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- 3 In recognition of the importance of clean drinking water and sanitation to the health and socio economic development of our peoples, the leaders of the G20 Group commit our countries to put in place and to enforce intensified global and national efforts to create mechanisms through which our governments and peoples can effectively address unhygienic conditions in which our people are

they are sufficiently well staffed and financed to enable them to operate smoothly.

- pursue new approaches to ensure the equitable participation of women in all decision making processes in safe water and sanitation programs.
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important to ensure that the committees are all embracing and representative of all sections of the user community including NGOs, CBOs, development partners and women. The local authority and government should be represented as ex officio members of the committees.

- ensure that the committees meet regularly, that minutes are kept, that there is an accurate record of financial transactions and that an annual inspection be conducted for the activities of the committees and the performance of the service in question.
- Ensure that the committees work in collaboration with and with the help of the ministries of health, education, gender, water, environment, lands and others, the committees should track service user figures, awareness levels, quality of participation, improvements in patterns of water borne diseases including malaria, diarrhoea, typhoid and parasitic diseases.
- Require that the committees must produce reports annually on safe drinking water trends, hygiene and sanitation changes in their localities.

Build adequate capacity

The G20 group, recognizes the urgent need to develop and manage safe drinking water and sanitation facilities sustainably. The G20 countries, therefore, instruct that the following measures be instituted to ensure sustainable management of the safe water and sanitation facilities when these are put in place.

Build the capacity of communities to:

- to draw up plans and budgets;
- to select suitable and appropriate technologies;
- to manage the services;
- to select private operators to run the services;
- to carry out cleaning and repairs;
- to pay for the maintenance costs of the services;
- to package standardized hygiene and sanitation guidelines;
- to enforce guidelines;
- to organise service user welfare;
- to ensure quality of products and services;
- to lobby donor funding; and
- to make progress reports and account for funds received and spent.

Targets and Indicators

It has been amply demonstrated that lack of safe drinking water and poor sanitation

The G20 group, therefore, directs that safe drinking water and suitable sanitation facilities must be established and provided to the populations of the member countries in accordance with the following targets and time frame. During implementation of these activities, indicators of success of the program must be provided along side the targets.

- **Rural Safe Drinking Water Supply**
The number of people with access to a safe or improved drinking water source within one km must be raised from the current 20-60 per cent in various countries to 100 per cent by 2025.
- **Urban Safe Drinking Water Supply**
The number of people with access to a safe or improved water source within 0.2 km must be raised from the current 20-60 per cent to 100 per cent by 2025.
- **Access to Sanitation in Rural Areas: Pit Latrines**
Current access to pit latrines in the G20 countries varies anywhere between 10% to 80%, according to the individual country. This must be raised to 100% access by 2025.
- **The ECOSAN Latrines**
The concept of the use of the ECOSAN Latrines (Ecological Sanitation Latrines) is becoming very popular. The G20 countries now require that all schools and public institutions adopt the use of the ECOSAN Latrines by 2025. ECOSAN latrines are efficient, ecologically sustainable and ensure re-cycling 1 (efre-cycl. 1 T0ly)TSan.0025illy)TSan.0025iTSa