

**Global Water Solidarity**  
**Water Governance in Issyk-Kul region: For the universal and sustainable access to a quality drinking water, enhanced water governance and basic sanitation”**

**I. Context**

The improvement of the water management in the Issyk-Kul region of Kirgizstan has been lately largely supported by the local community based drinking water users unions (CDWUU), which consists of the local authorities, citizens and private sector from the region.

Kirgizstan Alliance for Water and Sanitation (KAWS), which supports the water governance and the strategic development in water and sanitation in this region, and strengthens the local strategic planning partnered with the UNDP Global Water Solidarity in order to jointly assess the limits of potential benefits of decentralized cooperation in the region. The Study led by GWS and conducted by several partners identified this project as its operational outcome.

This project coming together with the Study and its project sheets benefits a wide range of inclusive and participatory inputs and contributions from the local level actors’ e.g. citizens, mayors, civil society, and authorities. The project seeks partners at the international level; it looks, for several partners to engage in a cooperation, which in turn will ensure the impact, sustainability and visibility of its concerted local level actions.

**II. Objectives and beneficiaries**

The principal objective of this project is to improve the life of the population of the Issyk-Kul region through a universal and sustainable access to water and sanitation; to decrease the poverty and social exclusion of the most vulnerable groups through an improved water and sanitation supply.

Specific objectives include:

- 1) Improve the life conditions of the Issyk-Kul population through a sustainable access to a safe drinking water; (several village level infrastructure projects)
- 2) To strengthen the water governance at the local level (regional municipalities, inter-municipality and region); (one regional water and sanitation fund)
- 3) To support ongoing sanitation efforts through multiplied partner engagement

### III. Results and activities

The results related to the first specific objective are the following:

1.1 Intervention and construction zones identified by the local participation;

1.2 Construction of water supplies performed;

The results linked to the second specific objective are the following:

2.1 Articulation of local and national actors for the improved water management;

2.2 Enhanced local level actors water management capacity through a Regional water and sanitation Fund;

The results linked to the third specific objective are the following:

3.1 Increased local communities' awareness;

3.2 Increased level of ecosan units

The activities envisaged within the first result are largely relying on the inclusiveness and participation by the local level actors and therefore involves a large scope of consultations whereas the concrete actions imply the work execution, monitoring, and the infrastructures reception and inauguration.

The activities aimed reaching the second objective are encompassing a wide range of actions directed to strengthen local level capacities to manage better water and sanitation and to improve their strategy through water and sanitation regional fund. They therefore include development of the building capacity plans, training modules and so on.

Finally, the activities expected within the last result are merely of a construction nature.

### IV. Conclusions

The process heading to the presentation of this proposition already indicates the project impact. Inclusive participation of all the national and local actors in the project development, based on identified priorities in the national policies and local strategies already indicates the sustainability of the entire project.

The project encompasses different water management elements including the population sensitization for water and sanitation construction and maintenance. Thanks to this integrated approach the integrated project improves the water management and the water resources preservation in the target area, thus reducing poverty among beneficiaries who are using water for their daily live and job.

<b>REGION/ PROVINCE : INTERVENTION AREA</b>	Ang-Oston village, Jety-Oguz rayon, Issyk-Kul oblast, Kyrgyzstan
<b>HEADING</b>	Rehabilitation of the water distribution system and support of the newly set up local community based drinking water users union (CDWUU)
<b>PRIORITY APPROACH</b>	Providing access to drinking water and sustainable management of drinking water supply through a community based initiative
<b>GUIDING POLICY</b>	Universal access to water and sanitation
<b>DURATION</b>	2 years
<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>	Over the last 2 decades the water supply system in Ang-Oston village has completely deteriorated. Currently, the Ang-Oston residents get water from as few as 4 street water stands, where water is available only few hours a day, and from the borehole, located in ones private yard that is restrictively accessible. The CDWUU started awareness rising among the villagers as well as among the authorities. Water tariff system and several projects design counts among the most recent results achieved. The project therefore includes the rehabilitation of the current infrastructure and connation to the existing network.
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY</b>	1 090 inhabitants
<b>DESIRED RESULTS</b>	All inhabitants of the village Ang-oston (1090) will have 24 hours access to safe drinking water with an affordable price. Enhanced CDWUU capacity to operate and maintain the water supply system in a long term perspective.
<b>PREDICTED ACTIVITIES DURING THE INTERVENTION PROJECT</b>	Water Supply System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed design of the connection and rehabilitation by a company</li> <li>• Tendering the construction tasks</li> <li>• Construction of the connection and rehabilitation by an external company</li> <li>• Supervision of the construction</li> </ul> Capacity building of the CDWUU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for tender, contracting, supervision of construction</li> <li>• Training on bookkeeping and tariff setting</li> <li>• Training on drinking water safety</li> <li>• Training on operation and maintenance</li> </ul> Awareness raising of population, local authorities and stakeholders
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<b>PARTNERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) France UNDP-GWS
<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>	120,000 Euro Local contribution 40%
<b>SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT</b>	UNDP inclusive and participatory territorial approach

