

# MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

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# **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

CAAC Catchment Area Advisory Committee CBO Community Based Organization

DfiD Department for International Development

FBO Faith Based Organizations
FGD Focus Group Discussions
GTZ German Technical Cooperation
KBC Kenya Broadcasting Corporation

KEWI Kenya Water Institute

KIE Kenya Institute of Education

KWAHO Kenya Water and Health Organization

M & E Monitoring and Evaluation MPs Members of Parliament

MWRMD Ministry of Water Resources Management and Development

NCCK National Christian Council of Kenya

NEMA National Environmental Management of Authority NETWAS Network for Water and Sanitation International

NGOs Nongovernmental Organization

NWCPC National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation

PPIAF Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility

RAS Rapid Assessment Survey

SIDA Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

TB Tuberculosis

UNDP United Nations Development Program

UNICEF United Nations Education and Scientific Organization
UNICEF United Nations International Children's Educational Fund

WRM Water Resources Management

WRMA Water Resources Management Authority
WRUA Water Resource Users Association

WSB Water Services Boards WSP Water Service Providers

WSP-AF Water and Sanitation Program - Africa

WSR Water Sector Reforms

WSRB Water Services Regulatory Board
WSRP Water Sector Reform Program
WSRS Water Sector Reform Secretariat
WSS Water and Sewerage Services
WSTF Water Services Trust Fund

# INTRODUCTION

Kenya's water sector is currently undertaking reforms aimed at improving water resources management and the provision of water and sanitation services on a sustainable basis. The reforms are enshrined in the Water Act 2002 and the process is being steered by the Ministry of Water Resources Management and Development (MWRMD).

The reforms are the single biggest change in the water sector since independence and have far reaching implications on the management of water resources and services provision in the country. The inclination for many citizens to regard water as a God given resource and limited information on the country's water scarce situation are among the issues which pose serious challenges in the implementation of the reform and provision of services on a sustainable basis.

The success of this and other reform programs is reliant on their being understood and supported by key stakeholders. This necessitates the establishment of mechanisms to ensure political and social support. The National Water Sector Reform Communication Strategy provides the broad framework that guides communication on the reform. It identifies key audiences and issues that need to be addressed to build the prerequisite understanding and support for the reform. The first step in evolving the strategy was to conduct desk research to ensure that all key issues would be taken into consideration. This involved reviewing key documents and case studies, and interviewing 3,000 Kenyan consumers in all eight province to identify knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding water. In addition, in-depth interviews were conducted countrywide with the leadership of the full range of sector organizations.

Key issues identified in the situation analysis and which the strategy builds on include:

- Consumers have a high understanding that water is a key priority issue even though many people may not understand the direct link adequate water and sanitation has to health and economic development
- Low levels of awareness and misconceptions about the perception of the meaning of reform including fears that the reform will increase the cost of water, limit the access to water by the poor, result in job losses for sector personnel and cause a revenue loss for local authorities
- Consumer dissatisfaction with performance levels of water and sewerage services
- A strong perception by consumers that water is a right
- Limited knowledge that Kenya is a water scarce country
- Superficial coverage of water issues by the media.

To address these issues, this Communication Strategy broadly aims to:

- Increase awareness, improve knowledge and build support of water sector reforms by key stakeholders
- Promote positive water and sanitation management and conservation practices by all key stakeholders

In the three year period covered by this strategy, there are two distinct phases. This phase of the program will focus on reform communication while the second phase, which will kick-in by the third year and continue indefinitely, will be centred around longer term behavior change communication. A monitoring and evaluation component is incorporated into the communication program to track performance of the program and objectively assess its impact.

# SITUATION ANALYSIS: KEY FINDINGS

The key findings of the situation analysis which was carried out between December 2003 and March 2004 and provide the basis for the communication strategy are summarized below.

### Low levels of awareness and misconceptions of reforms amongst most stakeholders

Only 23% of interviewees are aware of reforms in the sector. Awareness is highest among sector institutions, NGOs and consumer groups and although mostly positive, they do display some misconception and mixed feelings.

