



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Global Water and Sanitation Initiative (GWSI)



‘Contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
by scaling-up established capacities’



The Problem

- § 1.1 Billion lack access to safe water & 2.4 Billion lack basic sanitation
- § 4 Million die annually (80% < 5yrs)
- § 30% of common recurrent diseases are WatSan related
- § 100 Billion US\$ productivity lost annually
- § 4 out of 8 MDG's focus on WatSan needs





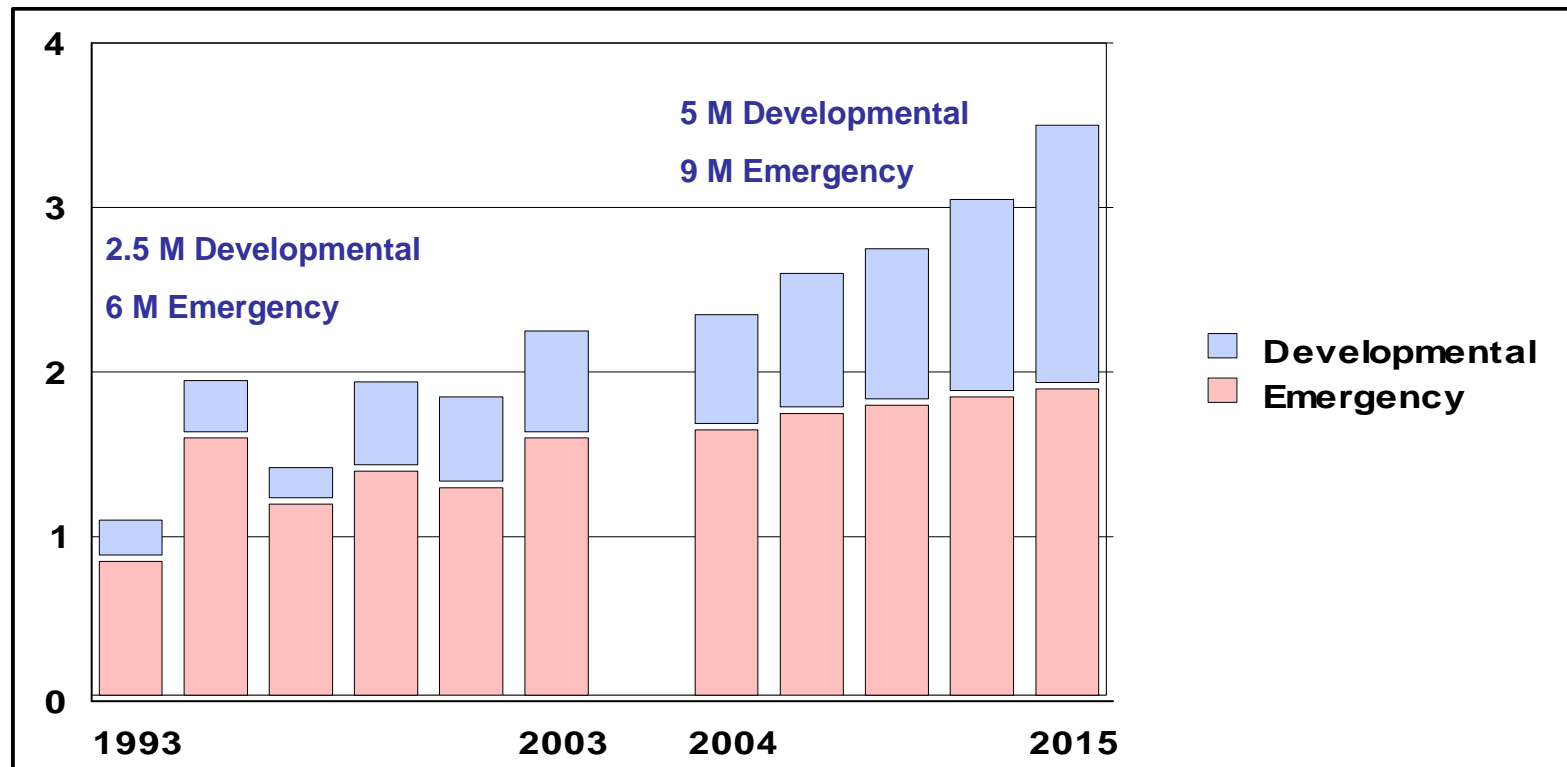
The Response

- § Federation commitment (S2010, H&C policies, WatSan Policy)
- § Federation GWSI (a common approach to the WatSan MDG's)
- § UN Declaration – ‘access to safe water & sanitation, a human right’
- § UN Commitment – CSD & MDG's
- § 2nd UN Decade for Water 2005-15

All of the above contributes to an increased global momentum to
‘increase sustainable WatSan coverage’



