



# Closing Conference TMF project “Tapping Resources”

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# Goals TMF project

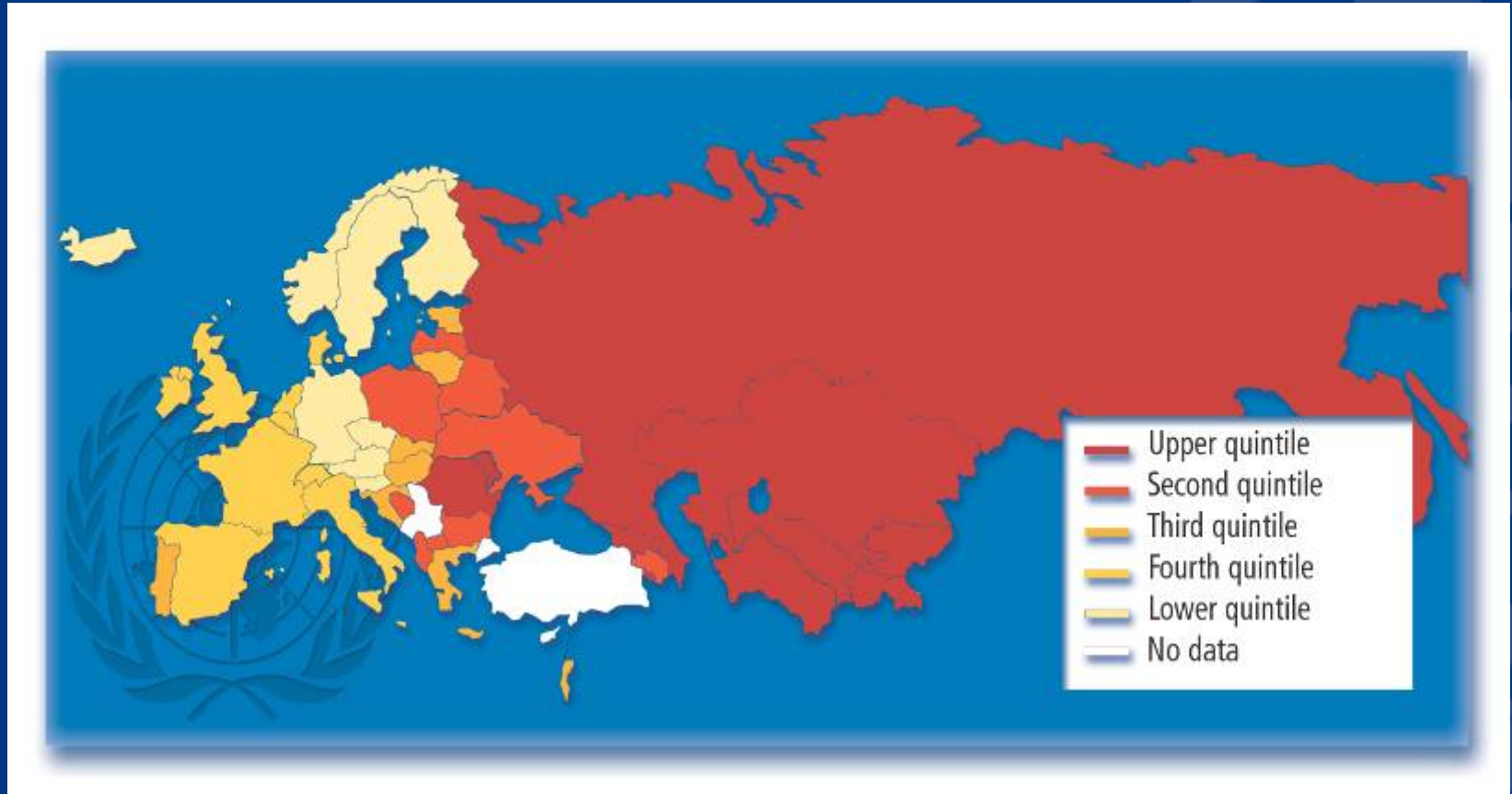
- Sustainable poverty alleviation
- Direct improvement of living conditions of people living in poverty in rural areas
- Implementation of sustainable water-, sanitation- and agricultural pilot projects
- Capacity building of civil society, improving governance
- Increasing democracy and involvement in policy development and particularly strengthening the position of women on all levels.