#### Consumer understanding of costs relating to water and sewerage services

Consumers show moderate understanding of the processes involved in getting piped water, removing sewage and the related costs. There are differing beliefs on who should be responsible for payment of the costs involved for supply at household level and for capital investment in schemes. For instance when asked who should pay for local/household level services, 54% said government, 27% consumers and 13% said costs should be shared.

## Institutional roles and private sector participation

A majority of consumers (92%) believe that government/local government should have a role in the provision of water and sewerage services. Half feel it should be a partial role while the other half want full government control. When asked specifically what government's role should be, the three main areas mentioned were regulation (54%), policy making (55%) and supplying water services (47%). Of interest is the contrast or confusion over the roles that can be played by local government and the private sector with 64% of consumers wanting local authorities to supply their water while 83% see a role for the private sector but have with mixed feelings about the nature of the role.

#### Low levels of satisfaction with WSS services

There are relatively low levels of consumer satisfaction with the current performance of water and sewerage services.

#### Multiple organizations active in the WSS sector

Desk research identified many organizations with multiple roles in the water sector. A number of these organizations are NGOs representing the poor or working on human rights. Some are apprehensive about the reforms and perceive them as an attempt by the government to abdicate its responsibility of service provision. Others are however optimistic and supportive of the reforms.

### Consumers see water as a right, and also understand key responsibilities

There is a very strong consumer sense of entitlement to the right to water (95 percent). Consumers also articulate the desire for easy access and a regular supply. When asked about their greatest wish, consumers said tap water for all households. There is also a strong consumer understanding of the need for responsible use of water (81%) and a high consumer sense of responsibility for payment for water consumption (68%).

#### Mixed perceptions on water resource management issues

There is a serious lack of understanding about Kenya's water scarcity with 77% of respondents saying that Kenya has adequate water to meet her needs. This misconception is prevalent even in the North Eastern Province where water scarcity is a grave problem. The majority (96%) recognize the value of wise water use and their own role in managing water resources. Unfortunately, this awareness profile is not yet being harnessed into conservation practice at community level as 75% of the population seem to be fairly unaware of local conservation initiatives.

## Poor quality of media coverage

Media coverage of changes in the WSS sector is relatively ad hoc, event driven and rarely analytical. Interviews show that there are low levels of knowledge on the holistic nature of the water sector reforms.

#### Low communication capacity in the sector:

Despite communication initiatives by the MWRMD, District Information Officers from the Ministry of Information and Tourism, and NGOs and development agencies such as UN Habitat, the current levels of WSS and WRM sector communications in Kenya are inadequate given the complexity of the reform environment and the difficulty of changing long-term behavior.

# Implications of Research Findings on the Communication Strategy

The situation analysis presents a combination of positive knowledge and attitudes as well as the fundamental problem areas that must be to comprehensively and urgently addressed. The Communication Strategy needs to:

- 1. **Build on positive levels of understanding:** An immediate platform for communication to build on is the general positive attitude and optimism by those who do know about the reforms. These include water being considered a priority and a recognition that there is a role for the private sector as well as an appreciation of the need for conservation and proper management of water resources.
- Correct misperceptions and fill knowledge gaps: The findings indicate the fundamental problem areas
  that need addressing. These include low levels of knowledge about water scarcity in the country, the
  objective of the sector reforms, cost structures and pricing issues, and the role of the private sector.
- Address stakeholder concerns: Communication need to address concerns and allay the fears of key stakeholders which include cost increases, reduced access and loss of employment.
- 4. **Provide partnerships with opinion leaders**: Communication should be proactive about working with opinion leaders including NGOs, the media, provincial administration and political leaders to both positively shift any apprehension as well as market the benefits of the reform.
- 5. Consider both short and long term communications: Initially a short-term phase of reform communications should be used to build awareness and understanding on the reforms and WSS issues. A second longer term phase, which continues beyond the three year timeframe of this strategy, should focus on behavior-change communications that promote positive water management attitudes and practices.
- Strengthen public participation mechanisms: As a relationship building exercise, the MWRMD needs to build or strengthen two-way consultation and participation structures such as stakeholder forums, networks and committees
- 7. Build communication capacity within the sector: The communication capacity of all Water Act 2002 institutions needs to be audited against the requirements for communication for the reform and post-reform periods. Capacity must then be built to close the identified gaps, which include raising implementation support and financial resources from various partners.

