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Success Stories in Mobilizing Participatory Approaches in The South Mediterranean Countries

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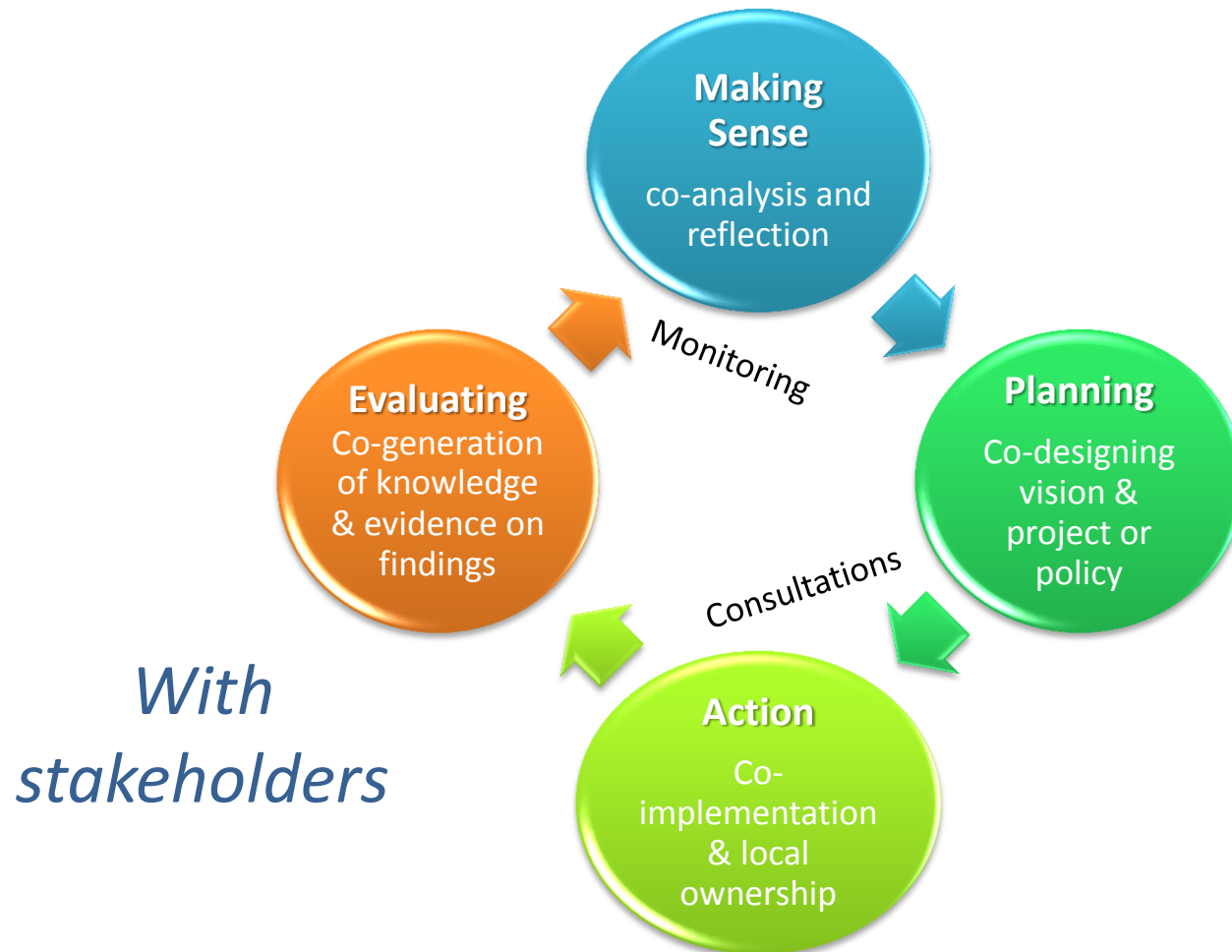
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Outline

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ The PLA Approach
- ✓ 1st Case Study from Egypt
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- ✓ Group Exercise & Discussion

Participatory Learning and Action (PLA)



CASE STUDY (1): POPULAR WATER DIPLOMACY



Egypt National Discourse Forum (Eg-NDF)

The Egyptian section as part of the Nile Basin
Discourse (NBD) based in Entebbe

Commenced activities in 2001 and gained legal status
under the Egyptian Law

It has about 61 members who are linked to 17 Local
Discourse Forums (LDFs)

Focuses on research, advocacy, dialogue,
and capacity building



NBD

Eg-NDF

LDFs

In 17
governorates

- 1. a) Local seminars, dialogues, and consultations with local stakeholders and decision-makers**
- b) Local communities-led awareness and advocacy campaigns**



3. Participatory inclusive water governance beginning with awareness and capacity building in schools





4. Engaging Academia/Parliamentarians/CSOs/Media/Local Communities: Confidence- building, and Exchange Visits

"Popular Water Diplomacy"






