Rural Sanitation Operational Research

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Why Operational Research

Joint sectoral focus on answering the key research questions

Action research intended to guide implementation

Questions raised on appropriateness of zero-subsidies to households

Collective investigation into effective actions
Research Focus

- Baseline Assessment
- Enabling Environment/Local Government
- 2016/17 Research Focus on CLTS
- Annual Assessment
- Enabling Environment/Local Government
- 2017/18 Research Focus on Sanitation Marketing
- Annual Assessment
- Enabling Environment/Local Government
- 2018/19 Research Focus on Sustainability
- Annual Assessment
- Enabling Environment/Local Government
- 2019 Final Assessment of EE/LG and Project Results
Results to Measure

Sanitation enterprises are actively selling products to householders

% of households using an improved latrine at the household level

District declared ODF

% of households with HWWS facility at the household

Results are sustained over research period

Households have sanitation financing options
Research Questions

How effectively have past rural sanitation approaches achieved their intended outcomes?

How can CLTS be made more effective? What are the critical components to success?

To what extent does an improved enabling environment lead to achievement of rural sanitation results?

How best can sanitation marketing and associated household financing mechanisms be optimized to the Ghanaian context?

Is local government enabled to fulfil role and complete assigned tasks?

How sustainable are achieved results?
Who?

Oxford Policy Management (OPM)
Maple Consult
IRC
Working under NTWGS steering committee
**What?**

Bottleneck Analysis in all six districts (with focus on enabling environment/local government factors)

Monthly Review of all CLTS data from GoG/UNICEF project database (not just six target districts)

In-depth FGDs with communities in six target districts

Recommendations for alterations to implementation to be incorporated into programming

Increased technical support; development of key documentation

Two years of research agreed to date
Where are we now?

Completed inception activities (inception workshop/report, methodology report, literature review)

Bi-lateral discussions on current approaches to develop (final publication pending)

Completed six regional enabling environment workshops in six research target districts (draft report submitted)

Completed FGDs with communities in six districts (report pending)

Review of monthly data on GoG-UNICEF project implementation

First quarterly report submitted
What next?

Finalisation of research reports and briefing notes

NLLAP session to be held in Tamale

Side event at CLTS Stocktaking Forum

Recommendations following year 1 of research to be published

GoG-UNICEF to adopt agreed recommendations and technical support provided in implementation of them

Continued programme monitoring
Involvement

Please contact UNICEF/GoG/Researchers if you have interesting cases to present.

Research should be bringing in collective experience of the sector.

Potential still to be involved in year 2 of research.
Questions?