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Subject: Nomination of Participants for a National Workshop on Total Sanitation Campaign at New Delhi, 22-23 April 2010

Dear

A national workshop titled '*A Decade of TSC: Lessons Learned and Way Forward*' is being organized in New Delhi on 22nd and 23rd April 2010 by the DDWS in partnership with the Water and Sanitation Program. The objective of this workshop is to review the experiences from the implementation of the TSC during the last decade, assess what has worked and what needs improvement, and on this basis, plan for the future to make the vision of *Nirmal Bharat* a reality. A concept note for this workshop is attached for your reference.

To successfully achieve the objectives of this workshop, we would like to request the participation of two officials that are closely involved in TSC implementation to represent each state. These two officials may be selected from the State TSC Coordinators, Director/Dy. Secretary/Jt. Secretary in charge of rural sanitation at the state level. Representatives from districts or divisions that are performing well on the TSC may also be included. The total number of participants should not exceed 2 from each state.

Please send your nominations for participants at this workshop by 15th April 2010. Boarding and lodging of participants at Delhi will be supported by the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP).

We look forward to receiving your nominations at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above

[J.S.Mathur]

The State Secretaries in charge of Rural Sanitation in all States and UTs

Copy to:

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National Workshop on **Scaling and Sustaining Total Sanitation**

22nd to 23rd April, 2010

New Delhi, India

Introduction

The rural sanitation sector in India has seen an increased focus in the last few years. Since the beginning of this decade, the Government of India's Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) has moved away from just an infrastructure creation approach to focus on behavior change as the focus. This paradigm shift in approach has been due to the realization that the real objective of sanitation intervention, i.e. improvement in public health, is only achieved by community level behavior change and not just infrastructure creation. This shift has resulted in remarkable strides achieved in the sector. Coverage has increased from 21% of the rural population (as per 2001 census) to about 65% (as per GOI estimates). The number of Gram Panchayats that have achieved Total Sanitation status, as reflected by their winning the Nirmal Gram Puraskar, has increased from none in 2004 to more than 22,000 till date.

The scale of these achievements has varied across states around the country. Some of the states and districts have shown remarkable success in scaling up achievements across districts and Gram Panchayats – currently, in addition to GPs, some blocks and districts are achieving Total Sanitation.

However, there are states and districts and states where the performance is slow in achieving pace. Even in states and districts which have achieved progress, there are challenges/opportunities that need to be addressed:

- **Scaling Up:** Although these states and districts have demonstrated that scaling up using a community demand driven approach leading to total sanitation is possible, further scaling up from few hundred / thousands of GPs to cover the entire state is still an unfinished challenge needing addressal.
- **Sustainability:** More importantly, sustaining the changed status in the Gram Panchayats is an even bigger challenge. There are dangers of slippages back to the old status of Open Defecation and poor environmental sanitation even after winning the Nirmal Gram Puraskar, as anecdotal evidence and preliminary studies from some states show. Approaches and methods by which sustainability of change is addressed, is a concern of these states.

- **Moving beyond Open Defecation:** If addressing basic sanitation has been successful, appropriate approaches to move to issues in environmental sanitation, like management of solid and liquid waste, needs to be thought through.

Assessment of the TSC program

WSP has been undertaking a rapid assessment of the TSC program, through case studies of districts. The objective of this assessment is to, through a study of better, average and poor performing districts, understand the factors and processes by which positive sustainable outcomes has been / not been achieved. Delineating the critical factors which leads to outcomes is the expected outcome of this assessment.

A workshop to understand the performance of the states and districts, the reasons behind these performances and plan ahead to accelerate the pace of achievement across the country to make the rural areas of the country Nirmal by 2010, is proposed.

Objectives of the Workshop

The objective of this workshop is to identify lessons learnt in scaling up and sustaining rural sanitation, discuss emerging opportunities and challenges, and identify the way forward.

Scope of the workshop

- What are the various experiences in scaling up rural sanitation – what were the successful elements, what challenges came up?
 - Motivation of communities
 - Institutions and partnerships
 - Technologies, availability of material/skill
 - Monitoring
 - Incentives and rewards
- What approaches are required to scale up across the state? What challenges are foreseen while doing this, and what strategies are proposed to tackle them
- What are the elements of sustainability? How best can these elements be included in the project approach? What post achievement efforts are required to ensure sustainability

Participants

The participants for this workshop will be policy and implementation level stakeholders from Government of India and states in the country

It is expected that about 2 participants from each state will participate in the roundtable. In addition, representatives from other organizations like WSP, UNICEF, Wateraid will also be invited to participate.

The total number of participants will not exceed 80.

Date and Venue of the workshop

The roundtable workshop is to be held at New Delhi, in the last week of April.

Organization of the workshop

The workshop would be convened by the Department of Drinking Water Supply (DDWS) and supported by The Water and Sanitation Program – South Asia (WSP-SA).