# THE STRATEGY

The findings of the situation analysis indicate the need for a Communication Strategy that aims to enhance knowledge of the benefits of the reform in the short term while addressing the fears and uncertainty expressed by stakeholders. Communication should in the long term be used to promote positive behavior changes in Water Supply and Sewerage Services and Water Resources Management.

# **Key Audience Segments**

The strategy identifies the following as the key audience segments to be addressed.

Audience Segment	Sub Segments	Rationale
Water sector personnel (internal staff)	<ul> <li>Ministry of Water Resources Management &amp; Development (MWRMD)</li> <li>National Water Conservation &amp; Pipeline Conservation (NWCPC)</li> <li>National Irrigation Board</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Key stakeholders in implementing the reform hence the need for their support</li> <li>Serve as credible channels for reform information dissemination</li> <li>Situation analysis indicates their uncertainty over jobs</li> </ul>
Consumers	Urban/informal settlements/rural     Community schemes     Catchment communities     Industrial/commercial/institutional customers	Their support is integral for implementation of sustainable services Have expressed uncertainty over impact of reform on cost of water and accessibility
Media	<ul> <li>Media gatekeepers (editors, executives, program directors)</li> </ul>	Critical channel for information     dissemination

	<ul> <li>Journalists</li> </ul>	Current coverage of water issues is superficial
Opinion leaders	<ul> <li>Members of Parliament</li> <li>Local Authorities (councillors)</li> <li>Sector management</li> <li>Civil society</li> <li>Professional, resident and business associations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respected channels of information dissemination</li> <li>Serve as mouthpieces of their constituents hence vital for participatory mechanisms</li> </ul>
Implementing partners	<ul> <li>Primary ministries: Health, Environment, Agriculture</li> <li>Development partners</li> <li>Civil society and consumer representatives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Water &amp; Sewerage Services and Water Resources Management issues cut across government departments hence their support is vital</li> <li>Can facilitate behavior change through their programs</li> </ul>

# **APPROACHES**

The following approaches (strategies) are proposed to reach the target audiences and achieve the overall communication objectives:

- Internal communication: Implement internal communication activities to address staff concerns in MWRMD, the National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation and the National Irrigation Board, and build support for reforms and utilize the staff in disseminating information on the reform.
- 2) **Public participation mechanisms**: Establish mechanisms that serve as information sharing platforms to engage opinion leaders and implementation partners. They should serve as channels for information dissemination and also facilitate two way communication with stakeholders especially opinion leaders.
- 3) Multi-media information campaign: Develop and implement a branded phased multi-media communication program to increase knowledge on the objectives and benefits of the reform to motivate key stakeholders to adopt positive Water Supply and Sewerage Services and Water Resource Management practices.
- 4) **Media advocacy**: Leverage the media as a partner in the dissemination of accurate and holistic reform messages.
- 5) **Strengthening sector communication capacity**: Strengthen the communications capacity of MWRMD and institutions under the Water Act to effectively implement the Communication Strategy.

#### INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

To develop an internal Communication Program to enhance knowledge of the reform, address personnel concerns and build support for dissemination of the reform

Audience	Key Message	Methodologies	Tools and	Outcome	Partners
	Themes		Channels	Indicators	
Staff in	Benefits and	Training of	Staff briefing kits	Reduced staff	Ministry
Ministry of	opportunities	communication	including fact sheets	concerns about	WRMA
Water and	created by the	champions at the	on the new Water Act	institutional	WSRB
Irrigation and	reform	regional level	and a reader-friendly	changes and	WSBs
the National			summary of the Act	perceived threat	NWCPC
Water	Roles and	Reach staff		to job losses	Professional bodies
Conservation	mandates of	members through	Team briefing		Labor unions
and Pipeline	institutions	established and	sessions cascaded	Increase in	
Corporation	created under	informal	through the hierarchy	knowledge and	
	Water Act 2002	communication	of the MWRMD	support on the	
		systems within		changes in the	
	Implications of	each organisation	Quarterly information	water sector	
	reforms and the		bulletin from the	among staff	
	opportunities	Utilize "Team	Minister		
	created	briefing" methods			

