



Independent Monitoring and Oversight of Sanitation and Hygiene Programme, Zambia

General Points

The text below is a summary of a consultancy assignment that was completed for DFID Zambia between October 2012 and June 2014 by a consultant commissioned through the Evidence on Demand Framework Agreement.

Background

DFID Zambia is providing funds for a £19 million Sanitation and Hygiene Programme being implemented by UNICEF. This highly ambitious programme aims to ensure that three million additional rural Zambians are utilising improved sanitation and hygiene behaviours by 2015 through the following components:

- Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and legal enforcement to reach ODF status;
- Sanitation marketing to support improvement of latrines;
- A national behaviour change campaign;
- School sanitation;
- Monitoring and evaluation.

UNICEF has worldwide expertise with addressing sanitation and hygiene issues, and its programme in Zambia is the largest UNICEF sanitation programme in Africa. DFID Zambia has recognised that strong and independent monitoring and oversight will be key to the programme's success.

Consultancy

The focus of this consultancy assignment was to provide independent monitoring and technical oversight at all levels, from planning, management and coordination in Lusaka to implementation at local level.

The consultant was responsible for:

- Ongoing monitoring of programme implementation (through regular meetings with UNICEF and other key stakeholders);
- Ensuring (with Government of Zambia (GRZ)) that the programme is aligned to the National Rural Water and Sanitation programme and supporting government capacity to ensure sustainability;
- Ensuring that that programme is implemented in accordance with the Paris principles;
- Writing annual reviews and advising and providing comments on the logical framework;
- Providing technical support (additional analyses) as required by UNICEF and DFID;
- Ensuring gender, environmental and equity considerations are taken into account in all aspects of the programme.

The consultant prepared monthly monitoring reports which outlined:

- A summary of the learned evaluations;
- A description of monitoring activities carried out;
- A description of progress towards the outputs and outcome;
- A summary of problems encountered, risks forecast and recommendations;
- Guidance and decisions (identified with indicative target dates for action and responsible person);
- Proposed activities for the following month

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