

### Existing<sup>1</sup> Good Practice Case 5:

#### Information Sharing between District and Sub-county

##### Background

The indigenous Madi people inhabit Adjumani district in West Nile region of Uganda.

For the two Sub-counties of Ciforo and Dzaipi, the coverage of WASH facilities is given in the tables below.

Table 1: Coverage percentage of WASH facilities in Dzaipi

DZAIPI	Coverage [%]
Improved water supply	70
Latrine coverage	65
Hand washing facility	24

Table 2: Coverage percentage of WASH facilities in Ciforo

CIFORO	Coverage [%]
Improved water supply	87
Latrine coverage	58
Hand washing facility	25

##### Information sharing

At the end of each financial year, ministries release the indicative planning figures (IPF) for the next financial year at the budget conference, which is held at regional level. The budget conference is attended by various district heads both administrative and political representatives.

This information is later communicated through official letters from the Chief Administrative Officers/ Planning Authority to the Sub-county authorities. The sub-county displays this information on its notice boards and also files copies of these communications at the sub-county offices.

The sub-counties invite technical staff from the district (planning unit) for their budget conference to share general information, including on WASH, their mid-term performance and the review of priorities for the coming financial year.

Sub-counties through the departmental heads collect WASH data on a quarterly basis during the financial year. This information is compiled for various parishes and then forwarded to the district.

Data collection tools used at Sub-county include checklists, reports from Water User Committees and household interviews.

##### Success factors

The Ministry of Water and Environment issues policies on WASH annually and these are made available to all districts. The districts take responsibility to share this information with Sub-counties respectively.

Sub-counties inform the district of WASH activities through the office of the Sub-county Chief.

Sub-counties have a mandate to submit approved and duly signed copies of annual work plans and budgets to the districts. These are regularly shared.

##### Challenges with information sharing on WASH

- Districts and Sub-counties do not allocate local revenue to promote WASH activities in the schools. There has been no directive issued to this effect although, both the district and the Sub-counties have the mandate of allocating funds for improving WASH facilities at schools.
- Health Assistants are shared between Sub-counties which leads to over load of their work and responsibilities, and resulting in a low efficiency.
- There is a limited or no financial allocation for effective data update from Sub-counties on WASH. Therefore the information reported is not comprehensive.
- There is delayed response on emergency issues of WASH facilities at primary schools by the DEO.
- The district has not regularly shared copies of their investment plans and budgets with the Sub-counties as far as WASH activities are concerned.

##### Lessons learnt

There is need for appropriate channels to have communication effectively flow between the communities through Sub-county to the districts.

The number of challenges indicates that – although reported as a good practice by the district staff – there is a lot to improve.

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