		to communicate	Special events with	
	Expectations of	with staff through	symbolic activities	
1	the new	the institutional	such as pledges	
	institutions	hierarchy		
			Internal ads on new	
		Piggyback on	job opportunities	
		existing forums,		
		e.g. the bi-monthly		
		meeting of WSPA		

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS**

To establish public participation mechanisms that will provide the Ministry of Water Resources Management and Development and other institutions under the Water Act 2002 with a platform to engage opinion leaders as reform partners and advocates for good Water and Sewerage Services and Water Resource Management practices

Audiences	Key Message	Methodologies	Tools and	Outcome	Partners
	Themes		Channels	Indicators	
Opinion leaders	Contribution of	Disseminate	Briefing	Discussions by	NGOs active in
at the national	water sector	information to opinion	materials	opinion leaders	the water sector
and regional	reforms to	leaders through focal		are increasingly	
level in influential	efficient	points within their	Seminars and	based on correct	Parliamentarians
organizations	provision of	organizations on	workshops	knowledge of the	
with wide	sustainable	water reforms and		Water Act	Key government
geographical	water supply and	conservation needs	Water forums		ministries
reach	sewerage	within their		Increase in	
	services	communities	Organizational	knowledge of the	FBOs
The opinion			meetings	reforms among	
leaders will be	Invitation to	Establish water		policy and	Government
engaged at two	support water	forums to engage	Articles in	decisionmakers.	ministries
levels: opinion	forums and	opinion leaders and	sector		
leaders who will	reform	promote public	publications	Functional public	Development
serve as	communication	participation at the		participation	partners
channels and	as progressive	national, regional and	Quarterly	mechanisms	
those who will be	leaders in both	local levels	progress	established	Water Service
implementing	the short and		newsletter		Boards, WRMA,
partners.	long-term	Encourage opinion		Consensus	WSRB
		leaders to mobilize	Leadership	building and	
Illustrative	Initiatives by	communities in WSS	award	stakeholder	Office of the
examples:	communities to	and WRM	mobilization at	concerns	President
	promote better	management through	national,	addressed	(provincial
<u>Channels</u>	WSS and WRM	excellence leadership	regional, local	through public	administration)
MPs, Provincial	management	awards	level	participation	
administration,				mechanisms	Local authorities
civil society	Need to initiate	Facilitate opinion			
	conservation	leaders to reach out		Increase in	WSPs
<u>Implementing</u>	activities for	to communities with		number of	
<u>Partners</u>	management of	water issues by		community/civil	
WSS sector	water resources	providing		society initiatives	
management,	and catchments	communication		in form of	
development	protection	support on water		forums,	
partners, WSPs,		reform and WSS and		consumer	
key government		WRM conservation		representative	
ministries		issues		bodies, etc.	

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN**

Phased and branded multi-media communication program to increase knowledge and build support on the reforms and to motivate consumers to adopt positive Water and Sewerage services and Water Resource Management practices.

<u>Phase I:</u> Branded multi-media Public Information Campaign to increase knowledge and generate support on the changes in the water sector.

Phase II: Information campaign to promote positive behavior change in water resources management.

