

Evaluation of water, sanitation and environment programmes in Uganda, 1990-2017

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Phasing of the Evaluation

Milestones	Timing
Inception phase (incl. Inception Mission to Uganda in late Feb. 2018)	February - March 2018
Field study phase	April 2018
Analysis and reporting	May – June 2018
Draft Evaluation Report	June 2018
Final Evaluation Report	July - August 2018
Presentation event in Uganda	TBD

Evaluation objectives

- To document **changes, impact and achievements** that have taken place in the sub-sectors over the past 25 years in Uganda, both in terms of results and in terms of “drivers” (causalities)
- To analyse **the value added from Danida support** to the sub-sectors, including the effectiveness and impact of the evolving and changing partnerships with key public and private sector stakeholders
- To extract **Lessons Learned** of relevance for improved sector performance in the context of the SDGs

Danida supported interventions (3 phases)

- **Area-based approach (RUWASA and Eastern Centers, 1990-2002):** An integrated rural water supply, sanitation, and hygiene education project (Eastern Region). Focus on community mobilization, community based O&M, low-cost water supply technologies, District implementation
- **Sector-Wide Approach (SWAp, 1997-2008):** Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), output-based budgeting, sector-wide planning, technical assistance and basket funding, national level - shift from implementation to policy level support
- **Joint donor programming (2008-2018):** 2 joint on-budget funding mechanisms: the JPF and Sector Budget Support (SBS). 2 complimentary off-budget mechanisms for programme management support and provision of in kind TA. Introduction of environment/CC.

Focus areas for the evaluation

- Changes and performance within 4 sub-sectors (Rural Water Supply, Sanitation, Water Resource Management, Environment/Climate Change)
- Synergies and cross-sector issues
- Institutional and Capacity Development
- Cross-cutting themes (gender, HRBA, governance issues)
- Aid delivery mechanisms and partnerships
- Working modalities (TA, CSOs etc.)
- Sustainability aspects

Evaluation methodology and approach

- Comprehensive document review
- 2 missions to Uganda (inception and field mission)
- Key stakeholder meetings/interviews (GoU, DPs, CSOs, private sector actors, researchers/academics etc.)
- Focus group discussions/community walks (community members)
- Field visit to Eastern Region (3 districts, 6-8 communities in each district, diff. water sources)
- Data analysis (sector performance, household and census data)

Evaluation observations (1)

- **RUWASA was instrumental** – introduced completely new integrated approach for RWSS, with focus on social issues. *Has RUWASA contributed to particular changes/developments within supported communities?*
- **TSUs** have become an institutional tier between central and local government. *How have the role and functions of the TSUs developed over time?*
- **Policies/guidelines/standards** (developed during RUWASA) still guide RWS interventions. *Have any important elements from RUWASA gone lost over time?*
- **The Directorate for WRM** has been significantly upgraded through a combination of long-term technical/institutional reform support, use of a holistic approach and targeted TA. *How does this position the Directorate in view of its current and future responsibilities?*
- **The CCD established** and CC policies and guidelines developed. *To what extent are these implemented and CC mainstreamed across sub-sectors?*

Evaluation observations (2)

- **New innovative approaches for Capacity Development** have been introduced (e.g. the one year Graduate Training). *What kind of impact can be observed from these CD interventions?*
- **Gender** strategies, policies and guidelines have been developed. *To what extent has these been implemented and gender issues mainstreamed across sub-sectors?*
- **The aid modality has shifted** from project to programme – and back to project again. *How is this affecting the effectiveness of the sub-sector support?*
- **Danida support is appreciated** for its focus on long-term relationships and use of holistic and flexible approaches. *How has this allowed for demonstration and uptake of new practices within the sub-sectors?*
- **Financial management and arrangements** are of concern. *What are the lessons learned?*
- **Financial sustainability** may become a challenge. *What are the ways forward?*

Thank You!