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1. ISSUE programme update: The Start up meeting

The ISSUE 2 programme is a follow-up of the ISSUE programme. The programme will run until 2010 and is set up to facilitate the realisation of improved sanitation and waste management in 15 regions. Countries where ISSUE 2 is active are: Nicaragua, Surinam, Peru, Costa Rica, India, Philippines, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mali, Benin, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia and Malawi. The programme is still in its start-up phase and while all partners are working towards an inception phase, WASTE has been working on a monitoring plan for ISSUE 2.

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WASTE has recently finalised the monitoring plan for ISSUE2. In addition to the logical framework of the districts, which will be used to monitor the progress of the district

programmes, it has been decided to use the Domains of Change concept to get a full picture of the changes ISSUE2 is aiming at.

While a Logical Framework approach uses indicators that are strategic, quantitative, measurable and verifiable, the Domains of Change concept tries to measure and capture the essential changes that the programme intends to achieve. By listening to stories told by stakeholders and in particular the beneficiaries of the programme we will seek for confirmation of the figures and statistics resulting from the logical framework approach. The themes where we will be looking at are broader and may be a combination of log-frame objectives.

The monitoring plan proposes five Domains of Change for the ISSUE-2 programme:

- ◆ Practical and daily experience with household sanitation and solid waste at local and district level. Looking at the ideology, performance and coverage in relation to solid waste and sanitation.
- ◆ The ability to earn a livelihood managing waste materials, excreta, or a combination
- ◆ Improved understanding of how things work in solid waste and sanitation, and how to intervene and get things done.
- ◆ Access to money to change things.
- ◆ All the members of our consortium are working together, and in parallel to other initiatives.

The information collected during the monitoring will be analysed, and transferred to: the districts themselves, the knowledge nodes, WASTE, the Programme Board and DGIS the donor for ISSUE-2. The outcome is then used to adapt strategies and practices if needed.

2. News from WASTE

a. New staff member, Niels Lenderink

Niels Lenderink studied physical geography, specialised in hydrology and wrote his MSc. thesis on groundwater recharge in Botswana. He worked in secondary education in the Netherlands, teaching geography and science. Afterwards, he joined the French non-governmental organisation ACF (Action Contre la Faim / Action Against Hunger), working in emergency and development situations. For ACF, he was programme manager in Sierra Leone, Myanmar (Burma) and Indonesia, and as such responsible for local water and sanitation programmes. For WASTE, he will be involved in the ISSUE II (amongst other programmes), working together with the partner organisations in Mali on sanitation and waste management

b. Justine Anschütz says goodbye to WASTE

Justine started at WASTE in 1995 as an intern. Shortly after she moved to Egypt, where she was involved as local representative in the UWEP and UWEP Plus programme between 1999 and 2003.

In 2003 she decided to come back to the Netherlands and WASTE was happy to be able to offer her a position as adviser.

She has decided that the commuting took too much time and has found a position at ICCO, which is located in her home town. She will be working as research officer at ICCO, which she sees as a new challenge. She will be still working in the development sector, but with a broader perspective than waste management and sanitation.

WASTE is very sorry to see Justine go, but wish her all the best in her new job and we have a feeling our paths will keep crossing. Niels Lenderink will take over some of her tasks together with Ivo Haenen.

c. Vacancy for Administrator

Due to the impending departure of our colleague, WASTE has a vacancy for an all-round experienced Finance and Administration Officer

WASTE is looking for a highly versatile colleague who will be responsible for

1. all internal financial matters,
2. financial and administrative matters related to programmes and projects
3. financial and administrative matters related to our financiers (DGIS, EU, others)

Irregular travel to overseas partners, in a financial / administrative advisory role, may be part of the job.

The position is available from 15th July, 2007, Applications, consisting of a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae (both in English) should be received by 8th June, 2007

For more information please visit our website www.waste.nl

d. New Interns, Ivan Katongole and Longbo Guo

Ivan Katongole has started as intern at WASTE, He is doing his Masters at IHS in The Hague. He will prepare a case study of leasing of equipment for waste management companies, with an emphasis on companies transporting liquid or solid waste in Uganda. The case study will be based on interviews with main stakeholders such as private sector waste management companies (potential lessees), leasing companies (lessors), equipment manufacturers, municipal authorities. The interviews will give stakeholders perceptions on prospects and constraints of leasing for the waste management sector resulting in concrete recommendations for leasing services, products, critical constraints in legal, social, economic environment etc. The case study will be useful for the ISSUE 2 programme and made into a publication.

