



On 14 July 2015, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development supported by DFAT organized the Workshop on promotion of scaling up NGO initiatives in rural water supply and sanitation Workshop on promotion of scaling up NGO initiatives in rural water supply and sanitation.

At the workshop, the participants shared experiences and openly discussed on the initiative implementation results; advantages and challenges during the implementation; experience to deal with problems and some recommendations to some ministries and Provincial people's committees to finalize policies to promote the scaling up NGO initiatives in the field of rural water and sanitation.

MARD and DFAT leaders chaired the workshop and requested to implement the following tasks in the conclusions:

1) Under the set agenda, the workshop shared many best practice/ experience, good solutions to be referred and scale up in the coming years. The initiatives can be categorized in 3 main groups as follows:

- + Group on application of helpful technologies and solutions (subsurface dam, household water treatment, water water treatment, durable water tanks, renovated IEC, solar energy pump...)
- + Group on renovated approach and management: OBA, Community based management, sanmark, reformed behavior change communication ...
- + Group on policies: The policy on mobilization of private sector in scheme investment and management (PPP); supporting investment through OBA and pro-poor targeting policies

2) Key tasks to be implemented

The biggest barrier for scaling up is awareness and inappropriate motivation policies. To promote the scaling up, Vice Minister requested to implement the following tasks:

a) Strengthening and renovating IEC, awareness raising on application of RWSS initiatives

b) Finalizing policies to motivate the application of initiatives in RWSS

c) Reviewing and consolidating initiatives and preparing guideline manual.

d) Development of tasks for 2016.

e) Finalizing legal framework to enable to apply initiatives

f) Promotion of Circular 54 implementation and finalizing the institutional system on rural water supply management at provincial level according to Circular 14/2015/TTLT and Circular 15/2015/TT-BNNPTN, Integrating application of initiatives on renovating management in proposed projects.

g) Continuing to call for support from donors, international orgs, and INGO supporting Vietnam in research and development of new initiatives and support in scaling up initiatives in the coming years.

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