


<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>USD 4,450,000</b>		
<b>Budget by Agency:</b>	UNDP:	3,060,342	
	UNICEF:	1,388,804	
<b>Participating Gov. Entities:</b>	11 associated water utility companies, 13 participating municipalities, BiH Directorate for Economic Planning BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs, BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations; Budimo aktivni, FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, FBiH Ministry of Labour and Social Policy Hydro-Engineering Institute Sarajevo (HEIS), Initiative for Better and Humane Inclusion (IBHI), Nasa djeca, Prism research , RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, RS Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Svjetionik Zdravo da ste		
<b>Start Date:</b>	30 November 2009		
<b>End Date:</b>	30 November 2012		
<b>Extension</b>	Not requested yet		
<b>Disbursements:</b>	First Disbursement:	30 November 2009	USD 1,785,149
	Second Disbursement:	14 February 2011	USD 2,016,862
	Third Disbursement:		
<b>In Brief:</b>	To address the objectives of this thematic window within the context of BH, the proposed joint program must focus on 3 levels of stakeholders: the rights holders (the citizenry), the service providers (utilities), and the duty-bearers (governments). The general problems in the area of water supply require a program addressing the issues of public participation in decision making, capacities, and monitoring and analysing data at multiple levels. The following 3 objectives are designed to achieve this necessary synergy: 1. to improve the inclusion of citizens in decision-making processes; 2. to improve the economic governance of water utilities while sensitizing consumers to pay their bills; and 3. to increase the capacities of governments for evidence-based policy making and resource planning. The expected benefits will contribute to the achievement of BH UNDAF Outcome 2, "Improved access to and quality of basic education, health and social protection services", and MDGs 1, 4,5, 6 and 7.		
<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthened inclusion of citizens in the participative municipal governance of Water access.</li> <li>Improved economic governance in water utility companies for better services to citizens in targeted municipalities.</li> <li>Strengthened capacity of government for evidence-based policy making and resource planning for equitable water related service provision.</li> </ul>		
			
<b>Regions of Intervention:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not available yet</li> </ul>		
<b>MDGs</b>	MDG1 T1.B, MDG7 T7.A & T7C		
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Direct</b>	<b>Indirect</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No. Institutions</b></li> <li>• <b>No. Women and girls</b></li> <li>• <b>No. Men and boys</b></li> <li>• <b>No. ethnic groups</b></li> </ul>	<p>127</p> <p>1,920 and 302</p> <p>1,186 and 247</p> <p>73</p>	<p>228</p> <p>15,000 and 6,500</p> <p>15,000 and 6,500</p> <p>97</p>
<p>Project coordinator: Slobodan Tadic RCO Focal Point: Aris Seferovic</p>		
<b>Status</b>	<p>Due to a long but much needed inception phase, the JP faced initial delays in its implementation. Nevertheless, The JP has achieved important milestones, and is progressing towards its expected outcomes and outputs.</p>	
<b>Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2011 biannual report:</b>		
<b>Main Achievements:</b>	<p>Outcome 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 multi-sectoral Municipal Management Boards (MMBs) established. 6 of the MMBs transformed into permanent (sustainability component) Municipal Commissions appointed by Mayors/Municipal Councils. The transformation of the rest is in process.</li> <li>• 13 Action Plans (AP) addressing gaps in social protection system developed by MMBs and adopted by Municipal Councils. Activities from APs are being implemented.</li> <li>• 10 Participatory Action Groups (PAG) consisting of representatives of the vulnerable established capacitating them to influence municipal decisions through contribution to MMBs work and inputs for Action Plans.</li> <li>• 13 Participatory Action Research Groups (PAR) consisting of children from local schools established (approx. 250 children). Their work is reinforced by adults in support groups (approx. 200 adults).</li> <li>• 13 PAR Action Plans identifying problems in communities developed. Their implementation is ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>Outcome 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In parallel, comprehensive 'General assessment of the water supply sector and its human development function in BiH' study is produced and findings are included into water sector related activities particularly strategic planning (Master Plans).</li> <li>• Programme engaged in development of 10 Water supply studies (master plans, feasibility studies, priority investment measure plans). Established model for Capacity development activities based on peer-to-peer cross learning exchange. Two trainings sessions with 8 thematic topics were conducted.</li> </ul> <p>Outcome 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DevInfo database installed in each municipality. Municipalities are collecting and updating information</li> <li>• Numerous capacity developments were carried out: HRBA (Human Rights Based Approach) methodology, Project Proposal Development and M&amp;E, Gender Workshops, establishment of referral model of social/child protection and inclusion as well as DevInfo management module.</li> <li>• PAR groups educated in environment, water and social issues developing and implementing specific water related projects.</li> </ul>	
<p>Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the <b>activities/outputs/outcomes</b>?</p>		
<b>Observations</b>		
<b>Paris Declaration</b>	<b>Leadership of national and local governmental institutions:</b>	
	<p><b>Involvement of CSOs and citizens:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSOs fully and actively participated in implementation at municipal level, particularly in components: social inclusion action plan, PAG groups, PAR groups, DevInfo, HRBA methodology, establishment of MMBs, and baseline study.</li> <li>• Citizens are fully and actively involved in all programme components through a participatory</li> </ul>	

based approach (MMBs, PAGs, PARs).

