

Proposal Summary

Promoting affordable and sustainable sanitation services in Freetown

Sub-Saharan Africa - Sierra Leone

Summary

In an effort to provide strategic direction for improvement, the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) in 2008 funded the preparation of a sanitation improvement plan that was prepared by the UK-based consultancy company Atkins in collaboration with the NGO Oxfam. Atkins developed a strategic improvement plan to improve the delivery of sanitation services based on the latest population estimates and existing sanitation services, whereas Oxfam carried out a household-based survey to assess the situation and the level of demand for improvements from local stakeholders. The strategy was well received by the Freetown City Council (FCC) and other stakeholders, but there was little scope for follow up. Also, there is a need to use the recommendations of the improvement plan to initiate concerted action to mobilise resources and improve sanitation service delivery in Freetown.

Objectives

The main objective of the project is to strengthen the Freetown City Council's (FCC) institutional capacity to promote improved sanitation in the city. The funding from Cities Alliance and additional support from IWA and UN-Habitat will provide institutional support to FCC to develop a clear strategic framework and implementation plan for improving public sanitation facilities and servicing of private on-site sanitation the city. The aim is for the city sanitation plan to be fully owned by local government and for local inhabitants to have been fully consulted in the process of plan development. In turn, this will allow the FCC to be responsible and accountable for the implementation of the plan. Building upon the recommendations from the DFID-funded Sanitation Improvement Plan, the plan will ensure that future initiatives are coordinated and will make concrete steps towards securing funding for investments in sanitation. Specific focus will be placed upon developing FCC's capacity to engage more small-scale entrepreneurs to provide sanitation services, which will provide livelihood opportunities and support the local economy as well as meet desired environmental sanitation objectives.

Activities

Component 1: Policy development Component 2. Development of management model and regulatory instruments Component 3. Establishment of business start up facility Component 4. Rehabilitation and improved management of public and communal latrines Component 5. Monitoring, evaluation and communications Component 6. Organisational strengthening Component 7. Regional network

Submission

Submitted by:
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CA Sponsor:
UN-HABITAT

Implementation

Implemented by:
Freetown City Council
(Sierra Leone)
CA Monitor:
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Budget and Time

Request to CA:	\$ 196,300	Duration: 18 months
Co-Financing:	\$ 55,800	
Total Budget:	\$ 252,100	

Expected Impacts

1) Improved servicing of household sanitation. 2) Rehabilitation and improved management of communal/public latrines. 3) Improved environmental health reduced risk of diarrheal disease by households. 4) Increased business opportunities for small-scale service providers and micro-entrepreneurs. 5) Better engagement with city stakeholders and political traction by FCC with the public in Freetown. 6) Improved institutional capacity for monitoring and regulation of private operators. 7) The initiation of a regional network of municipal partnerships focusing on improved city sanitation service delivery.

