

IPO “Ecoproject Partnership”, Belarus

“Developing Multi-stakeholder Co-operation in the Areas of Water, Waste and Energy Efficiency in Belarus”
December 2006 – February 2010

- > Build the capacity of civil society organisations (NGOs), stakeholders from local authorities, citizens and the business sector in 10 communities in Belarus
- > Develop tools for multi-stakeholder participatory co-operation, planning and partnerships for sustainable development in the areas of water, sanitation, solid-waste and energy

Pilot projects on water

- > Secondary school No 2, Smilovichy village
Testing wells' water on nitrates content
- > Middle school in Surovny village
Conditioning of wells and monitoring water in Cherniavka river
- > Intellectual Club "Ra", Center of out-of-school activities in Lepel town
Environmental patrol "Water of the life"
- > Belozerskiy village soviet and Ecological Center
Analyzing solutions for the problem of drinking water
- > NGO "Women for the Revival of the Naroch Area", Komarovo village
Using clean drinking water for baking

Project results

- > Wells in several villages are tested on nitrates contamination (nitrates content exceeds existing norms in 50% of them)
- > The map of polluted wells is made



- > Informational work and awareness-raising activities are carried out
- > There was published a number of informational leaflets about reasons, sources of pollution, nitrates' influence on health, correct ways of treating the wells, a range of booklets on ecosanitation



Some problems

- > Low informational awareness about drinking water quality
- > Authorities' ignoring the problems
- > Lack of necessary equipment
- > People are not ready to solve the problems

Next steps

- > Independent work on improvement of wells' conditions
- > Building of centralized water supply system in Smilovichy village
- > Spreading information about results

