REPORT OF THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & EMERGENCY THEMATIC TEAM -Draft Final

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1. Introduction

The Operation and Maintenance and Emergency Thematic Team (O&M&ETT) was established to accomplish undertakings 8 and 9 from the last Joint Sector Review:

- 8 Implement Operation & Maintenance Strategies to improve Functionality
- 9 Develop and Implement Strategy and Guidelines for Response to Emergency Water and Sanitation Situations.

The O&M&ETT held (three??) formal meetings on 115/12/2003, 8/01/2004, 25/02/2004 and 05/03/2004. Some members of the Team also happened to be members of the Sanitation Thematic Team so synergy between the two teams was enhanced.

2. Progress on Undertakings

Herebelow is a summary of progress on actions agreed upon for each undertaking:

No.	No. Undertaking Progress to Date	
9.	Develop and Implement Strategy and Guidelines for Response to Emergency Water and Sanitation Situations	
	Actions:	
a.	Carry out Situation Analysis for IDPs (Baseline Data)	WSS data for a total of 235 IDP Camps compiled; Average No. of users per point source ranges between 5000 – 10,000, while some IDPs have no safe water sources. The Sanitation challenge in IDPS is enormous.(<i>due</i>
b	Conduct Stakeholders Consultation meeting (operative)	to unplanned nature of the camps). Not yet done. Consultant to develop the strategy is to be engaged with support from Unicef. TOR finalized and bids received from WEDC and IRC. It is planned that Consultant will start work by end of March 2004. The stakeholders meeting will then be held in April 2004 facilitated by the consultant
с.	Carry out policy level consultation to review	Not done. Awaiting recruitment of consultant in (b) above

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	strategy	
d.	Present to Technical Sector Review and subsequently to Sector Working group	Not yet done.
e.		 [Note: The preferred mode of water supply to IDPs is motorized sources, located outside the camps, with a reservoir and a distribution system, to minimize source contamination, and enhance the service level] i) With support from Unicef, motorized pumps were procured and installation in 4No. IDPS namely; Pabbo, Atiak, Anaka, and Palenga in (Gulu District). Construction of the 4No complete schemes is being done by AMREF. ii) Another 5-7No. WSS systems planned for IDPs in 2004 using funds under the JPF, as pilot schemes. Use of faster procurement methods is being explored. iii) The TOR for TA to TSU 2 to be ammended to concentrate on WSS in IDPS
8.	Implement O&M Strategies to Improve Functionality Actions:	
a.	Implement O&M Strategies for Small Towns, RGCs, and the O&M Framework for RWSS	 i) O&M Strategy Small Towns in place and is being implemented. ii) O&M Strategy Framework for RWSS finalized. As initial implementation of the O&M framework, tenders have been advertised for establishment of a supply chain for hand pump spares. Tender opening is scheduled for 16th March 2004. iii) O&M Strategy for RGCs is in principle similar

		O&M subsidy, investment strategy etc need guidance from the WSWG.
b.	Establish an O&M Coordination Forum involving line ministries, districts and NGOs.	Hardware and software staff of Rural Water Division/DWD, TSUs, Unicef, MGLSD & MoH meet monthly to discuss O&M and other software issues. UWASNET to be formally adopted as a member.
c.	Establish cost of community based mobilization system prior, during and after construction and include in the sector guidelines	The software working group in (b) above has developed steps with costs for sanitation, hygiene education and mobilization for O&M.
d.	Guidelines to ring-fence funding for mobilization	Ring-fencing is not possible/allowed under FDS guidelines (for 2004/05fy and most likely thereafter) due to limitation of the number of budget lines for the sector to only two (1- recurrent and 2- development). However the mobilization steps/procedures in (c) will be included in the District Implementation Manual.
e.	Harmonize existing Guidelines and tools on O&M	The software working group is in the final process of harmonizing existing guidelines, tools and IEC materials to be included in Extension workers handbook, Community Resource Book, DWO Implementation Manual etc)
f.	Implement backup support structure for O&M	i) TSUs / DWD have trained extension workers in use of guidelines and other IEC materials to enhance O&M.
_		ii) Establishment of regional suppliers for pumps and spares (under the supply chains) will also provide backup support for O&M of facilities

3. Other Related Actions

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A meeting was held between DWD and the Programme Coordinator of Northern Uganda Social Action Fund (NUSAF) to explore ways of collaboration especially for WSS servives in IDP camps.

It was agreed that NUSAF could support development of pilot piped water systems in IDP camps but the communities need support for design and documentation from DWD.

NUSAF could also support improvement of sanitation in the camps as long as the 'beneficiary community' applies to NUSAF but a funding limit per community intervention of USD 10,000.

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The meeting agreed that NUSAF should be adopted as a member of the O&M and ETT and also be invited for meetings of WSWG when the issue of WSS services for IDP camps is on agenda.

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Annex 1 ACTION PLANS FOR JSR UNDERTAKINGS

The original position is shown in [Normal] font and adjustments by Thematic Team in [Italics]

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Designate task execution team	Director DWD	15 Oct 2003
Prepare and approval of TOR in consultation with partners	MWLE/DWD	End-Nov 2003
Procure of consultancy services	DWD	End-May 2004
Develop guidelines (participatory including pre-testing)	DWD	End-Dec 2004
Approve guidelines	MWLE/DWD	End-Mar 2005
Disseminate the guidelines	MWLE/DWD (TSUs)	Sep 2005
Establish an O&M coordination forum involving line ministrics, districts, NGOs and private sector	RWSS-WG	End-Oct 2003 Jan 2004
Establish cost of community based mobilization system prior, during and after construction, and include in Sector Guidelines to ring-fence funding for mobilization	MWLE/DWD, MGLSÐ, UWASNET	End-Oct 2003 End June 2004
Approve and launch O&M strategies for Small Towns, RGCs, and the O&M Framework for RWSS	DWD, MGLSD, UWASNET	Dec 2003 End April 2004
Harmonize existing guidelines and tools on O&M (Sector Handbook, proposed Community Resource Book	DWD	Sep 2004

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Implement backup support structure f. O&M	DWD, MGLSD, UWASNET	Mid 2004	
		End October 2004	

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