

## Mid-term summary

# The Global Water and Sanitation Initiative

A 10 year initiative 2005 to 2015

*'further contributing to the UN Millennium Development Goals'*

## GWSI

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"Contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals  
by scaling-up existing capacities"

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Original target to serve 5 million beneficiaries will now be trebled to 15 million beneficiaries by 2015. ”



### What is the Global Water and Sanitation Initiative (GWSI)?

The GWSI outlines a common approach among Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies to establish larger-scale, longer-term sustainable water and sanitation programmes to contribute more effectively in meeting the UN MDG's. The GWSI in combination with the MDG initiative and the launch of a second UN Decade for Water (2005-2015) intends to target 15 million vulnerable people worldwide over 10 years, assisting them to gain access to an improved water supply, basic sanitation facilities and encourage behavioural change in hygiene practices.

### Why the Global Water and Sanitation Initiative?

#### The problem

- Worldwide, over 2.6 Billion still do not use improved sanitation and 800 million still lack access to an improved water supply (Unicef/WHO).
- At least two million die annually as a result, mostly children under five.
- Lack of access to improved sanitation and water supply is a major hindrance to developmental efforts and creates a significant loss of productivity
- Access to sanitation and water is a human right, and an issue of human dignity.

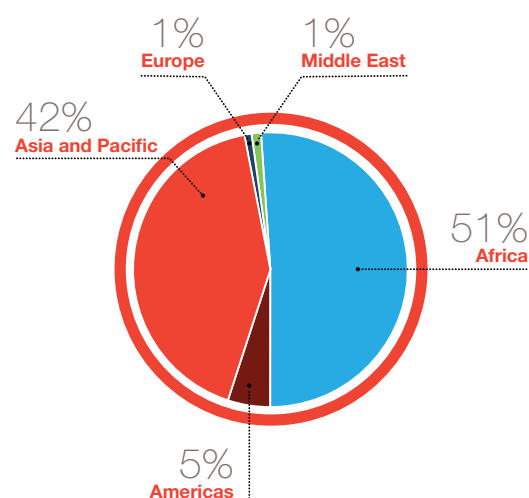
## What are the Global Water and Sanitation Initiative criteria?

To ensure that the GWSI projects fit within the parameters of the initiative, and the Federation's water and sanitation policy, an **integrated approach** has to be adopted as a 'strategic approach for the equitable, efficient and sustainable management of water resources' and it is expected to contribute to improved health status and hygiene awareness within the target population-reducing water and sanitation borne diseases through increased sustainable access to safe water, appropriate sanitation, application of good hygiene practices and community water management. The strategic approach proposed is based on internationally agreed core principles concerning the need to protect the ecosystem, and to extend the health-giving and productive properties of freshwater resources equitably and efficiently among humankind, with special emphasis on poorer and underserved people.

The GWSI contains the guiding criteria to ensure an integrated approach and establishes a common approach for all Red Cross and Red Crescent water and sanitation development projects. Some of these criteria are:

- **Beneficiary identification:** Targeting of vulnerable communities with significantly low water and sanitation coverage.
- **Technical criteria(hardware):** Appropriate, affordable and sustainable technology options.
- **Scale of projects:** Large, longer-term projects giving increased economy of scale and lower cost-per-beneficiary. Longer-term funding packages, more secure resource mobilization.

Distribution number of projects by zone



- **Engagement and health promotion (software):** Improved community participation, management and hygiene/sanitation promotion.
- **Impact:** Greater, more measurable impact, clearly defined impact indicators.
- **Gender:** Increased gender awareness and considerations in the planning and implementation process.
- **Government and other external partners' integration:** Being in-line with Government National Water and Sanitation Planning, the International Federation water and sanitation policy, and Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM).
- **Environment:** Ensure that technical options are environmentally sound, and that any potential negative impact is minimized.

