

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

PARTNERS FOR WATER AND SANITATION (PAWS)

Expected date of initiation: *First full forum meeting took place in July 2001*

Expected date of completion: *It is expected that the development work with the first group of partner countries will be completed by the end of 2003*

Partners Involved:

The partnership has been formed deliberately to include Governments, civil society, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

Governments: *UK, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda*

Intergovernmental organizations: *None – but may involve working with organisations such as the World Bank.*

Major groups: *Members of the Steering Group are - Anglian Water, Babbie Group, Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management, Institution of Civil Engineers, Northumbrian Water – Ondeo Services, Parkman Group, Severn Trent, Tearfund, Thames Water, WaterAid, WWF,*

Other groups: *Members of the Forum are – BPD, British Water, Game 6, Halcrow, Halliburton, International Technology Development Group, International Water Association, RPS, Water UK, UNISON, WS Atkins, WTI*

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

Our aim is “to contribute to achieving international developments targets relating to poverty reduction through sustainable access to safe water and sanitation”.

We aim to demonstrate, by example, the real value of joint Government, private sector and NGO working. The initiative will work alongside existing water and sanitation programmes in partner countries and seek to match the skills and expertise of UK partners to areas of identified need. The emphasis of partner involvement is on capacity building to ensure the sustainability of

projects and ensure that they can be replicated. Particular areas where capacity building might be required could include corporate or institutional, financial or technical.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

Partners for Water and Sanitation aims to help address the water and sanitation crisis through programme areas D and E in chapter 18 of Agenda 21 and to help reach the Millennium Development Target on water and an equivalent one for sanitation. Our objectives include:

- *Demonstrate effectiveness of multistakeholder engagement*
- *Promote socially and environmentally sustainable services; endorsing principles of good water management*
- *Promote an environment that attracts investment and ensures financial sustainability*
- *Focus to be on secondary towns and peri-urban areas in Africa*
- *Deliver tangible and sustainable benefits that make an acknowledged and verifiable difference at the community level*
- *Promote the strong inter-linkage between water supply and sanitation*
- *Promote best practice and develop guidelines for effective and sustainable tri-sector partnering*

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

- *Capacity building in corporate, institutional, financial and technical areas*
- *Identification and advice on access to funding arrangements*
- *To help to provide improved and sustainable water supply and sanitation for people currently without access or with poor facilities*
- *Provide an example of how multi-sector partnering can work successfully for replication in other countries.*
- *To assemble and disseminate information on the outcomes and lessons learned from partnership working.*

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

- *To hold exploratory talks with each of the selected partner countries by the end of June 2002*
- *Progress on planning engagement with municipalities in two partner countries by the time of the summit and the remaining country by December 2002*
- *Reference documents giving advice on financing arrangements and applications for funding by June 2003*
- *Three projects to be prepared for implementation by December 2003*

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

Partners for Water and Sanitation comprises representatives from UK Government, the private sector (including professional bodies and industry organizations) and civil society organizations (including NGOs and Trade Unions). The partnership is being developed by a Steering Group,

which comprises representatives from each of these three sectors, and is supported by a larger forum of all other partners. These have been responsible for the development of the concept and approach. The Steering Group and Forum are supported by a full time secretariat provided by the UK Government. Development and implementation of the initiative in partner countries will be guided by community involvement and is intended to be demand driven.

Partner country governments will select municipalities that are considered suitable for working with the partnership. Then working groups, in which each sector of the partnership is represented, will work with municipalities and local communities to identify needs and agree on how partnership expertise can be used most effectively.

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

One of the key deliverables of this partnership is intended to be advice on sources of, and access to funding. UK Government has committed resources for a secretariat and set aside funding for UK partners' travel and subsistence costs when involved in partnership activities. In addition, the UK Government is funding local coordinators to support the partnership working groups in partner countries. One of the main contributions made by the initiative will be in making available the skills and expertise of partners.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

Partners for Water and Sanitation will focus on capacity building. It will be for partner countries and local municipalities to advise on specific areas for capacity building. However, it is envisaged that these areas will encompass corporate, institutional, financial and technical capacity.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

It is currently too early to identify how this will be applicable.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

The UK is strongly represented on the expert and core groups developing the EU Water Initiative – Water for Life. The Partnership is also in contact with the World Bank to ensure that involvement in partner countries is complementary to existing programmes.

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of

Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:
(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

- *Provide progress reports to Steering Group and Forum members, and partner countries, at approximately monthly intervals*
- *Post project updates and information on website as required – at least monthly*
- *Publish reports following completion of projects in municipalities in partner countries*

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available): www.partnersforwater.org

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