TA8375 Kyrgyz Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy

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Concept Documents

- Sent to Government on 11 June 2013
- Refers to the work undertaken by the World Bank (The WSS Strategy) at paragraph 1
- That work now completed and a Draft State Program is before parliament
- The concept document sets out at paragraph 2
 The [proposed] technical assistance will build on this strategy and implement the remainder of the planned reforms

The Technical Assistance (Paragraph 10)

- Build a strong institutional framework by clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of the institutions
- ii. Prepare a rural WSS policy that will create the enabling environment for the delivery of sustainable, good quality WSS services at a reasonable cost
- iii. Synthesise lessons from past experiences by building on reports prepared by ADB's Kyrgyz Republic Resident Mission to include technical aspects of projects, project management aspects and projects from other development partners
- iv. Monitor the implementation government's demonstration activities and assess the quality of designs and construction and sustainability

News

- DC meeting held on Friday 7 March 2014
- Further and better, hot off the press...
 - Beyond the KGS 150m pledged on 9 January 2014 ...
 - It appears GoKR has empowered Aikim's at each Raion to commit a further KGS 10.1m
- Most significantly, this is for Operations and Maintenance!
- Possible further allocation of KGS 94m to the rural water sector

The Proposals being discussed

- The big issue is lack of accountability
- CDWUUs have had mixed levels of success
- Our objectives here are to give critical mass
 - Donor funding
 - Overhead coverage
- The Seven Oblast Model

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Key Points

- Need to scale up the rate of delivery of projects to fulfil the objective of solving the rural water crisis by 2024 (US\$600m, possibly more – perhaps US\$200m/year)
- Oblast organisation only, shareholding to Raions + 1 DDWSSD
- Initially not for profit on the classic OPEX/CAPEX model with tapering government subsidy for OPEX (based on rising revenues from tariffs)
- Risk spreading in relation to historical public relations difficulties experienced by the donors having to shut down projects
- Accounts and accountability as an early warning mechanism for targeted corrective intervention
- Can accommodate the contributions from Raions announced today through the shareholding (either by way of the Charters or Shareholder Agreements)
- A solution which fits, covers the bases and gives "scale" to the sector

Next Steps

Donor Side

- TA Budget is going to be massive
- Individual road-show visits to donors to promote "buy in"

Government Side

- Preliminary Discussions stage only but concepts being gradually introduced
- Formation of a State Committee to approve CDTA inputs
- The motivation for promoting transparency and restoring donor confidence is key to achieving our objectives