# Contributing to the MDGs

The project contributes to the realization of Millennium Development Goals, agreed on by all heads of states in 2000

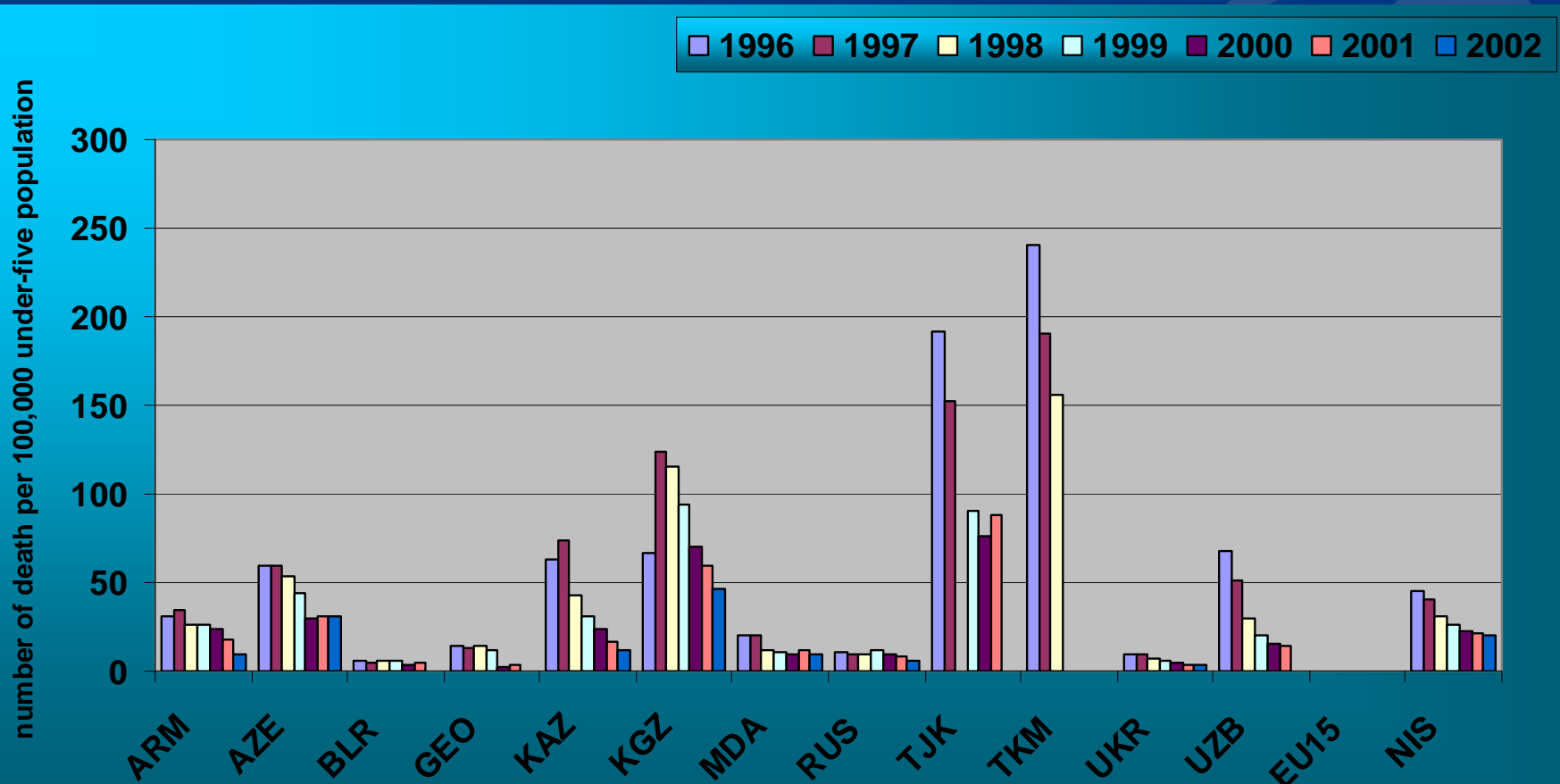
- MDG 7: environmental sustainability - access to drinking water and sanitation
- MDG 2: access to education,
- MDG 3: improving status of women
- MDG 4: reduction of child mortality
- MDG 5: improvement of maternal health