## Key findings of the mid-term review

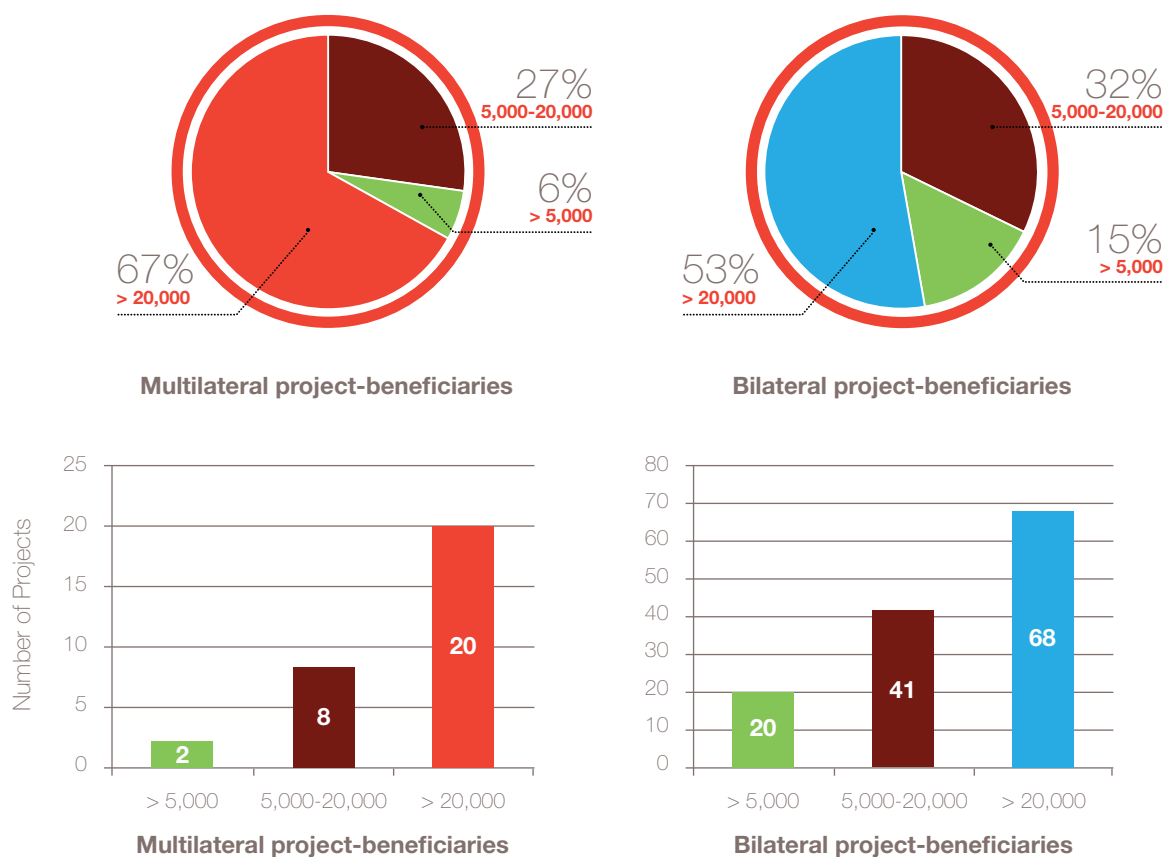
From analysis:

- As of March 2012, we have mapped over 300 projects in 55 countries.
- The mapping includes completed projects, on-going projects and planned projects which are fully funded
- There are 75 National Societies engaged, **55 Host National societies** and **20 Participating National Societies**
- Targeted Direct Beneficiaries = 11,3 million
- Beneficiaries Served-to-Date = 5.5 million
- Average Cost per Beneficiary = 34 (CHF)

### 55 PARTNER HOST NATIONAL SOCIETIES (HNS)

1. Afghanistan Red Crescent	19. Haiti Red Cross Society	38. Sao Tome and Principe Red Cross
2. Angola Red Cross	20. Indonesian Red Cross Society	39. Senegalese Red Cross Society
3. Bangladesh Red Crescent Society	21. Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire	40. Sierra Leone Red Cross Society
4. Burkinabe Red Cross Society	22. Kenya Red Cross Society	41. Solomon Islands Red Cross
5. Cambodian Red Cross Society	23. Lao Red Cross	42. Somali Red Crescent Society
6. Central African Red Cross Society	24. Liberian Red Cross Society	43. South Sudan Red Cross Society
7. Red Cross of Chad	25. Malagasy Red Cross Society	44. The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
8. Red Cross Society of China	26. Maldivian Red Crescent	45. The Sudanese Red Crescent
9. The Comoros Red Crescent	27. Mali Red Cross	46. Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan
10. Congo-Brazzaville Red Cross	28. Mongolian Red Cross Society	47. The Thai Red Cross Society
11. Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	29. Mozambique Red Cross society	48. Philippine Red Cross
12. Congolese Red Cross	30. Myanmar Red Cross Society	49. Timor-Leste Red Cross Society
13. Red Cross Society of Eritrea	31. Namibia Red Cross	50. Togolese Red Cross
14. Ethiopian Red Cross Society	32. Nepal Red Cross Society	51. Uganda Red Cross Society
15. Gambia Red Cross Society	33. Nicaraguan Red Cross	52. Vietnam Red Cross Society
16. Red Cross Society of Guinea	34. Red Cross Society of Niger	53. Yemen Red Crescent Society
17. Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau	35. Nigerian Red Cross Society	54. Zambia Red Cross Society
18. The Guyana Red Cross Society	36. Pakistan Red Crescent Society	55. Zimbabwe Red Cross Society
	37. Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society	

Number of targeted direct beneficiaries per project



## 20 PARTICIPATING NATIONAL SOCIETIES (PNS)

1. American Red Cross	11. Irish Red Cross
2. Australian Red Cross	12. Red Cross of Monaco
3. Austrian Red Cross	13. The Netherlands Red Cross
4. Belgian Red Cross	14. New Zealand Red Cross
5. British Red Cross	15. Norwegian Red Cross
6. Canadian Red Cross	16. Qatar Red Crescent Society
7. Danish Red Cross	17. Spanish Red Cross
8. Finnish Red Cross	18. Swedish Red Cross
9. French Red Cross	19. Swiss Red Cross
10. German Red Cross	20. Japanese Red Cross Society

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