On conclusion of the event participants will be invited to join the cocktail welcome to the International Symposium where they can meet peers from around the world with interests in WASH monitoring.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Participants are expected to include government officials from all regions and at federal level, including staff from Water and Energy, Health, Education, Women's affairs, and Finance. Donor, NGO and private sector participation is also encouraged. Some 150 participants are expected.

## **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

Two previous seminars in 2010 and 2011 on this topic, organized with the RiPPLE programme, provided accessible summaries on the development of the NWI (see <http://www.rippleethiopia.org/documents/info/20101222-monitoring-wash-in-ethiopia> and <http://www.rippleethiopia.org/documents/info/20110608-workshop-report-may-2011>). The intention is to capture the key issues and debates at this 2013 seminar in a similar way. This report will be shared within 2 weeks of the seminar.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you are interested in participating in the seminar, please contact Tamene Hailu (MoWE) or Inge Klaassen ([Klaassen@irc.nl](mailto:Klaassen@irc.nl)).