Audience	Key Message Theme	Methodologies	Tools and Channels	Outcome	Partners
				Indicators	
Consumers in	Benefits of the reforms to	Raise awareness	Series of print	Increase levels	Media
urban and	consumers	nationally through a six-	advertorials in the	of awareness on	organizations
rural areas		month branded multi-	Daily Nation	the changes	
(core	Roles of institutions under	media campaign utilizing		among adult	Advertising
audience	the Water Act	both paid-for	Radio infomercials	population within	agency
segments are		advertisements and		the first six	
adults with	Mechanisms set up by	earned media	Information materials	months	NGOs
water	Government to regulate		<ul> <li>posters, brochures,</li> </ul>		
connections	water service provision	Reinforce campaign	bumper stickers	Increase in	Institutions
and residents		messages by mobilizing		quality of	established under
in informal	Improved water and WSS	WSPs, NGOs, CBOs,	Radio and TV	knowledge on	the Water Act
settlements)	delivery through better	and government	discussion programs	the reforms	2002
	governance of the water	departments to			
	service providers	disseminate information	News and feature	Increase in	Other related
		materials to	articles generated	percentage of	ministries
	Role of government and	communities within their	through the media	adult population	
	local authorities in service	reach	award scheme	supporting the	Local authorities
	provision			reforms	
			Community meetings		Provincial
			and barazas		administration
			Water forums		FBOs
Phase II					1
Consumers in	Water scarcity in the	Rolling thematic	Information materials	Raise interest	Media
urban and	country and the need to	communication		levels in WSS	
rural areas	conserve water and	programs on WSS and	Enter-educational	and WRM issues	Entertainment
(important	manage resources for	WRM topics	serial radio program		industry
audience	sustainable supply			Increase in	
segments are		Enter-educational radio	Folk and community	projects	Ministry of
residents of	New water conservation	drama linked to	media	practicing	Environment and
water	and management	community conservation		conservation	Natural
catchment	initiatives within	activities	Community meetings	activities/	Resources
areas,	communities and ways			organizations	
industries,	through which others can	Annual award scheme to	Drama, theatre, sports	supporting them	Ministry of
schoolchildren	initiate conservation efforts	recognize good water	in schools and at		Education
and urban		resource management/	community level	Number of	
residents)	Invitation to participate in	conservation practices		entries to the	NGOs
	water forums and the	from community to		award scheme	
	leadership award	national level			NEMA
		Incorporate water			CBOs
		conservation issues in			
		educational curriculum			FBOs

MEDIA ADVOCACY

To promote accurate and analytical coverage of water sector reform

Key	Methodology	Channels	Indicators	Implementing
Message/Themes				Partners
Holistic nature of	Enhance media	Media kit	Increased	Media houses
changes in Water	knowledge and		knowledge of the	
Act and its	roles through	Training	provisions of the	WSRS
contribution to	training	workshops	Water Act and	
efficient and	workshops and		the objective of	African Council of
sustainable	editorial briefings	Editorial briefings	the reform	Communication
services provision				Education
and water	Develop and	Profiling	Percentage	
resources	disseminate	successful case	increase in	Professional
management	media kit	studies	coverage of	media
			water issues	organizations
Roles and	Media relations	Feature articles		
responsibilities of	to facilitate		Percentage	
institutions under	comprehensive	Media award	increase of	
Water Act	coverage of	scheme	accuracy and	
	reforms	promoted	analytical	
Benefits of		through media	coverage of	
reforms based on	Enhance depth of	houses	reform issues	
successful models	coverage by			
	leveraging media			
Role of the media	as a partner			
in accurate and	through			
broad coverage of	implementing			
sector reforms	media award			
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	Message/Themes Holistic nature of changes in Water Act and its contribution to efficient and sustainable services provision and water resources management Roles and responsibilities of institutions under Water Act Benefits of reforms based on successful models Role of the media in accurate and broad coverage of	Holistic nature of changes in Water Act and its contribution to efficient and sustainable services provision and water resources management Develop and disseminate media kit  Roles and responsibilities of institutions under Water Act coverage of reforms based on successful models Role of the media in accurate and broad coverage of sector reforms and promoting good water management practices for household, industry and	Holistic nature of changes in Water Act and its services provision and water resources management Water Act and Enhance media knowledge and roles through training workshops and editorial briefings bervices provision and water resources disseminate media kit studies  Roles and responsibilities of institutions under Water Act coverage of reforms based on successful models Role of the media in accurate and broad coverage of sector reforms and promoting good water management practices for household, industry and	Message/Themes         Enhance media knowledge and roles through authority contribution to efficient and sustainable services provision and water resources management         Enhance media knowledge and roles through training workshops         Media kit wowledge of the knowledge of the provisions of the workshops         Water Act and the objective of the reform           Roles and resources mostitutions under Water Act         Develop and disseminate media kit         Profiling successful case increase in coverage of water issues         Percentage increase in coverage of water issues           Benefits of reforms based on successful models         Enhance depth of coverage by leveraging media as a partner through implementing media award sand promoting good water management practices for household, industry and         Enhance depth of coverage of reforms and promoting good water management practices for household, industry and         Enhance depth of coverage of reforms and promoting good water management practices for household, industry and         Increased knowledge of the media kit         Increase of knowledge of the media kit be objective of the reform           Benefits of reforms         Enhance depth of coverage by leveraging media as a partner through implementing media award         Increased water management practices for household, industry and         Increase of knowledge of the media kit workshops

