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OF

LESOTHO

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**Consultative Workshop on
Value for Money in the Water, Sanitation &
Hygiene Sector**

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Policy and Funding Strategies to meet the Water and Sanitation SDGs In Lesotho

(September, 2007)

Outline of Presentation

- ❖ Background
- ❖ Activities performed
- ❖ Lessons learned
- ❖ Way forward

Background

- ❖ Establishment of Ministry of Interior
- ❖ Main activity to Serve people with potable water and Sanitation
- ❖ Department of Water Branch to Supply potable water and Sanitation in Urban and Peri-urban areas.
- ❖ Department of Village Water Supply established in 1978 to supply only potable water in the Rural Area without sanitation component

Background(cont.)

- ❖ Sanitation in the form of VIP toilets was implemented by Ministry of Health
- ❖ Individuals constructed their own toilets
- ❖ Department of Village Water Supply started to include sanitation component in 2007 with collaboration from Ministry of Health
- ❖ Ministry of Health is therefore left with Hygiene Education and Promotion
- ❖ Department was changed to Department of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation

Background(cont.)

- ❖ Financing of the program came from many agencies like Overseas Development Agency, Swiss Development Corporation, EU, USAID etc.
- ❖ Donor Funding shrinkage became prominent during the new political dispensation of the Republic of South Africa since the potential donors relocated somewhere else where need was most required.
- ❖ At moment Government of Lesotho is the Main financier.

Stakeholders Involved

- ❖ Ministry Water
- ❖ Ministry of Finance
- ❖ Ministry of Health
- ❖ Bureau of Statistics
- ❖ Disaster Management Authority
- ❖ NGOs

Specific Policy

- ❖ **MDG 6 : Aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all**
- ❖ **WATER AND SANITATION POLICY 2007**
 - Policy Statement 2**
 - **Water Supply and Sanitation Services**
 - Key Focus Area: Ensure access to a sustainable supply of potable water and basic sanitation services for all Basotho
 - This is administered through five(5) objectives and fifteen strategic points

Specific Policy

❖ **LESOTHO WATER ACT 2008**

- An act to provide for the management, protection, conservation development and sustainable utilization of water resources
- Enacted by the Parliament of Lesotho

Program to ensure sanitation for all

❖ IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION FACILITY

- Program was introduced in 2007
- Water supply and sanitation project is implemented
- Sanitation facility provided for each house hold through 80% capital subsidy from Government of Lesotho
- Owner contributing 20% in kind.

Program to ensure sanitation for all(cont)

- ❖ **COMMUNITY LED TOTAL SANITATION (CLTS)**
 - Due to low coverage in sanitation for all, one approach called CLTS was introduced in 2014
 - UNICEF is at the moment assisting the Government of Lesotho financially in mobilization of rural communities to implement this approach
 - The approach helps to eradicate open defecation

INITIATIVES

❖ KIGALI ACTION PLAN- MAY 2016 AIDE MEMOIRE

- Mission spear headed by African Development Bank
- Overall objective: Devine a detailed activities and their costs to be implemented under the program of “Rural Water Supply and Sanitation in Lesotho – Kigali Action Plan”
- Conclusions:
 - High level of cooperation and good will from the Central Government

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- Conclusions:
 - There is a need for human resource capacity building
 - There is a need to capacitate the district offices with equipment for data collection, carry out feasibility studies as well a M&E reporting, etc.

SUCCESSSES

- ❖ **IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM**
- ❖ **WORKING WITH NGOs TO INCREASE COVERAGE FOR BOTH WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION**

CHALLENGES

- ❖ **Inadequate budget allocation**
- ❖ **Shortage of staff**
- ❖ **Limited base data for planning and monitoring Purposes**
- ❖ **Weak multi-sectoral / stakeholders coordination**
- ❖ **Inadequate means of Transport**

THANK YOU