

Action points from previous meeting

City Royale

Objectives

- To update the participants on the implementation status of the umbrella organization concept in Uganda and the emerging issues.
- To identify the existing strengths and opportunities for implementing the umbrella concept including scaling up to other areas of the Country.
- To prepare the Executive committees and chairpersons to take up their roles and responsibilities in the management of the Umbrella Organizations.
- To formulate strategies for sustaining operations of the umbrella organizations, including the development of regional Operation & Maintenance capacities.

Action Points

- Need clear role definition for the supporting partners (MWE, NETWAS (U) and the Project Coordinator (Austria)).
- Work out modalities for funds transfer to make implementation of planned activities more efficient and coordinated.
- Improve the communication through phones, emails, website and follow up.
- Develop a plan of activities for the next steps including the time frames, location and responsible persons.

Action points

- Ensure regular communication between NETWAS (U), MWE and Thomus /Andrea through skype.
- Review the planned activities and budget to assess how much money has been spent and how much is left.
- Enter into a formal engagement of NETWAS (U) and identify activities to be done.
- Chairpersons and managers of Umbrella organizations to meet on a quarterly basis.
- There is need to standardize the implementation modalities for umbrella organizations.

Action points

- Executive committee meetings to be rotational. The Executives are the governing bodies of the Umbrella organizations.
- Need to strengthen capacity of umbrella organizations to be able to provide services to the people.
- Participants expressed a need to clearly explain the roles of each supporting partner. This was echoed by everyone at the workshop especially since NETWAS is a new partner and they were not sure what role it was playing.

Action Points

- Need to incorporate SWU approach and way of doing things into the project activities identified accordingly
- All umbrellas should come up with work plans and share with the coordinator who will share with the coordinating consultant.
- Operators shall work as per the contracts
- Compliance reports on water quality will be required.

Action Points

- The need to address the weak relationship between the umbrella organization and the private operator. Normally the operators are unwilling to provide reports to the umbrella organization.
- The need to establish regional laboratories, which MWE will take up.
- A draft operator manual is in place.
- Training manuals and selection guidelines for water and sanitation management structures are available.
- There is need to discuss the development of guidelines for WSSP.