# Probability of Dying Before Age 5



Source: WHO Regional Office for Europe

# Under-five Mortality Rate of Diarrhoeal Diseases



# Safe Sanitation in the EU and EECCA: a challenge

- 100 million people lack safe sanitation
- Rural areas
- High morbidity
- Pollution of ground and drinking water



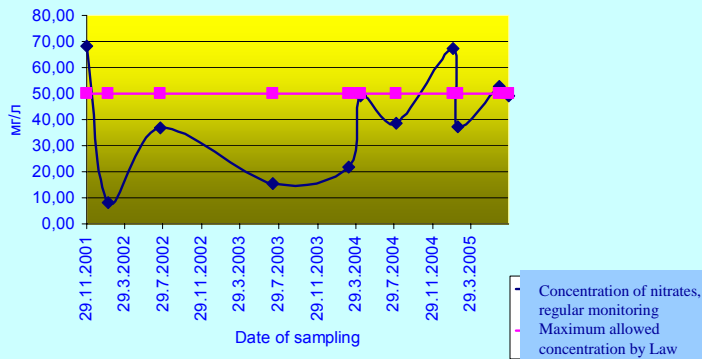
This well contains such high levels of Faecal and coli-bacteria

That acc.to EU guideline water would not even be safe for bathing

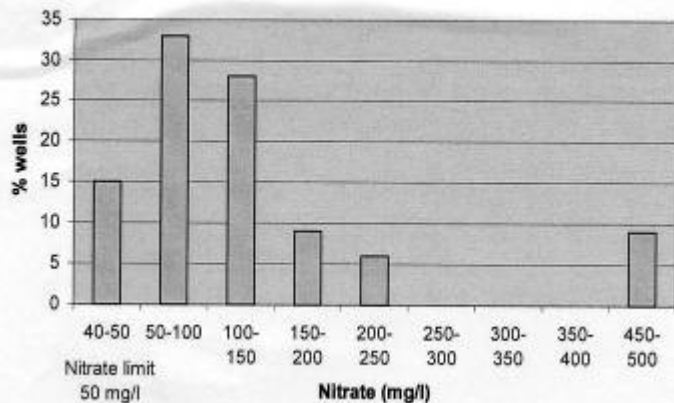
This Sipot source, Garla Mare, Romania contains the pesticide 'atrazine' : up to 5x the limit of the EU directive for drinkingwater

# Nitrate Pollution of Drinking Water

Identified nitrate content of drinking water - Sulitsa (2001-2005)



results of nitrate test in Garla Mare



# TMF Results Achieved

- Armenian results will be presented by AWHHE
- Aral Sea region, demonstrations:
  - 1 dry urine diverting school toilet for 200 children
  - 8 household urine diverting toilets
  - Feasibility for water supply system 2 villages
  - Demonstration organic farming
  - Health education and monitoring



# TMF Results Achieved (continued)

## Afghanistan:

- 60 drinking water wells for poor rural households
- 2 schools with ecosan toilets, girls and boys
- Fish farming pond, income generation



# International Advocacy World Water Forum Mexico

## Sanitation

95% of the world's and 95% of Mexico's urban population is discharged without treatment, with lower compliance in the surrounding and the rural.