# STRENGTHENING SECTOR COMMUNICATION CAPACITY

Capacity strengthening of the MWRMD and institutions established under Water Act 2002 in implementing the sector reform communication strategy

Methodologies	Tools and Materials	Indicators	Implementing
			partners
	Training workshops		MWRMD
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communication	Technical assistance	· ·	WSRS
strategy		communications as a	
	Communication	strategic component	WRMA
Establish	planning templates	of their operations	
communication			WSRB
function within WSRS	Field visits and study	Number of institutions	
	tours	successfully	WSTF
New institutions to		implementing	
establish	Web site on water	components of the	
communications	sector	strategy relevant to	
function		their mandate	
Appropriate training		Enhanced	
of communications		communication	
on water reforms		capacity within sector	
		institutions measured	
Technical assistance		by implementation of	
to build capacity of		communication plans	
Water Act 2002 to			
implement			
communication plans			
including monitoring			
Create a national			
communications			
coordination			
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	Orientation of sector management to the communication strategy  Establish communication function within WSRS  New institutions to establish communications function  Appropriate training of communications on water reforms  Technical assistance to build capacity of Water Act 2002 to implement communication plans including monitoring  Create a national communications	Orientation of sector management to the communication strategy  Establish communication function within WSRS  New institutions to establish communications function  Appropriate training of communications on water reforms  Technical assistance to build capacity of Water Act 2002 to implement communications including monitoring  Create a national communications coordination committee consisting of sector stakeholders to guide reform  Training workshops  Technical assistance Communication Planning templates  Field visits and study tours  Web site on water sector	Orientation of sector management to the communication strategy  Establish Communication planning templates  Number of institutions that successfully integrate communications as a strategic component of their operations  Field visits and study tours  Number of institutions as a strategic component of their operations  Number of institutions successfully implementing components of the strategy relevant to their mandate  Appropriate training of communications on water reforms  Technical assistance to build capacity of Water Act 2002 to implement communication plans including monitoring  Create a national communications coordination committee consisting of sector stakeholders to guide reform  Training workshops  Number of institutions strategic component of their operations  Number of institutions successfully implementing components of the strategy relevant to their mandate  Enhanced communication capacity within sector institutions measured by implementation of communication plans

# MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The communication strategy incorporates a monitoring and evaluation (M & E) component to track performance and objectively assess the impact of communication programs.

The key aspects of the M & E framework include:

- Monitoring of program activities
- · Assessing outcomes and impacts at regular intervals including annual surveys
- Incorporating results and new information into the Information Management System

A program to monitor performance should be implemented by sector institutions with overall coordination by WSRS to keep track of the impact of reform communication. Mechanisms for collecting data and reporting on the specific output indicators for each program activity should also be developed.

#### **Outcomes and Impact of the Communication Strategy**

The overall outcome indicators below will form the basis for assessing the short term and long term impacts of the communication program. Assessment of the overall outcome indicators should be conducted by independent research organizations to ensure that the process is both professional and objective. The key methodology proposed for assessing outcomes will be the use of stakeholder surveys.

