



INTRODUCTION

Clean water and environmental sanitation are the indispensable need for daily life, the urgent requirements for health protection and improvement of people living conditions, which substantially contribute to the sustainable development of the country. In the context of global climate change and rapid economic growth rate, the National Target Programme for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (here after called the Programme) has been given a high priority by the government and a great support by the people.

To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Programme, it emerges a need of a unified monitoring and evaluation indicator set (M&E) which can be commonly applied for all sectors at all levels. With the financial support from DANIDA and AusAID, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – The executive line ministry of the National Target Programme for RWSS in collaboration with General Statistics Office, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Education and Training jointly developed M&E indicator set for the rural water supply and sanitation, inheriting the existing M&E systems of the sectors and the system developed by the National Center for Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation (NCerwass) during the period 2005-2007 with the support from UNICEF. After nearly a year of the development, on April 14th, 2008, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development signed the Decision No. 51/2008/QĐ-BNN on issuance of the M&E indicator set for rural clean water supply and environmental sanitation with 14 indicators at two levels: Sectoral and programme/project levels to be applied in the whole country.

To help relevant agencies, organizations, partners, international and national staff at central and local levels having the sector M&E indicator set in hand for their convenience in application, the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Partnership Coordination Unit (RWSSP CU) in collaboration with the National Target Programme Standing Office (NTP II SO) publish this document to serve as day-to-day used handbook in carrying out monitoring and evaluation of rural water supply and environmental sanitation.

The completed M&E indicator set was a result of the collective efforts constituted by the DANIDA and AusAID's financial assistance, the facilitation and support of the RWSSP CU, the NTP II SO, UNICEF and NCerwass, as well as the valuable contribution of the Inter-sectoral Technical Working Group and consultants, especially the priority given by leaders of MARD, relevant line ministries and localities. On this occasion, we would like to express the sincere thanks to all relevant bodies and look forward to receiving your continuing more effective cooperation and collaboration in the future.

Should you have any query or comments during the application of the M&E indicator set, please contact the National Target Programme Standing Office at the following address: The NTP II SO, Water Resources Department, MARD, No. 2 Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi. Tel: 84 4 7336735; Email: ntp2.tl@mard.gov.vn

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