**Alignment and Harmonization:**

During the implementation of the programme components several new potential partnerships were identified with the aim to maximise the impact in the field and to extend the programme to cover water supply but also sanitation.

GoAL WaSH activity will be implemented in cooperation with UNESCO, the UNDP and UNESCO has signed agreement to jointly implement this component thus utilizing UNESCO material and methodology developed during the campaign 'Water for Life'. The GW component was presented in each programme municipality targeting primary schools and MDGF DEG programme stakeholders. The initial survey is conducted and first presentations were held in schools. The team of consultants are working on adaptation of the booklets from the campaign 'Water for Life' adjusting booklets to the GW and MDGF DEG principles and preparing booklets to the wide distribution in all schools in BiH. The booklets are officially introduced to the Entities ministries of educations and booklet is officially recognised as additional part of the school curriculum.

UNDP Regional programme – Ustikolina municipality – during the development of the UNDP regional initiatives in BiH the Ustikolina municipality was identified as municipality with urgent need in water supply, particularly in the settlements of Filipovici (70 families) that stayed without water during the summer. The intervention was prompt from several subjects resulting in cost sharing agreement with municipality and procurement of the necessary equipment for reconstruction of the new system. The municipality is furthermore included in all Capacity development activities of the programme.

'Clean Vrbas' project implemented in cooperation with Coca Cola, through Corporate Social Responsibility activities of Coca Cola focusing on protection of Vrbas river with clear vision and action plan for protection and sustainable use of Vrbas river, organised Vrbas Eco Regatta, and implemented project with concrete impact on reduction of water pollution.

PMC membership – was expanded to involve Ministries of Social Welfare of RS and FBiH in order to maximise impact in the municipalities and also strengthen the policy design at the higher levels of governments.

Master Plans – Priority Investments – throughout development of Master plans and identification priority measures the programme has identified need in all 13 municipalities for a period of 25 years in total amount of 100 mil. USD. As the immediate measures it were identified several projects that are amounting up to 8 mil. USD and that are aiming in piloting and testing several approaches that programme is advocate for:

- Connection and management of rural networks to the public networks
- Energy efficiency in water networks
- Efficient billing and collection methods
- Subsidies for vulnerable categories
- Economic price of water and services .... etc.

The Programme has approached State Ministry for Refugees and Displaced Persons who expressed interest to financially contribute to programme implementation in a fashion of selecting locations that are of special interest for return and reintegration and social inclusion of refugees and DPs. The entire idea will be separately communicated to the MDG-F Secretariat in next two months.

**Innovative elements in mutual accountability:**

- Full and active PMC engagement in all aspect of programme implementation was demonstrated during the reporting period by reaching joint decisions on: programme locations/municipalities, annual work plan, results framework, M&E framework.
- The programme established 11 Municipal Management Boards which membership presents different sectors of society. Main task of the Board is to coordinate and to engage in decision making processes at the local level. By doing this programme enabled, minorities and vulnerable groups to engage in decision making processes actively contributing their inputs.

**Delivering as One**

**Innovative elements in harmonization of procedures and managerial practices:**

Selection of municipalities, joint MoU, General assessment of the water supply sector and its human development function in BiH', Water supply studies, joint missions, joint trainings, etc.

**Role of the RCO and synergies with other MDG-F JPs:**

Support form RCO is strong, including C&A and M&E support

	<b>Inter-agency coordination:</b> Coordination among the two agencies is good.	
<b>Sustainability</b> (concrete actions and strategic partnerships)	<b>Sustainability Plan in place?</b> During the development of the joint programme in the Annual work plan for the first year the process of selection of municipalities was not envisaged at all. This caused the programme to delay certain activities since the process of selection of municipalities had to be an initial activity and a precondition for any further engagement at the local level. The process lasted for almost 6 months and included detail desk review of more than 50 municipalities and detailed field assessments of 22 pre-selected municipalities. The process of selection of municipalities highlighted a joint approach among national partners and UN Agencies in selecting final 13 partner municipalities.	
<b>Innovation and Scale-up</b>		
<b>External Factors and mitigation</b>	.	
<b>Communication and Advocacy</b>	<p><b>C&amp;A plan in place? yes</b> The JP has prepared a Communication strategy in close cooperation with national stakeholders combining specific elements in order to fit larger scale MDG strategy for BiH. Beneficiaries and other stakeholders are adequately informed about the programme principles and objectives, bearing in mind that a general awareness needs to be raised with regard to MDG and access to water as a part of development.</p> <p>Strategy focuses on: Internal communication, External communication, Communication for behaviour change (evidence-based series of community based and direct communication activities aimed at increasing understanding and significance of the access to water among and within identified target groups).</p> <p>All elements of the communication strategy will in addition contribute towards greater socio-economic elements; not only by addressing specific target groups but also by ensuring their access to water through the MDG-F programme.</p>	
<b>M&amp;E</b>	M&E framework is complete and comprehensive; with clear indicators to outcomes and outputs.	
<b>Missions from MDG-F Secretariat:</b>	<b>Date: February 2010</b>	<b>Members:</b> Sophie de Caen, Paula Pelaez
<b>Mid Term Evaluation:</b>	<b>Evaluator:</b> Lilit V. Melikyan <b>Period: August – October 2011</b>	