

# **Establishment of Database on Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Private Institutions (PIs) in the Water, Sanitation, Health and Hygiene (WASH) Sector in Ghana**

**Presented by: Stanley Walters Attafi, Team Leader,  
Y-SEF/Innovative Services Ltd**

**25<sup>th</sup> Mole Conference, Ramada Resort (former Cocoa Beach Hotel) Nungua, Accra, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

# Outline of presentation

- Brief historical contribution/role of CSOs/PIs in the WASH sector
- Objective/rationale of developing a database of CSOs/PIs in the WASH sector
- Expected outcome of assignment/impact on sector
- Summary of type of information needed
- Categories of CSOs/PIs
- Field experiences in data collection
- List of CSOs/PIs contacted so far
- Conclusion and Way forward

# **Contribution/role of CSOs/PIs in the WASH sector**

- Community mobilisation/development
- Capacity Building
- Construction/drilling
- Hygiene/Sanitation promotion
- Local governance
- Research/studies
- Knowledge Management

# **Rationale of developing a database of CSOs/PIs in the WASH sector**

- Functions/contributions of GoG institutions and larger/well established CSOs and PIs are better documented and more visible
- Smaller CSOs / PIs' works less visible
- Need for comprehensive assessment to fully understand /position these actors – big or small - to have equal space to participate in all sector programs
- The assessment of CSOs and the private sector will serve as database for the sector information for monitoring and evaluation and also provide input into the preparation of the SWAp for the SSDP.

## **Rationale.....cont.**

- Under the ongoing Sustainable Rural Water and Sanitation Project (SRWSP) a subcomponent will support the establishment of a robust Sector Information System (SIS) to facilitate information sharing, coordination, and to enhance M&E roles among WASH actors.
- The database on CSOs/PIs in the WASH sector is to be integrated into that SIS.

# Objectives

- Ultimate goal - recognize, acknowledge, standardize and coordinate their work for the greater benefit to the WASH sector in Ghana.
- General objective - assessment of existing & future contributions of CSOs & PIs in the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the WASH sector.

# **Expected outcome of assignment/impact on the sector**

- Add to database of knowledge and experiences on their contribution to improve the WASH sector in Ghana
- Understand their challenges and;
- Explore what can be done to improve their effectiveness

# Summary of type of information needed

- Complete list of CSOs/PIs in WASH & related sectors
- Types of WASH facilities/services provided - quantity and quality of products.
- Projects they are working on & location
- Results they have achieved or plan to achieve
- How they work to achieve those results



# Summary of type of information..

- Registration with relevant GoG agencies, DAs
- Existing capacities
- Future roles/responsibilities in line with future sector directions and reforms
- How they can be strengthened to be more effective development partners within the sector in the short and long term
- Their current and future funding sources and opportunities for resource mobilization

# Categories of CSOs and PIs

- CSOs – groups that are organised independently of, and operate outside of, but interact with the state and the market. They are voluntary, non – governmental and not for profit. They include:
  - Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) – Local & International, FBOs, Social Movements, professional organisations, churches, Partner Organisations (POs) and Cooperatives - provision of soft & hard ware services
- PIs include: Companies - contractors, drillers, consultants, etc - provision of soft & hard ware services

# Sources of Information on CSOs & Pls

- National level – “Master Lists”
  - WSMP Directory of players in G WASH sector
- CONIWAS database -
- National/Regional CWSA
- Districts

# Field experiences in the data collection

- It was realized that most of the organisations contacted and surveyed fell into the following categories:
  - Organisations with WASH background and currently active;
  - Organisations with WASH background which operated in some regions/districts but moved out on expiration of project;
  - Organisations with other orientations currently undertaking WASH programs;
  - Organisations with WASH background but inactive for lack of WASH programs/funding.

# Field experiences.....cont.

- Some CSOs/PIs especially the funding-starved ones have expressed strong desire and willingness to partner government, CWSA, donors in bringing WASH programmes and services to the doorsteps of community members.
- Many have potentials that can be tapped, to make this survey and its intended database meaningful.

# Field experiences.....cont.

- Non-responsiveness especially of PIs
- Most of the CSOs/PIs are in Accra
- Most NGOs in WASH are located in the regional capitals
- Some key MMDDAs/organizations could not provide information on a single CSO/PI.

# List of CSOs/PIs contacted so far

Region	Number
Upper East	8
Upper West	7
Northern	16
Brong Ahafo	35
Ashanti	38
Eastern	30
Volta	17
Greater Accra	6
Central	19
Western	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>

# Conculsion

- The database of CSOs & Pls on WASH will be incorporated in Sector Information System to be housed in Ministry Water Resources, Works & Housing.
- The database will be updated on regular bases to ensure that all CSOs & Pls countrywide are captured.



# Way forward

- Still lots of gaps to fill especially from GAR
- Getting the active CSOs/PIs in Accra will be crucial for the update
- Adverts and radio announcements are being planned this November 2014 to mop-up the rest
- If you know of some organizations in the sector, Please let us know;

# **Way forward....cont.**

- If you have not been contacted please let us know -
- Contact details
  1. Mr. Ernest Doe, CWSA - (020 2097882).
  2. Mr. Cephas J. Donkor – Innovative Services/Y-SEF - (020 813 6413)

**Thank you very much for your understanding  
and cooperation !!!**

**Questions???**