Gender Mainstreaming in SIDA Waster Water Project Activities

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Outline

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“Wastewater is not about water, it is about people. And it is about water only as far as water can serve the needs of people (poor women and men)” paraphrased from forestry sector 1967.

Waste water project for gendered outcomes - impact
Sex is what you're born with, gender is what you're given.
Sex Disaggregated Data Collection

- Sex disaggregated data collection and analysis
- Qualitative case studies – gender labour demand implications
- Role of men, women, children and old people
- Roles and responsibilities in REUSE
- Mapping gendered costs and benefits
- 30% Target beneficiaries as women
- Voice of women within – power dynamics
Gender Awareness by Project Team

• Demystify gender – more informed team – ‘they don’t get it’ – how do we engage?
• Partners/Implementers are gender sensitive “Gender (charity) begins at home
• ‘Business as unusual mode’
• Nothing about women without women
Participatory Approach

- Participatory - implementing partners must consult with women and involve them in needs assessments, decision making and planning of initiatives,
- as well as in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects
Learning Alliances and Policy Dialogues

- Gendered participation – men and women
- Women participating – roles and responsibilities
- Access and control
- Participatory approach – enable all voices to be heard
- Communicating messages accessible to women
Gender Capacity Development

- Inception activity is the first step
- Exploring options for gender training – may be linked to other planned workshops
- Target of 30% of workshop participants female
- Stakeholder (local level) meetings for model selection to include women as well as female facilitators
- Map out different outcomes - gendered
Project Outputs

- Source Books – gender inclusion
- Local wastewater Treatment and reuse plans – gender consideration
- National plans for expansion of wastewater treatment and reuse – gender inclusion
- Stakeholders capacity for safe reuse of wastewater strengthened in MENA – gender inclusion
Conclusion

- Gender should not be seen as meeting the donor requirements – it's about good development
- Good gender activities – will positively reflect in development outcomes
- Two-pronged approach strategic and gender mainstreaming should be central to the project – positive outcomes and impact (stone cutter)
- Gender mainstreaming has to be well resourced (everyone’s business no one's responsibility).
Merci, Thank you