WASH in Schools Country Profile

Vietnam

A. Enabling Policy Environment for WASH in Schools

- There is a national budget allocation and plan of action for WASH-in-Schools. This plan of action is incorporated in the National Target Program of Rural Water and Sanitation and in the School Health Plan of Action.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) is the lead agency for implementation of WASH in Schools programming in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET).
- Partners that assist with implementation of WASH-in-Schools programming include the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP/WB), Unilever, Procter & Gamble (P&G), and some other Non-Governmental Organizations.

B. Quality and Coverage of WASH in Schools Programming

- With UNICEF’s support, MOET has developed a teacher’s guide book for WASH education. The guidebook is being utilized throughout the country in WASH-in-Schools target areas.
- There is no functional Educational Management Information System (EMIS). However, the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) System of the National Target Program of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation includes school WASH indicators. Only main commune schools are counted/covered while branch commune schools are not counted/covered by the M&E System.
- 83% of schools have access to sanitation facilities. The government standard for pupils per latrine/toilet is 100 pupils per latrine/toilet.

C. Highlights and Main Challenges for WASH in Schools

- No separate national program for school WASH is available.
- No clear guidance document for budget allocation for school WASH is available in the National Target Program of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation.
- MOET is not strong in advocating for school WASH in the policy agenda.

D. Reference Materials

Reference documents are not available.