



Applying the Equitable Access Score-card Countries experience

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France (Greater Paris urban area)

- **Project duration:** 2012-2013
- **Project core team:** City of Paris water operator, regional water union and its operator Veolia Water, wastewater treatment interdepartemental authority
- **Main findings:** challenge access of vulnerable and marginalised groups to W&S
- **Actions taken to reduce inequities:**

- (1) Law adopted in 2014 to enable service providers to adopt social tariffs & study on tarification
- (2) Issue of vulnerable and marginalised groups addressed by other sectorial policies: plan to fight against exclusion in Paris (adopted 2015)
- (3) National Plan on Health and Environment 2015-2019, Action 101 “Support equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation”, promote equity assessments



Ukraine (country level & Sevastopol)

- **Project duration:** 2012-2013
 - **Project core team:** State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service, NGO MAMA-86
 - **Main findings:** geographical disparities, problem access in institutions, no data on vulnerable & marginalized groups
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- **Main outcomes and actions taken to reduce inequities:**
 - (1) Awareness raised, inter agencies coordination improved, lobbying for focus on sanitation
 - (2) Project proposal funded by SIDA to address issues, focusing on detailed equity assessment, WASH in schools and Water Safety Plans



Portugal (country level)

- **Project duration:** 2012-2013
- **Project core team:** water and waste services regulation authority
- **Main findings:** lack of coordination between social protection services and services providers on social tariffs; need to focus efforts on improving awareness and skills of personnel
- **Main outcomes and actions taken:**
 - (1) Recommendations developed for practitioners on how to implement HRWS
 - (2) Development of a simulator of social tariffs for water and waste services to find best adjusted solutions for mandatory adoption of social tariff by utilities



Republic of Moldova (country level)

- **Project duration:** April – December 2014
- **Project core team:** NGO Solidarity Water Europe – Moldova with support Ministry of Environment
- **Main findings:** Need strong commitment to reducing large poor/rich & rural/urban households inequities. No clear guidance on water and sanitation affordability under national Water and Sanitation Strategy.
- **Main outcomes and actions taken:**
 - (1) One specific target was established under Protocol on Water and Health
 - (2) Measures defined: decision to define national framework for equitable access and to develop financing solidarity mechanisms.



The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (in 3 regions)

- **Project duration:** May 2015 – February 2016
- **Project core team:** National Institute of Public Health and NGO Journalist for Human Rights
- **Main findings:** disparities between rural and urban areas, problem of access in certain schools in rural areas and for homeless people in Skopje. Need capacity building on equitable access for local authorities.
- **Main outcomes and actions taken:**
 - (1) Equity dimension to be reflected in draft targets set under Health 2020 – to be adopted in 2016
 - (2) Will engage in development of 3 pilot equitable access local action plans, then national action plan

Other countries

Hungary (country level)

- **Project duration:** Oct. 2014 – March 2016
- **Project core team:** National Public Health Center

Armenia (country level + focus on remote areas)

- **Project duration:** started December 2015 (final workshop planned 7-8 July 2016)
- **Project core team:** Ministry of Agriculture and NGO

Azerbaijan (country level)

- **Project duration:** started Sept. 2015 (on-going)
- **Project core team:** Republican Hygiene and Epidemiology Centre and Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

Serbia (regional level)

- **Project duration:** request for support received in Sept. 2015, assessment to start in summer 2016
- **Project core team:** Regional Agency for Economic Development with support Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection and Ministry of Health



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Thank you for your attention!