Federation WatSan Beneficiaries



Emergency WatSan : Projected increase in demand and delivery

Developmental WatSan : Scaling-up (x 2) with the GWSI



Lessons Learned - conclusions

- § Well established WatSan Disaster Response capacity – demand increasing – Federation recognised as a leader in this field – partnerships with ICRC WHO, Unicef, OXFAM & others
- § Further capacity needed - maintaining of standards & HR's
- § Developmental programmes increasing – many as follow-on to Disaster Response, now 35% of WatSan activities
- § Need for better coordinated and common approach – increase resource opportunities/partnerships – increase impact on MDG's



Constraints & Challenges

- § Tendency towards hardware driven, relief approach
- § Too small, too short, high cost/beneficiary
- § Weak software results in low sustainability
- § Need for improved integration with health
- § Host NS capacity-Need for better focused support
- § Need for better coordinated approach



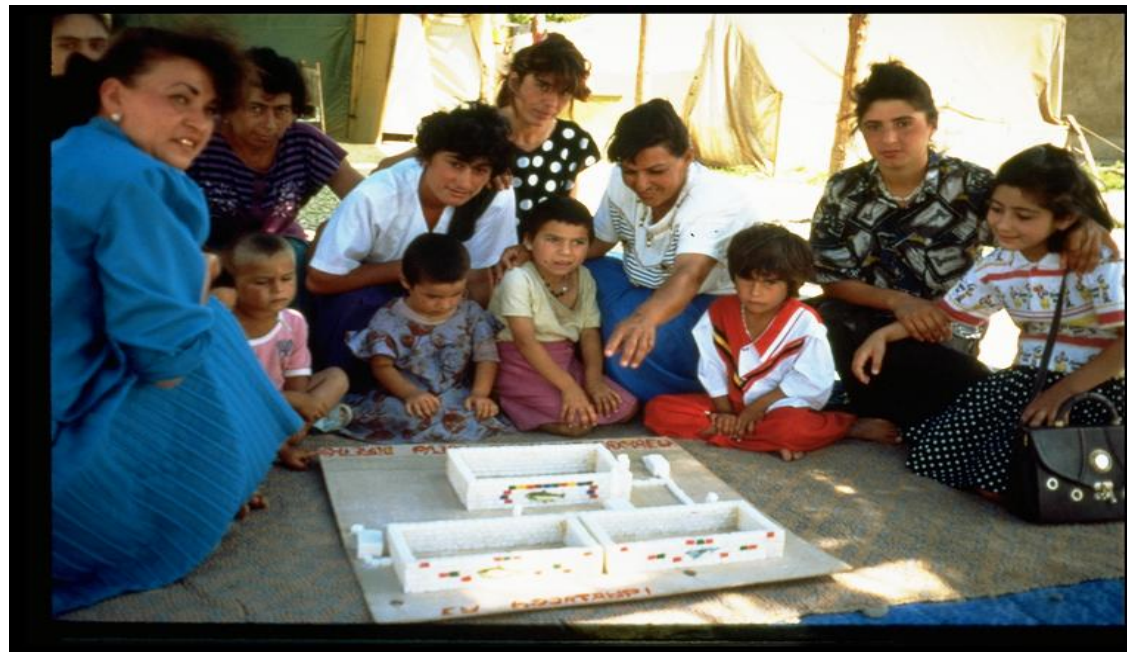
WatSan – Future Perspectives

- § Continue/expand WatSan in DP & R (FACT, ERU, RDRT, pool of WatSan Delegates)
- § Continue coordination/support to other WatSan activities through Regional/Country WatSan Delegates
- § GWSI – scaling up quality/quantity of developmental, sustainable projects
- § Better positioning of Federation to benefit from new funding opportunities



Established Methodologies

- § Led by *'software'* (i.e. community participation, community fundraising and training for O&M, behavioural change in hygiene practices)





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- § Appropriate *'hardware'* (i.e. simple low-cost technology to enable community level sustainability)





GWSI – Criteria

- § Larger, longer-term, more sustainable
- § In-line with National WatSan strategies/policies
- § Focus on NS's with established WatSan capacities
- § Improved project planning, management & coordination
- § Hardware/software balance, improved Health integration

Working with and improving Host NS's established WatSan capacities



GWSI – Progress

- § Concept shared with WatSan Delegates/Officers worldwide
- § Set of GWSI criteria identified
- § Dissemination in-house at Secretariat level
- § Dissemination began with PNS and ONS with WatSan interests
- § GWSI adopted for EU-ACP Water Facility bids – January 05 (Aust, Brit, Danes, Dutch, French, Finns, German, Span.)
- § WatSan & PLWHA Pilot in three African Countries (P&G)
- § GWSI Information sheet and project design checklist
- § GWSI Statement defined as ‘Federation common approach’
- § GWSI PHAST ‘software’ booklet/toolkit to be published