CASE STUDY (2): Regional Mechanism for Improved Monitoring and Reporting on Access to Water Supply and Sanitation Services in the Arab Region (MDG+ Initiative)



Basis of the Project

The project (2010) aimed to establish and institutionalize a regional mechanism for monitoring and reporting on access to water supply and sanitation services in the Arab countries. Led by ESCWA in cooperation with LAS, ACWUA, RAED, AWC and CEDARE

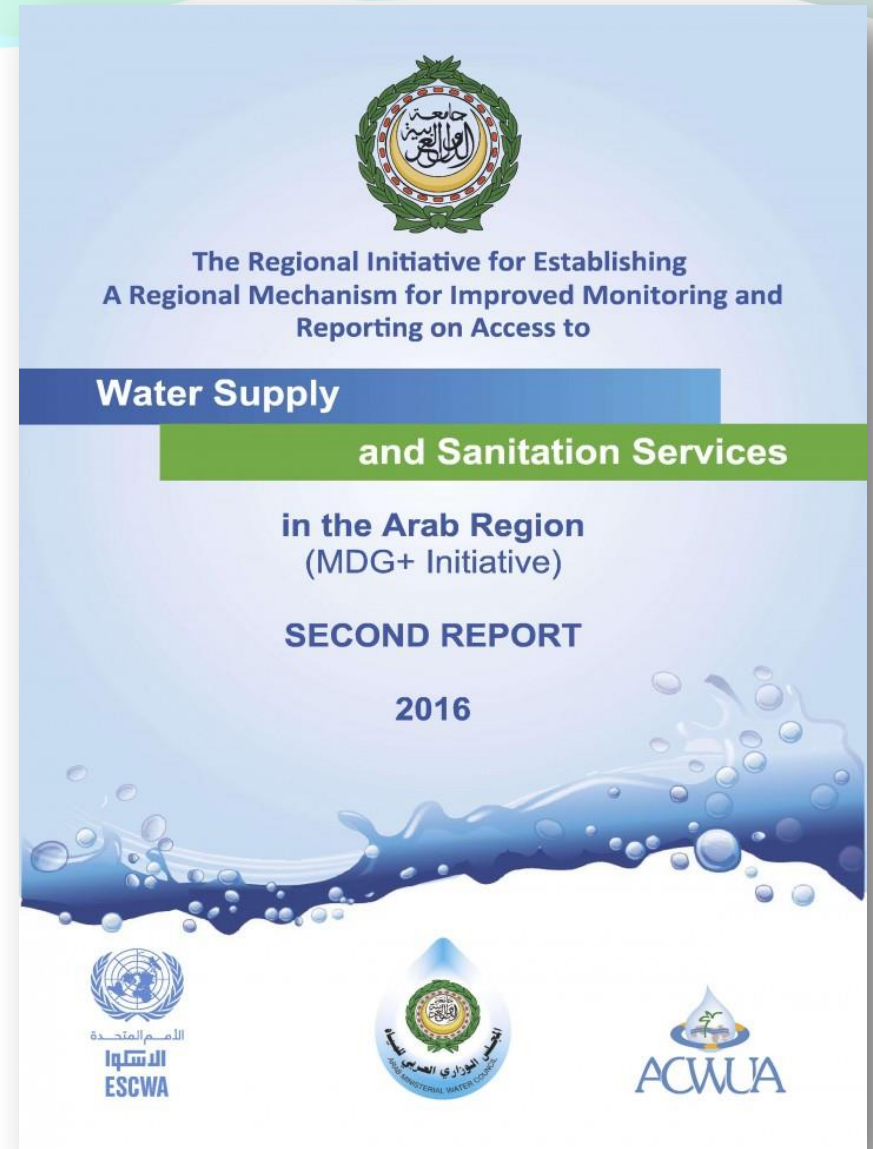


The project is based on the MDG+ Initiative framework which includes indicators that measure water consumption, drinking water quality, accessibility, affordability, and continuity of supply, as well as sanitation-related indicators related to accessibility, affordability, wastewater treatment, wastewater type of treatment and wastewater reuse.

