



Water and Sanitation for millions of people -

How are we doing, what should be done and why is sanitation lagging behind?

**7th December kl. 09.00 – 12.30
Eigtveds Pakhus Room II
Asiatisk Plads 2G, 1448 København K.**

1.4 billion people are still without good drinking water and 2.6 billion are without improved sanitation. Year 2008 has been declared by UN as the Year of Sanitation. The good reason behind this is that while there is good progress in terms of meeting the MDG on water supply the development in terms of halving the number of people without proper sanitation is not impressive. In sub-Saharan Africa population increases even outweigh sanitation improvements and by 2006 the number of persons without proper sanitation increased by 111 million.

Poverty reduction is the cornerstone of Danish development policy also in terms of Water Supply and Sanitation. Halfway into the MDG target in 2015 and just before the UN Year of Sanitation is a relevant time to take stock. What are the experiences in providing for the poor? Do we need new or different financing mechanisms? How can we do better in terms of infrastructure development? What are the knowledge gaps and how do we increase awareness? How to reach urban slum dwellers and peri-urban populations? Do we need better sanitation strategies, guidelines or just more money?

Danida – Evaluation Department and Danish Water Forum would like to invite for a discussion of these issues with the Danish Resource base at the meeting on December the 7th.

Programme:

- Towards the year of sanitation – introduction by Torkil Jønch Clausen, Danish Water Forum
- Brief presentation of the Evaluation of Danish support to water and sanitation 1999 – 2005, Margrethe Holm Andersen, Danida – Evaluation Department
- Building financial realism into investment planning in environmental infrastructure, Jesper Karup Pedersen, COWI
- Impact evaluations of support to water and sanitation activities (representative of donor organisation, tbc)
- Danish Bilateral Support to Water Supply and Sanitation (Danida representative)
- Infrastructure development – Experiences from Vietnam and options for improvement, Jens Thøgersen, Grontmij-Carl Bro
- Discussion – how to reach the poor – guidelines or money?

Sandwiches will be served after the meeting.

Participation is free, but registration necessary with Danish Water Forum: +45 45 16 90 38 –
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