

GoAL WaSH Annual report – Summary Sheet – Aprox 1 page

Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014

Reported by: Alisa Grabus, UNDP Energy and Environment Sector Associate

Introduction

By the end of 2014, Government meets requirements of EU accession process and multi-lateral environment agreements (MEA), adopts environment as a crosscutting issue for participatory development planning in all sectors and at all levels, strengthens environmental management to protect natural and cultural resources and mitigate environmental threats.

The aim is to provide technical assistance to B&H government in order to establish legislative and institutional framework for the water and sanitation sector. The project will address answers to the delegated problems through a specific assessment giving current situation analyses of the legislation and institution framework in WatSan Sector and giving possible scenarios for establishment of regulatory framework. Project will coordinate discussions on appropriate scenarios and provide technical assistance related to preparation of necessary legislative and organizational framework.

Progress during 2014

Planned Activities

- Finalise assessment on establishment of regulatory framework on water and sanitation tariff settings
- Develop action plan for implementation of recommendations
- Prepare the methodology for setting water supply and wastewater tariffs
- Prepare study on the best administrative positioning of intended Legal Bodies for Tariffs Evaluation and compliance with the prescribed methodology

Outputs

- Finalization of assessment on establishment of regulatory framework on water and sanitation tariff settings
- Prepared the methodology for setting water supply and wastewater tariffs
- Prepared study on the best administrative positioning of intended Legal Bodies for Tariffs Evaluation and compliance with the prescribed methodology

Progress:

- Finalised assessment on establishment of regulatory framework on water and sanitation tariff settings
- Developed action plan for implementation of recommendations
- Hired experts for preparation of the methodology for setting water supply and wastewater tariffs and study on the best administrative positioning of intended Legal Bodies for Tariffs Evaluation and compliance with the prescribed methodology
- Presented the project in wider audience through collaboration with Aquasan network, World Bank's Danube Water Project and EU Delegation Project "Strengthening of capacities in water sector in B&H"

Outputs: None this year.

Impact & Change stories: N/a

Synergies: Aquasan network, World Bank's Danube Water Project and EU Delegation Project "Strengthening of capacities in water sector in B&H"

Gaps & Constraints:

Funds for second phase transferred late so the final stage of the project could not be reached, complicated political situation and floods that affected BIH slowed down regular activities because focus of interventions are directed to flood affected areas.

Financial Information:

Budget 60000USD, Expenditure 36000 USD, 24000USD to be transferred to 2015 (no cost extension to be requested)

Conclusion and Way forward

Conclusion: The project was supposed to be finalized this year but the final output was not achieved. Floods in B&H in May this year influenced that focus of activities of international community and national authorities was primarily put on that situation. In relation to our project this meant less availability of counterparts to discuss and prepare involvement of consultants. The delay of ASL caused late engagement of key experts so the remaining 3,5 months simply were not sufficient to come to final product especially in the situation of B&H complex political set up, in which we need to counterproof every finding and proposal in our documents.

Hence, the no cost extension will be requested in order to finalize all activities that will also be in accordance to the situation, needs and expectations of national stakeholders.

Way forward:

The plan for 2015 is to finalize methodology and study as mentioned above, including incorporation of comments and suggestions from national stakeholders and also others working on the same subject such as EU Delegation Project "Strengthening of capacities in water sector in B&H". In order to do so the best possible way there will be at least one workshop organized, with possibility to have joint workshops with World Bank's "Danube Water Project" when it comes to the benchmarking, and EU Delegation Project "Strengthening of capacities in water sector in B&H", when it comes to tariffs setting.

At the end Document Regulatory Framework will be printed and distributed to the targeted audience and published on UNDP's website.