### Objective 1: To increase awareness, knowledge and support for water sector reform (Year 1)

- Reduced staff concerns about institutional changes and fear of job losses
- Increased levels of awareness of reforms and reductions in misconceptions
- Increased accuracy and analytical nature of media coverage of water issues
- Established and functional public participation mechanisms.

# Objective 2: To promote positive water and sanitation management practices (Year 1 - 3)

- Increased public interest levels in WSSS and WRM issues
- Increased consumer knowledge of rights and responsibilities
- Increased communications capacity within sector institutions measured by resource commitments, development and implementation of communication plans
- Consensus building through public participation mechanisms
- Enhanced knowledge of the link between water and sanitation and wealth creation
- Increased number of community/civil society initiatives including forums, consumer representative bodies and conservation projects.

The strategy proposes the contracting of a monitoring and evaluation specialist to put in place the framework for assessing the communication program's overall impact. The scope will cover:

- Reviewing the outcome indicators
- Designing a comprehensive M & E plan and methodology relevant to the outcome indicators
- Developing strategies for assessing the impact of the Communication Strategy
- Conducting outcome and impact assessment surveys at specified timeframes
- Analyzing data and disseminating survey findings to key stakeholders
- Making recommendations on program improvements.

# **BUDGET**

# ESTIMATED COSTS FOR KEY ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST 2 YEARS OF COMMUNICATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

COMPONENT	BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL
Key requirements for the overall	Hire of professional writer	500,000
strategy implementation	Production of a user friendly version of Water Act 2002	250,000
	Advertising agency conceptualisation and production management fee for branded theme and material development	250,000
	Sub Total	1,000,000
Internal Communication program	Purchase of 400 copies of Water Act 2002	160,000
	Training of regional reform communication champions	400,000
	Production of fact sheets	400,000
	Regional sensitisation workshops	2,700,000
	3 issues of MWRMD newsletter	500,000
	Sub Total	3,960,000
Public participation mechanisms	Water forums in seven regions	2,400,000
and advocacy to opinion leaders	Plan and implement WSS/WRM leadership award	1,800,000
	Materials development, production and dissemination	2,250,000
	Sub Total	6,495,000
Multi media Information	Production of public information materials	2,650,000
Campaign	Advertising creative	5,595,000
	Media placement over 12 weeks	9,479,691
	Public Education Campaign launch	725,000
	Material dissemination	2,000,000
	Sub Total	20,449,691
Behavior change communication	Production of print materials	3,950,0000
program on water resources	One year radio educational drama	6,522,000
management and conservation	Thematic issues advertising cost	6,720,000
	Water resource management leadership awards	1,800,000
	Sub Total	18,992,000
Media advocacy	Design and production of media kit	120,000
	Media workshops for journalists	144,000
	Media award scheme	1,800,000
	Consultancy/professional costs	1,500,000
	Sub Total	3,564,000
Strengthening communication	Orientation workshop	100,000
capacity of new institutions under	Capacity building for institutions	1,000,000
the Water Act	Sub Total	1,100,000
Administrative costs 10%		5,606,669.91
Monitoring and Evaluation 10%		5,606,669.91
Grand Total		67,480,031.73

#### **BUDGET NOTES**

- 1. Budget for material production includes cost of design and is based on actual quotations from printing firms.
- 2. Media placement costs are based on current pricing from media houses. The budget is based on a media plan developed using 2004 first quarter media research from Steadman Research and Research International. The media plan is based on the most cost effective means of attaining a national reach on the shortest time possible. The media plan and its rationale is available.
- 3. Estimate for items such as dissemination meetings, workshops and seminars are based on a consolidated unit cost.
- 4. Budget for the media plan in the fully fledged implementation budget is based on the most current media usage research data that can attain a national reach of 60% for TV and 69% for radio. The reach is generated using the media planning software Telmar and is based on media usage data synthesized from media diaries from Steadman Research and Research International E.A. for quarter one of 2004. Optimum reach in any given media plan is achieved by increasing channel choices. Dropping one medium decreases reach of the communication effort.
- 5. All costs are based on 2004 estimates and a provision should be made for possible variance.