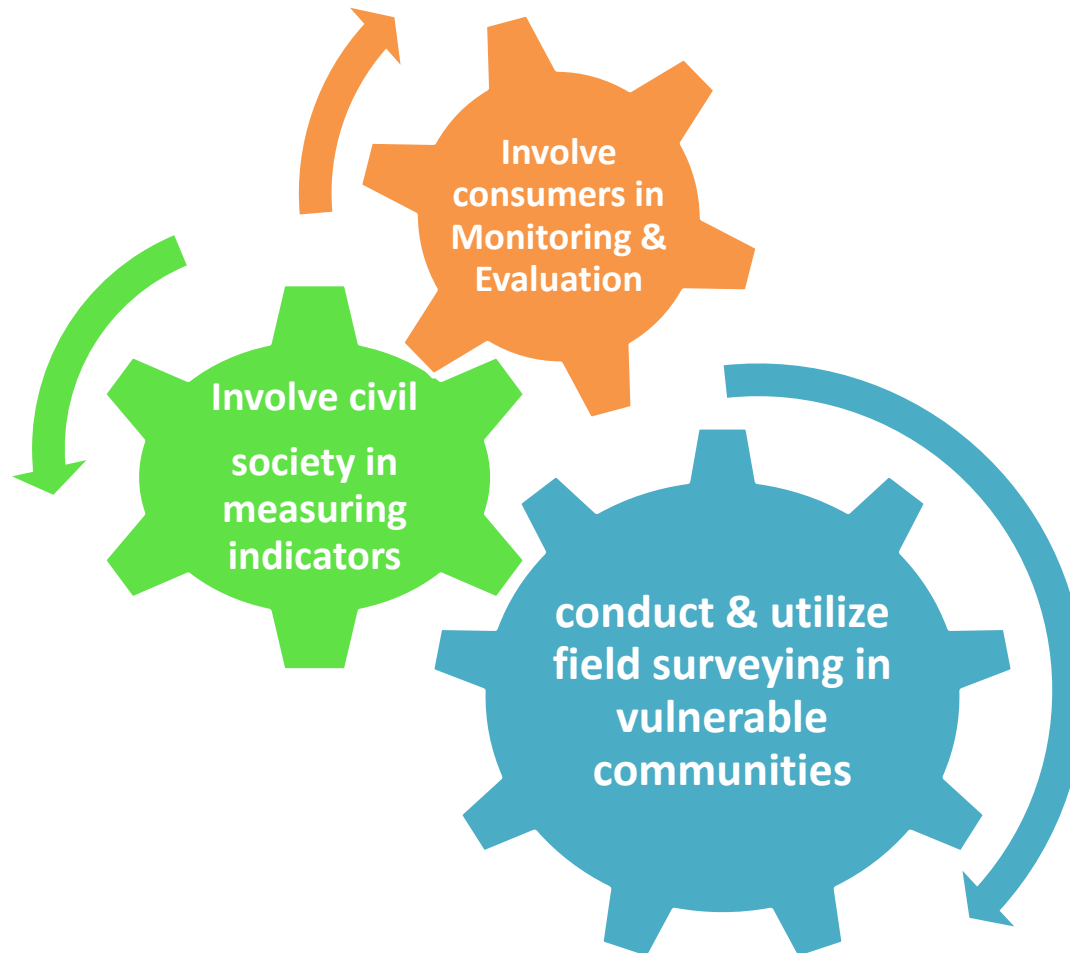


Developing a knowledge platform that provides reliable data, information and analysis regarding the quantity and quality of access to water supply and sanitation services; based on a set of regionally approved indicators, a harmonized methodology and data collected and vetted by National Monitoring Teams.

The Annual Report for 2016 covers indicators for 18 Arab countries including: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, and Tunisia and comes after SDGS adoption. The regional experience gained through the MDG+ Initiative in participatory data collection and reporting on the water-related indicators informed Arab preparation and follow-up on the water and sanitation related SDGs.



The Participatory Process of the MDG+ Initiative



PLA example

RAED implemented 8 Consumer Field Surveys on 2 phases in coordination with ESCWA, ACWUA, and regional partners in more than 20 areas across 8 different Arab countries (Mauritania, Sudan, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, Iraq, Syria) with a more than 7,500 surveyed households over the 2 phases

Focused on rural, remote and peri-urban villages where piped water infrastructure was limited or unavailable



Field Surveying in Palestine



Water Supply and Sanitation in Jordan



Water Supply and Sanitation in Lebanon



Water Supply and Sanitation in Syria



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Results

- ❖ Showed the actual water needs and vulnerabilities
- ❖ Showed they possessed little to no information on water tanks, water bills, difference between drinkable and undrinkable water
- ❖ Gained valuable information such as gender & cultural challenges
- ❖ Lack of cooperation due to perceiving the researchers as government employees, exaggeration due to thinking this relates to the services offered after the survey
- ❖ showed the absence of equitable distribution of water even in one town due to the geographical nature of some areas (low and high areas)
- ❖ Surveys were crucial in raising awareness and building the capacities of civil society & youth & their role in supporting women & increasing community participation



Lessons Learned

- The importance of involving civil society in the monitoring and reporting of priority issues for the people. The surveys proved the ability of civil society to communicate with the local communities to understand the actual realities at the local level
- The importance of involving the local community and building its knowledge capacity
- Building the capacity of local young researchers (men and women) in the field of field research and dealing with the people
- The importance of scientific field research in the planning of pressing issues
- Ensuring that researchers are selected from the same selected areas/villages for ease of movement and to ensure that the people cooperate in providing them with the necessary information
- The importance of organizations' coordination with all governmental and municipal authorities and national focal points to facilitate their mission and obtain the necessary approvals for conducting surveys.

Group Exercise

- Why do you think there is a gap between research (knowledge) and action (development) in water sector?
- What is “participation” to you?
- What examples of participatory approaches can you give from your countries/institutions?





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