**WASH CLUSTER COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN - REVISED ON 26th MARCH 2020**

**Overall Cluster Objective**

The overall objective of the WASH cluster program is to contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality caused by Coronavirus by providing timely and appropriate preventive and response WASH services / activities in districts that are affected by and are at risk of Corona outbreak.

**Specific Objectives**

1. To provide of safe water supply in adequate quantities to affected population in Emergency Treatment Units and other transit centres, hot spots and surrounding communities
2. To provide gender responsive sanitation and for hygiene facilities in emergency treatment units and other transit centres for Corona affected populations
3. To promote hand washing with soap in collaboration with C4D firms, departments, units etc
4. To ensure a coordinated WASH response to the Corona virus outbreak with other service providers at national, district and subdistrict levels – particularly with our health colleagues to avoid duplication of effort; contradictions and for leveraging of use of resources,
5. To ensure effective Information management and sharing about the WASH response to the Corona outbreak.
6. To preposition adequate Health and WASH supplies to respond to perceived outbreaks of Coronavirus.

**Target population**

The WASH cluster will target a population of up to 30,000 people and a case load of 10,000 people with WASH services for both preparedness and response the preventing the spread of coronavirus outbreak.

**Covid-19 risks to the cluster**

The following are the risks associate with the WASH cluster

1. The greatest risk is limited resources to prevent huge number of people being affected
2. Other risks include lack of proper and adequate protection of health and other frontline workers involved in promoting WASH
3. High illiteracy, poverty and mere naivety that goes with these; preventing uptake of WASH related messages.

**Risk communication and community engagement**

Community mobilisation for the cluster to reach out and engage the target population will be done through the following

1. Engaging District WASH and Health teams in WAS service delivery
2. Working with Community leaders, Religious and Councillors at TA and village levels
3. Conducting Mass Hygiene Campaigns in collaboration with C4D partners

**Covid-19 Emergency Preparedness and Capacity-Building Activities**

Outline the cluster Covid-19 preparedness activities in table form as below

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Activities** | **Responsible Agencies** | **When** | **Budget ($)** |
| **Total** | **Available** | **Gap** |
|  | Mobilisation of resources | WASH IP’s, Government | now | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | Assessment of WASH needs in ETU’s and other transit centre | WASH IP’s, Government | now | 10,000.00 | 500.00 | 9,500.00 |
|  | Procurement and prepositioning of emergency WASH supplies | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 400,000 | 68,458  | 331,542 |
|  | Development of WASH related Corona Virus related messages, | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 150,000 | 5,000.00 | 145,000 |
|  | Printing of relevant IEC materials on WASH | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 120,000 | 2,000.00 | 118,000 |
|  | **Total Budget for Preparedness and Capacity Building)** |  |  | **680,000**  | **75,958**  | **604,042**  |

**Covid-19 Spread Control activities**

Outline activities the cluster will implement to prevent the spread of Covid-19

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|  | **Activities** | **Responsible Agencies** | **When** | **Budget ($)** |
| **Total** | **Available** | **Gap** |
|  | Construction of up to 50 new water schemes in ETU’s and other transit centres | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 3,250,000 | 200,000  | 3,050,000  |
|  | Repair / rehabilitation or /and extension of up to 30 existing water points and schemes | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 900,000 | 60,000  | 840,000  |
|  | Construction and decommissioning of toilets / latrines in ETU, and other transit centre (12 sites) | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 975,000 | 80,000.00 | 895,000  |
|  | Provision of hand washing facilities in ETU’s other transit centres | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 240,000 | 2,000.00 | 238,000  |
|  | Conducting hand washing campaigns in communities and on TV, Radio, print media, etc | WASH IP’s, Government |  | 300,000 | 15,000.00 | 285,000 |
|  | **Total Budget for Spread control** |  |  | **5,665,000** | **357,000**  | **5,308,000**  |

**Covid-19 Response Activities (caseload scenario of 10,000 people affected)**

Outline the cluster Covid-19 Response activities in table form as below

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|  | **Activities** | **Responsible Agencies** | **When** | **Budget ($)** |
| **Total** | **Available** | **Gap** |
|  | Major water trucking to serve affected areas to ensure availability of clean water | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 3,500,000 | 80,000  | 3,420,000  |
|  | Massive dissemination of Hand washing Promotion and Covid-19 prevention messages to communities around ETC's using various Media (extension workers, radio, theatre) | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 920,000 | 5,000.00 | 915,000  |
|  | Installation and Operation of Communal hand washing stations in hot spots areas | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 1,500,000 | 5000 | 1,495,000 |
|  | Blanket Distribution of WASH supplies (buckets, soap, chlorine, etc) | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 1,200,000 | 10,000 | 1,190,000 |
|  | Provision of additional latrines in additional isolation units in areas of hot spots | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 950,000 | 0.0 | 950,000 |
|  | Repair / rehabilitation or /and extension of (additional) existing water supply schemes in hot spot areas (56 schemes) | WASH IP’s, Government | March on wards | 350,000 | 0.0 | 350,000 |
|  | **Total Budget for response** |  |  | **8,420,000** | **100,000** | **8,320,000**  |

**Early Recovery Activities**

Outline the cluster early recovery activities after the Covid-19 in table form as below

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|  | **Activities** | **Responsible Agencies** | **When** | **Budget ($)** |
| **Total** | **Available** | **Gap** |
|  | Provide minimum WASH package for survivors (hygiene kit – 20 litre pails with lead and tap, soap tablet and chlorine) | **WASH IP’s, Government** |  | 200,000 | 20,000 | 180,000  |
|  | Continued promotion of hand washing with soap |  |  | 360,000 | 8,750 | 351,250  |
|  | Construction of 10 Communal Solar powered water systems in hot spot areas (each scheme to serve average of 3,000 people for recovery phase + improvements during ongoing response) | WASH IP’s, Government |  | 650,000 | 0.0 | 650,000 |
|  | Conduct post-mortem of the WASH response to document lessons  | WASH IP’s, Government |  | 100,000 | 8,750 | 91,250  |
|  | **Total Budget for Early Recovery**  |  |  | **1,310,000** | **37,500** | **1,272,500**  |

**Operational Constraints**

Outline the envisaged constraints and how the cluster intend to address those constraints

* Inadequate resources to respond to corona virus outbreak. However, implementing partners will embark upon resource mobilisation efforts.
* The geographical spread of the outbreak may surpass the current capacity of WASH IP’s to respond effectively. However, better coordination, collaboration and leveraging will result into a more effective response.

**Primary Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities**

Outline the cluster stakeholders and their roles and responsibilities

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development as a cluster lead will play a leadership and coordination role assisted by UNICEF who are the cluster co-lead
2. WASH CSO’s will support government in direct implementation of activities
3. Private sector will also be contracted to undertake speedy implementation of some contractual serviced
4. District WASH teams with their frontline workers will monitor and support activities on the ground

**Additional Material and Financial Requirements**

Outline additional resources, if any, the cluster will need to implement its activities

**Collaborative Partners**

List down partners the cluster collaborates with

The Cluster will collaborate with other cluster especially the Health Cluster, the Medea, the private sectors and communities