

Improvement of sanitation in rural areas in Armenia

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Armenia

- 43.7 % live in poverty
 - 14.7% in utter poverty
 - < 1 USD per day
- Source: IMF 2006, Country Report No. 06/239
- 80% rural have no access to sewage
- Source: OECD and country report, 2004
- Some investments for water sector and absolutely neglected sanitation

Health

- The diarrhea - a major cause of morbidity, and cause of infant and child death
- 7 % of all infant deaths are attributed to diarrheal diseases
- The childhood mortality is especially higher among children living in rural areas

Source: NSS of RA, 2005

Objectives of the project

- Establishment of a sustainable, affordable and safe school sanitation system
- Investigation of the possibilities of passing to organic farming and pesticide reduction
- Raising public awareness with regard to the hygienic and health risks associated with poor sanitation and drinking water supply

AWHHE Actions

- Community mobilization through establishment of Women and Village Committees
- Involvement of children in raising awareness campaign through innovative artistic approaches (ecogames, exhibitions, created book)
- Raising awareness campaign (lectures, seminars, meetings etc.)

Hayanist ecosan toilet



Agricultural activities



Irrigation system



Lessons Learnt

- The establishment of ecological sanitation is especially reasonable in regions with no central WSS
- Ecological education of the school children
- The pilot-project can serve as an example not only for other Armenian villages, but for many EECCA

Thank you for your attention!