

Presentation

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Khartoum Declaration for Sanitation



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Facts on Sanitation in Sudan:

Access to improved sanitation

Sudan

	Rural	Urban
Improved	24%	50%
Unimproved	23%	36%
Open Defecation	53%	14%



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Signatories of Declaration:

Ministers of Government of National Unity of Sudan responsible for sanitation:

- **Ministry of Irrigation and water resources**
- **Ministry of Health**
- **Ministry of Education**
- **Ministry of Environment**
- **Ministry of Religious Affairs**

In line with the commitments made by Sudan as a signatory to the e-Thekwani Declaration in 2008 at Africasan 2 in Durban, South Africa (over 17 countries signed);

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Recognize: that approximately 61% of the population of Sudan currently do not have access to safe sanitation;

Mindful; that sanitation and hygiene related diseases are a major cause of death, illness and poverty in Sudan and that improving sanitation, in particular eliminating open defecation, reduces the disease burden and improves household and national economic development;

Recognize: that behaviour and social change is fundamental for the scaling up of sanitation.

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Noting: that the associated human, social, health and economic costs of open defecation are a major burden in Sudan and that investments in sanitation positively impact on related Sudan Development Goals including poverty reduction;

Recognize: that sustainable access to sanitation is one of the Millennium Development Goals, which we have all committed to support:

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Commitments of stakeholders:

To bring the messages, outcomes and commitments made at the National Sanitation Workshop to the attention of partners and wider community to raise the profile of sanitation and hygiene in Sudan;

To ensure that, One Principal, accountable institution takes clear leadership of the National sanitation portfolio; establish one coordinating body with specific responsibility for sanitation and hygiene involving all stakeholders;

Commitments of stakeholders continued.....

To manifest our commitment to sanitation and hygiene through the endorsement of the existing WASH policy: establishment of one actionable national plan for accelerating progress on sanitation by July 2010.

To increase sanitation coverage we recognise the importance of evidence based community led approaches for the achievement of open defecation free rural and semi-urban communities. As a matter of urgency at least 10 ODF communities/villages shall be evolved in each state over the next 12 months and used as a demonstration for scaling up.

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Commitments of stakeholders continued....

To initiate a process of joint and participatory learning on appropriate, safe and sustainable technology, monitoring and extension in full partnership with the Natural Leaders emerging from the ODF communities/villages.

To ensure school based WASH interventions are prioritized and an integral component of WASH and Education policies, sector plans and budgets.

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Call for Other Stakeholders (Government offices, external support agencies, academia, the media, religious leaders, NGO's, communities and the private sector)

To increase their support to efforts of the sanitation partners,

To provide financial and technical assistance and improve partnerships and coordination in the areas of sanitation and hygiene.

To make use of the opportunities provided by the declaration to enhance and scale up efforts in sanitation and hygiene throughout Sudan.

To enhance communities to take a central role in sanitation and hygiene development and in the realization of an Open Defecation Free Sudan.

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