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Lake Victoria Region Water and Sanitation Initiative:

Delivering the MDGs in three years: A Model-Setting Regional Initiative

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Background to the Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Initiative (1)

- High urbanisation rates due to increasing trade and uncontrolled growth
- Extreme pressure on urban basic services affecting livelihood & economic development
- Existing initiatives do not consider rehabilitation or extending service coverage to the poor
Secondary cities are often left out in national development plans.

Expectations are raised amongst the un-served population but they are not met (implementation too long).

Sustainability of infrastructure improvements affected by poor governance structures & ineffective capacity building.
Project objectives

Support pro-poor water and sanitation investments in the secondary urban centres in the Lake Victoria Region.

Build institutional and human resource capacities at local and regional levels for the sustainability of improved water and sanitation services.

Facilitate the benefits of upstream water sector reforms to reach the local level in the participating urban centres.

Reduce the environmental impact of urbanisation in the Lake Victoria Basin.
Challenges in Programme Design

- Designing country level implementation arrangements that dovetail into national structures
- Promoting national procurement systems, delegated to the local level, while maintaining oversight
- Ensuring a focus is maintained on serving the poorest and fully engaging them
- Ensuring sustainability, particularly at the local level
- Designing a capacity-building programme that is responsive and demand driven
- Maximising the benefits from a true regional programme
Response

- Customized MOU’s with sustainability clauses
- “Modern mixes” approach to sustainable technology
- Poverty mapping & stakeholder engagement
- Multi-faceted region-wide capacity-building interventions
  - Local economic development
  - Pro-poor governance approaches
  - Gender and marginalised groups (HIV/AIDS)
  - Utility management
  - Urban catchment management
  - Advocacy and communication
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LVWATSAN Implementation Methodology

- **Phase I (6 months)**
  - Baseline survey and MDG monitoring framework
  - Design of immediate interventions

- **Phase II (12 months)**
  - Design of capacity-building interventions
  - Implementation immediate interventions and capacity-building

- **Phase III (24 months)**
  - Design and implementation of long term-interventions
Lake Victoria Region Water and Sanitation Initiative: progress made to date

• In-depth participatory project development in 6 phase I towns October 2004 - June 2005

• Immediate project interventions ratified by stakeholder forums undertaken September - October 2005

• Project monitoring/poverty mapping strategy developed December 2005 - February 2006

• Development of Country MOU’s and Local level cooperation agreements November - December 2005

• Finalization of tender documents for immediate interventions January - March 2006

• Development of capacity-building framework January - April 2006
## Cost of Proposed Interventions (for 15 towns)

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Estimated Total Investment (US $) for MDGs</th>
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*equates to ~ US $ 50 per capita

The 3 EA countries have pledged counterpart support to an amount of approximately 10% of the budget.
Conclusions

- Regional programme with local actions
- Assisting the region to implement sector reforms
- Flexible, new delivery approach with rapid project design and implementation
- Integrated approach to environmental infrastructure
- Focus on Economic, Environmental and Institutional sustainability