

# Case study topic - reviewing the progress, revision of targets and reporting

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on target setting and reporting  
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# Case summary

- \* Republic of Moldova, according to its obligations as a Party to the Protocol and following recommendations provided in Guidance for target setting and reporting, developed its national targets and target dates and approved by joint MoE and MoH ministerial order 91/704 of 20 October 2010,
- \* Totally were set 34 targets which cover all 20 areas relevant for the Protocol, for the period 2010-2020.
- \* Although the Protocol requires Parties to assess progress and implementation of reporting at least every three years, for target areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 evaluation is made on annual base, results are published in the National Annual Public Health Report

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- \* In this context, we consider that is necessary, at least in countries with limited financial resources, to evaluate progress on target achievement more often than 1/3 years, for all target areas on annual base – can increase the responsibility of responsible stakeholders and enforce implementation.
- \* In 2015, Republic of Moldova, taking the opportunity of development of a National Program on Protocol on Water and Health implementation for 2016-20225 years, revised its national targets and target dates.

# MDA process on revising targets

- \* # of targets reduced insignificantly – from 34 to 32, of which 22 remain in the same formulation, with changed values and target dates, 4 targets were reformulated, 8 excluded and introduced 6 new ones, - related to achieve:
  - \* - equitable access on water,
  - \* - more efficient water supply and sanitation systems management (regionalization of services)
  - \* - reuse of wastes from WWTP and SSSS,
  - \* - better risk reduction management and adaptation to extreme weather events,
  - \* - lower incidence of water related diseases,
  - \* - better management of drinking water sources

# Why is it a good practice?

- \* Each progress report represents an opportunity for the country to assess their own achievements. This assessment can help in identifying the need for a revision of targets and target dates
- \* More frequent progress evaluation will allow to review and revise targets in accordance with the received and processed data, obtained experience and the availability of resources,
- \* Also in accordance with the results of this assessment maybe considered useful to review current priorities and indicators.
- \* Publication of the progress report for better public access (for example, reliable information on water resources and data on drinking water and of treated wastewater quality) is important argument in the implementation of the targets, but also in maintaining trend of achieved progress.

# Overcoming challenges

- \* Different view of involved sectors, low effective inter-sectorial cooperation,
- \* lack of funding for target implementation,
- \* Insufficient trained staff of public authorities to make permanent assessment and reporting,
- \* Low capacities of LPA and water operators, especially in rural locations,

# Success factors

- \* Good collaboration between two ministries – of Health and Environment at the medium level,
- \* Consultation process with other authorities within established Steering Committee,
- \* Involvement and active participation of public society,
- \* Institutional memory (continuity) and use of experience during previous target setting process,
- \* Support from SDC,
- \* Consultation with international and national experts,
- \* Opportunity to benefit of a methodological support from UNECE

# How to replicate this practice

- \* To make things happen you need three conditions: dedicated professionals from 2 ministries, good coordination and support from authorities (at least not opposition) and from the public,
- \* If is complicated to establish a Steering Committee, its possible to start with Working Group around National Focal Points for the Protocol,
- \* To involve other sectors its necessary to remind about international commitments under the Protocol or ask support for advocacy.
- \* To publish and disseminate best practices on target setting