More public funds are needed for collection, treatment and wastewater treatment, investment in water supply and sanitation, along with private, public, and social funds and investments.

Collection and treatment facilities are the often missing, while often the better solution may be a decentralized system such as eco-sanitation.

Old models for funding services and services must be replaced to be more-making.



# Mexico 2006 IV Foro Mundial del Agua



Acciones  
locales  
para un  
reto global



Elke  
Mülegger



Kajetan  
Hetzer



Hortencia  
Medina



Sandra  
Bolívar



Luis  
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# Romania: toilets for school and town hall and for 5 families



# Village Sulitsa, Bulgaria

1 Ecosan toilet in the cultural club and soil filter for the grey

2 Household toilets

1 Public toilet in the village of Stara Zagora Spa



# Ukraine school toilet 350 pupils and teacher in Stepanovka, Odessa Oblast



# Gaining experiences with safe reuse of urine



- Analyses
- Trials
- Implementation



# Safe reuse of faeces

*For an elimination of pathogens an adequate treatment is essential*

- Storage in alkaline environment (ashes, lime)
- Composting



# Why schools?

- Educational effect
- Lack of state funding for rural schools is a great problem
- Each child should have right to hygiene and safe sanitation in school

# Why Ecosan?

- Improves quality of life
- Improves hygiene and health
- And although families will not built a toilet just of this reason: keeps environment and ground water clean

# Ecosan and Reducing poverty

- Affordable compared to septic tanks or sewage
- Local production and employment
- Households as well as public buildings
- Produces valuable nutrients for agriculture

# Challenges

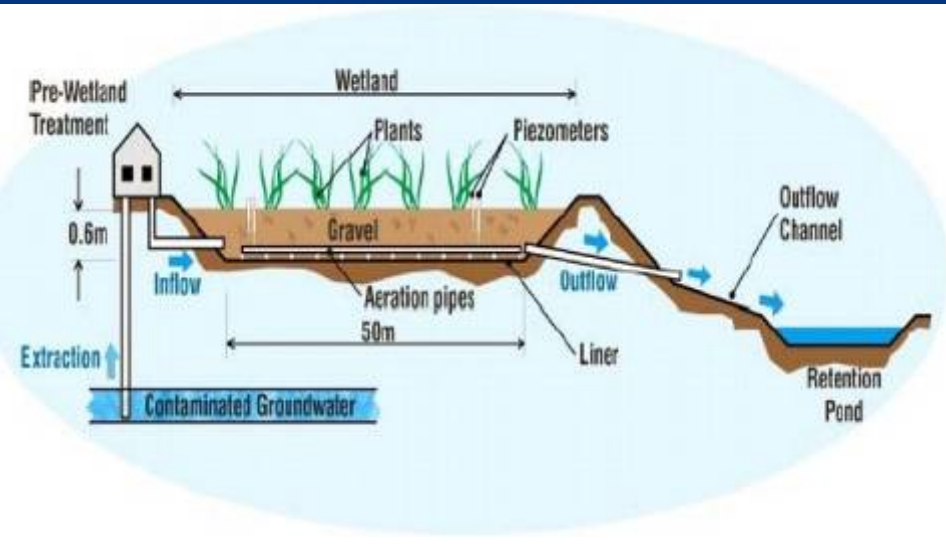
- Funding household sanitation
- Decentralized safe systems
- Local production and maintenance
- Transposing WHO guidelines on safe reuse of ecosan products

# Next phase: total access for 30.000 poor people in rural areas in 12 countries

	Villages	Access household	Access Public	Water Access
<i>Starting Dec/Jan</i>				
Kyrgyzstan	4	1,500	3,000	50
Belarus	1	500	50	50
<i>Probable start 1.1.07</i>				
Moldova	10	1,000	3,000	50
Georgia	5	1,625	540	50
Kazakhstan	2	180	1,000	50
Tadjikistan	1	50	216	50
<i>Continuation</i>				
Afghanistan	3	1,200	600	1500
Armenia	3	1,000	1,000	2000
Ukraine	7	3,500	250	50
Uzbekistan	2	1,600	250	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12,155</b>	<b>9,906</b>	<b>3,900</b>

New developments next phase

# Treat waste water in plant-soil filters



source: Comax International Ltd.

