

## Water and Ethics: Can We Tackle it at the Country Level?

Fifth World Water Forum:
Launch of the Book on 'Water and Ethics'

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#### What is Corruption?

### 'Corruption is the Abuse of Entrusted

Power for Private Gain'

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#### **Anticorruption Strategies in the Water Sector:**

#### What does the Book 'Water and Ethics' Say

Propensity for Corruption in the Water Sector

- Tools for Dealing with Corruption in the Water Sector
  - 'Grand' Corruption
  - 'Petty' Corruption
- Setting up the Water Integrity Network: An Anti-Corruption Coalition in the Water Sector

**Moving to Local Action: Water Integrity Surveys** 



### Country Level Action (1): Five Step Program

- Undertake a risk assessment of corruption an the water to identify water sector corruption `hot spots`
- Undertake a baseline survey to quantify the levels/risks of corruption (h/hold consumers)
- Based on these results, develop an action plan to tackle the sectoral corruption risk
- Then, organize a multistakeholder workshop to develop consensus on anticorruption action plan

Survey repeated in a few years to assess impact



### Country Level Action (2): Quality Assurance

 Multistakeholder Task Force (TF) being Constituted to assure best practice /experience is brought to bear on each Country Study

 TF will draw on experience of organizations such as OECD, UNDP, the public sector, the private sector (AquaFed) and CSOs



### UGANDA Integrity Study (1): Five Objectives

- Identify levels of resource financial leakages/corruption in WSS systems
- Determine extent of illegal costs that consumers (rural/urban) incur with WSS service providers;
- Assess the poverty and gender impacts of corruption in the water sector;
- Assess levels of integrity experienced by sectoral contractors and consultants
- Develop/update action plan to improve sectoral transparency/accountability including in MWE



### UGANDA Integrity Study (2): Three Activities

- Risk and Opportunity Mapping Study that includes the preparation of a sectoral risk map as well as identifies opportunities for managing corruption risk;
- A Baseline Study on Integrity in the Water Sector. Interviews among six categories (urban/rural consumers; private sector operators; private sector contractors/suppliers; employees of the major water utility; and district officials)
- Multistakeholder Workshop later this year to agree on sectoral AC plan



### **UGANDA Integrity Study (3)**

 Guidance provided by the multistakeholder Good Governance Subcommittee, chaired by MWE

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#### **Final Slide**

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