Longbo Guo has also started as an intern, he is studying at the WUR. The subject of his research is health care waste management in which he make an inventory of existing information on:

- hospital waste water,
- incineration of hospital waste,
- difficult hospital waste such as body parts, heavy metals (lead / mercury), radioactive waste, and
- transport systems for hospital waste.

The outcome of his internship will result in a report and information for the website.

e. Replacement for Kiwako Mogi, Jean-Pierre Lukombo

Another newcomer is Jean-Pierre Lukombo, who will be taking over the ICT tasks of Kiwako Mogi for three months. She will be going on maternity leave soon. He will be responsible for the maintenance of the computers and everything around it.

3. Training in Advisory Services-Southern Europe Recycling Linkages Project

IFC (International Finance Corporation) has asked WASTE for input in its Advisory Services-Southern Europe Recycling Linkages Project, funded by the IFC and Federal Republic of Austria, Ministry of Finance. The project is managed by IFC and will be addressing the financial, training, consulting, and market needs of every segment of the scrap metal, paper, plastic and glass value-chains. The objective is to promote Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development and, in the process, improve the lives of thousands of families who make their primary income by collecting scrap materials especially in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia & Montenegro, where IFC Advisory Services-Southern Europe offices are located.

Within the project, WASTE is responsible for two training modules:

1. “Environmental Standards for Recycling Businesses”

In this trainings the participants will get a general overview on environmental standards / requirements for all businesses, specific environmental requirements for recycling businesses and concepts of sustainability including improvement of working conditions.

2. “How to Start up Business in Recycling Sector”

The aim of this training is to make participants more familiar with recycling business, its opportunities, way of doing business through presenting real life examples and obstacles. Subjects discussed are: the recycling market, operations or how to get started and EU legislation for the recycling sector.

The first set of trainings already have taken place in Sarajevo, Tirana, Belgrado and Skopje. The next series is scheduled for June.

4. To be found on the website: Outline ISWM assessment

A recent training on ISWM assessment in Nepal in which trainers of trainers were introduced in the methodology of Integrated Sustainable Waste Management has resulted in a general outline for an ISWM assessment. With this outline the trainers will go back to their respective municipalities and adapt it to their local situation. The outline offers a useful checklist when doing an assessment on the waste and sanitation situation in a city or part of a city. The checklist is not exhaustive and it can be amended for own purposes. The outline can be downloaded from the website on www.waste.nl/page/1416.

5. End of a programme in Bangladesh is a start of ISSUE2

The programme Environmental Initiatives, Waste Management and Technology Dissemination in Bangladesh has almost come to an end (June 2007). The programme was part of the Asia Pro Eco funded by the European Union. The main executors were BASA and Practical Action. WASTE has offered training and assistance in the planning for waste management. All the activities took place in Gazipur a municipality in the city Dhaka.

Looking back a lot has been accomplished and looking ahead still a lot has to be done. Accomplishments are the realisation of several biogas plants, treatment of hospital waste, treatment of 30% of the municipal waste, while before there was nothing in place, composting facilities are set up and stakeholders are involved in the planning. Some points of discussion are still whether waste incinerations will be installed as they don't seem to be clean for the environment; another concern is the marketing of the products resulting from the composting plants and the mushroom production.

Some activities will be rounded up in the next couple of months. Luckily the contacts and efforts towards forming platforms and involving stakeholders in the process do not come to an abrupt end. The platform will continue in the ISSUE 2 programme and will be able to expand its activities and accomplish even more. The lead partners in ISSUE2 will be BASA and Practical Action.

6. PUBLICATIONS

General

Many of WASTE publications have been made accessible electronically, through the WASTE website: www.waste.nl or can be requested to be emailed via webmaster@waste.nl. Due to renewal of the website not all publications can be found on the website yet. The digital documents are free of charge. For hard copies we have to charge for the copy and sending costs.

Topics covered, are:

- Organic waste and compost
- Plastic waste
- Rubber waste
- Hazardous waste
- Micro and small enterprises in waste management
- Excreta collection
- Ecological Sanitation
- Urban agriculture
- Occupational health aspects in waste collection and recycling
- Community participation
- Sustainable wastewater treatment
- Hospital waste management
- Separation at source
- Ship and port waste
- Battery recycling
- Integrated Sustainable Waste Management

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