ACTIVE WATER MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Outcome indicator

Indicator Phrasing

INDICATOR PHRASING: % of Water Management Groups trained that are still active at least 6 months after training

What is its purpose?

The indicator shows the extent to which the trained Water Management Groups actively fulfil their responsibilities – a crucial precondition for ensuring the local water sources' sustainability.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

1) **Define what a Water Management Group needs to do to be considered "active"**. For example, this might include:

  - Holding regular meetings with group members;

  - Regularly collecting money from water users based on a standardised tariff that is calculated based on cost-recovery of operation and maintenance;

  - Ensuring relevant and up to date records of income and expenditures;

  - Having functioning cooperation with an authority/ company which can ensure repair of the water source;

  - Undertaking routine maintenance (i.e. not just waiting for the system to go wrong)

  - Arranging repairs to the water source within a certain time period;

  - Maintaining sufficient income to cover standard operation and maintenance costs; and

  - Other functions as defined by the group's internal rules.

2) **Set the minimum number of the core functions** that need to be performed in order for the indicator to be met (for example, at least 5 out of 7 main functions / activities). Consider whether not meeting certain most crucial functions (for example, arranging repairs on time) should automatically lead to marking the group as "not active".

3) **Assess** (through interviewing the group members and key informants, reviewing records, observation, etc.) whether the Water Management Group performs the key functions / activities. The assessment should take place **at least 6 months after the group received relevant training** (and possibly other related support).

4) **Conclude** whether the Water Management Group performs the minimum number of the core functions / activities.

5) To **calculate the indicator's value**, divide the number of trained Water Management Groups performing at least the minimum number (or type) of the core functions by the total number of surveyed groups that were trained. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.

Disaggregate by

Disaggregate the data by the type of water system the WMG manages and by the WMG's location (e.g. close / far from a major town).