- treatment of wastewater or greywater
- effective in the removal of BOD, TSS, pathogen and nitrogen
- Re-use of waste water



New developments next phase

# Produce biomass with waste water

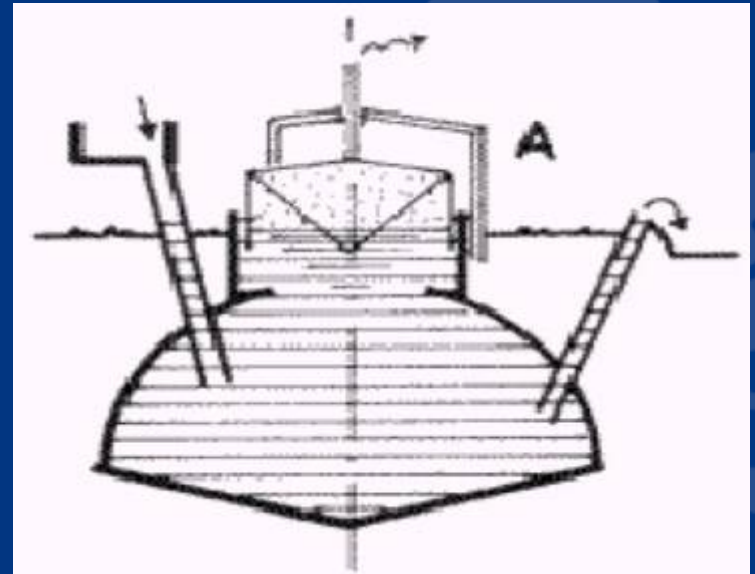


source: EU Fair, 2003

- Combined wastewater treatment and bio-fuel production from willow plantations (example in Sweden)
- Cost and energy effective

New developments next phase

# anaerobic treatment of faeces with biogas production



- recovery of energy content (covering about 20% of cooking energy needs for a typical family in a developing country)
- energy savings in fertilizer production & wastewater treatment



Thank you!



# Relevant Ecosan Websites

## ✓ EcoSanRes Publications:

[www.ecosanres.org](http://www.ecosanres.org)

2004-1 Guidelines for the Safe Use of Urine and Faeces in Ecological Sanitation Systems

2004-2 Guidelines on the Use of Urine and Faeces in Crop Production

2004-3 Open Planning of Sanitation Systems

2004-4 Introduction to Greywater Management

2004-5 Norms and Attitudes Towards Ecosan and Other Sanitation Systems

2005-1 Review of Sanitation Regulatory Frameworks

## ✓ GTZ ecosan database

<http://www.gtz.de/en/themen/umwelt-infrastruktur/wasser/9835>

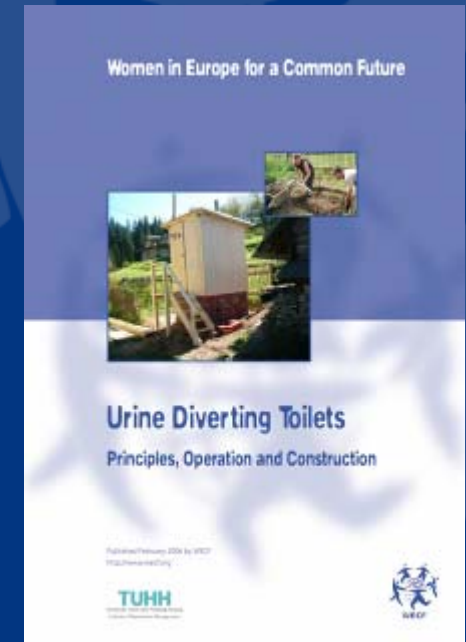
## ✓ WHO guidelines for the safe use of wastewater, excreta and greywater in agriculture

