

Setting targets and target dates under the Protocol on Water and Health in Moldova

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General notes



- Still persist big discrepancies between rural and urban populations on access to improved DWS: 55% of the general population, 93% in urban and 27% in rural;
- ❖ Access to improved sanitation - 53%: 81% in urban and 35% in rural
- ❖ Unsustainable management of water resources, water and sanitation facilities
- ❖ 61% of schoolchildren are exposed to major and moderate risk related to high level of nitrates, fluoride, boron and microbial pollution in DW,
- ❖ Burden of WRD is still significant, in 2009-2010 almost doubled incidence on diarrheal disease, prevalence of dental fluorosis among children is 15%, incidence on VHA decreased from 200 cases/100.000 population in 2003 to 1 case in 2009

Setting target process



- Under the frame of the Project Facilitation Mechanism supported by Switzerland, managed by UNECE, Moldova had implement during September 2009-October 2010 a project on setting national targets and target dates for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health.
- Established Steering Group from 17 representatives from all relevant sectors by common order (nr.17/115 /19.02.2010) of ministers of Health and Environment, also approved responsibilities of SG.
- Additionally, created an Expert Group and 2 WG (1 in each sector) for drafting targets.

Setting target process 2



1. Broad consultations between health, environment, water management authorities and civil society.
2. Detailed assessment of current situation and gap analysis, an dissemination to the participants and public.
3. Organized 3 National Workshops:
 - Initial, in January 2010-presented: project description, roles and responsibilities, experience of Hungary and target development based on WHO Guidelines for setting targets.
 - Intermediary, in May 2010-presented: developed draft targets for 10 target groups and process in Ukraine.
 - Final, in September 2010: 2010-presented: developed draft targets and target dates for all 20 target groups, measures to be implemented to achieve targets

Setting target process 3



- 3 Regional Workshops with NGOs, where discussed : Goal and objectives of the Protocol on Water and Health, project results and draft targets and target dates
- 7 Expert group meetings, at last meeting in September agreed on final list an version of targets, totally established 35 targets for 20 target groups.
- For each target were proposed concrete measures, with nomination of responsible authorities, timetable and budget resources

Setting target process 4



- Project results - base analysis and developed targets and target dates presented and backed at Sector Council Meeting on Water and Sanitation, chaired by the Minister of Environment of Moldova in September 2010.
- After consultations with all participants at the process, the List of National targets and target dates approved by common order (No. 91/704 /20.10.2010) of ministers of Environment and Health, disseminated to all actors
- Mentioned order prolonged the mandate of the Steering Committee and request that designed measures to implement targets and target dates will be incorporated in the new NEHAP draft and be approved by Government.

Next actions to be implemented



- To develop and approve new NEHAP with special chapter on implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health
- To develop an appropriate legal base – the new Water Law and continue implementation of advanced management practices,
- To apply for investments in water and sanitation sector - to achieve targets and target dates Moldova needs to invest huge funds till 2025- in infrastructure, treatment technologies and capacity building
- Many thanks to UNECE, Switzerland and other Parties who support Moldova in Protocol implementation.