



INCREASING ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER

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I. Introduction

- Water is essential to sustain life, community has right to get safe and adequate water supply
- However, 1.1 Billion People live without clean, safe and adequate Water.
- About 4% of all deaths, and almost 6% of the total global burden of disease are the result of inadequate and unsafe water supply and sanitation facilities (WHO 2003)
- Protection of water supplies from contamination is the 1st line of defense
- With the focus on "access" to safe water, there is concern about actual quality of drinking water



Burden of Disease



- 1.8 million people (90% are children <5) die every year from diarrhoeal diseases worldwide
- In Ethiopia, more than 250,000 under five children dies every year due to diarrhoeal diseases
- 500million people are at risk from trachoma (146million leads to blindness) worldwide
- 1.2million people die of malaria each year (90% are children <5) worldwide
- More than 133million people suffer from intestinal helminthes infections worldwide



II. Highlight of Domestic Water Supply Situation in Ethiopia



- Ethiopia is among the countries with high population in Africa (more than 74 Million and 85% rural)
- Only about 43% of the population have access to safe and adequate water supply (about 35% of the rural and about 80% of urban population).
- Water sources vary, but 67% of the population gets their domestic water supply from un protected sources, like rivers, ponds springs and any running water during rain season.
- Women and children (mainly girls) are the one who responsible to collect water.
- This has also particular impact on vulnerable community groups such as elders and people living with HIV/AIDS.



III. WASH Ethiopia



- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is a global campaign that supports reaching the MDG goals of ***Water, Sanitation and Hygiene*** for all
- WASH Ethiopia is established in June 2004 under the guideline of Global WASH campaign
- WASH Ethiopia movement is a coalition of representatives from government, non-governmental and faith based organizations, UN agencies, the medias, private sectors and interested individuals.
- WASH Ethiopia movement is supported by member organization, embassies and WSSCC
- It complements direct service delivery works by;
 - Creating forums and awareness
 - Stimulating and coordinating action in the WASH sector



IV. Major Activities of WASH Ethiopia

- WASH Ethiopia movement developed its own national logo with the motto of **"Your Health is in Your Hands"**
- The movement has undertaken three campaigns nationally and in all regions so far;
 - Proper Hand Washing at critical times
 - Proper human feces disposal
 - Water quality



IV. Major Activities continued: 2006/2007 Focus on WQ



- The motto of the movement for this year is "Keep Safe Water Safe".
- Raise visibility of importance of water quality monitoring, advocate for increased capacity
- Awareness raising materials prepared in three different languages (Amharic, Oromifa and English (for NGO sector)) and distributed
- The main points addressed during this time are;
 - Preventing water contamination at all levels
 - Treatment of contaminated water by using different methods
 - Reason for advocating for water quality
 - Diseases caused due to un safe water and absence of adequate water



V. Conclusion



- Above all WASH is a call to action, particularly by political leaders, professional bodies, and the private sector who have the power to bring this vision closer, but also by community groups, NGOs and others....
- Without water and sanitation there can be no sustainable development in health, education and livelihoods, locking people into a cycle of poverty and diseases.
- **Your commitment to WASH can make a real difference.**



THANK YOU!!!

