

Sharing experiences towards improving small-scale water supply systems

• Tuesday, 26 November 2013 • • • 13:30 – 14:30 • • • “Lillesal” room •

Small-scale water supply and sanitation is one of the priority areas of work under the Protocol on Water and Health. Between 2011 and 2013 a number of field projects could be carried out in support to the Protocol. A project Georgia aimed at improving the evidence base on the current status of small-scale water supplies in rural areas as basis for identifying prevailing risks and improvement interventions. Projects in Bulgaria and Tajikistan sought to promote and gain first hand practical experiences with Water Safety Plans (WSP) in community water supplies and schools.

The purpose of the side event is to disseminate outcomes of the projects and share experiences and best practices in improving management of small-scale water supply systems. The WHO field guide “Safe Drinking-water for Small Communities: Water Safety Plans for Better Health” which has been developed as a result of project implementation in Tajikistan will be launched.

The projects in Georgia and Tajikistan were funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and technically supported by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for Research on Drinking Water Hygiene at the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA); the project in Bulgaria was implemented by Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) together with the Earth Forever Foundation and Eco World 2007.

Programme (*working language Russian only*)

Moderator: Dr Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Rapid assessment of drinking-water quality and sanitary risks in small water supplies in Georgia

Presenter: Dr Nana Gabriadze, Head, Environment and Health Division, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia

Water Safety Plan implementation in rural Tajikistan: outcomes and lessons learnt from two demonstration projects

Presenter: Dr Pirnazar Shodmonov, Head of Management of the State Sanitary Hygiene Surveillance, State Sanitary Epidemiological Surveillance Service, Tajikistan

Launch of the WHO field guide “Safe Drinking-water for Small Communities”

Remarks by Ms Bettina Rickert, WHO CC at UBA, Germany

Water Safety Plan development in small-scale water supplies in rural areas targeting schools, youth groups and nongovernmental organizations

Presenter: Ms Diana Iskrevva, Earth Forever Foundation, Bulgaria

Discussion

The following materials will be disseminated at the side event:

WHO field guide (English) “*Safe Drinking-water for Small Communities: Water Safety Plans for Better Health*” (2013)

WHO manual (Russian and English) “*Water Safety Planning for Small Community Water Supplies*” (2012)

NCDC project report (English) “*Situation assessment of small-scale water supply systems in the Dusheti and Marneuli districts of Georgia*” (2013)

WECF manual (Russian): “*Developing Water Safety Plans - involving schools*” (2009)