[http://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/wastewater/gsuweg4/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/wastewater/gsuweg4/en/index.html)

# WECF Ecosan Publications

To download: [www.wecf.eu/publications](http://www.wecf.eu/publications)

- ✓ Ecological Sanitation and Associated Health risks
- ✓ Reducing effects of polluted drinking water and inadequate sanitation on children's health in rural Romania
- ✓ Urine diverting toilets, principles, operation and construction
- ✓ Survey results: From pit latrine to ecological toilet
- Poster: the benefits of ecological sanitation
- Leaflet: Ecosan; a new sanitation approach
- Leaflet: Ecological Sanitation and Hygienic Considerations for Women



# examples of Ecological Sanitation



urine-separating dehydration latrine

source: Aussie Austin



constructed wetlands



[www.wecf.org](http://www.wecf.org) membrane technology

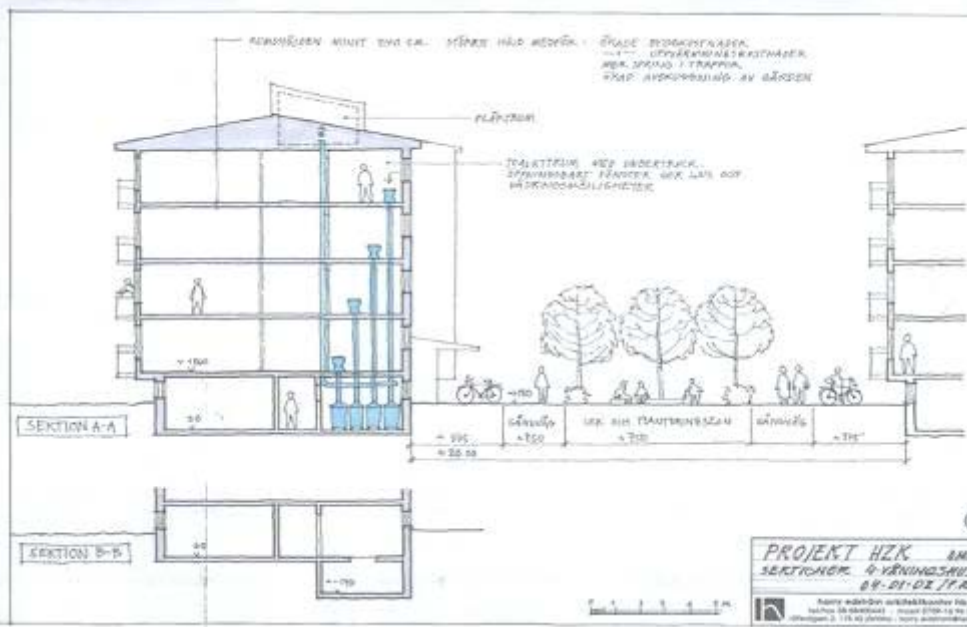


biogas plant

source: [www.abr-w.de](http://www.abr-w.de)

# China-Sweden Erdos Eco-Town Project

- Ecosan practises in an entire functioning modern town:
- Urine-diverting dry toilets and collection systems for multi-storey buildings
- Greywater collection and treated in decentralised system
- Composted faeces and urine reused in agriculture



# Solar City Linz, Austria

- New constructed urban setting for 3500 inhabitants
- Separate collection of urine and brownwater
- Onsite treatment of brownwater
- Agricultural reuse of urine



**Urine tanks** (photo: Otterwasser GmbH)



**Buildings** (photo: Otterwasser GmbH)

# Lübeck – Flintenbreite, Germany



apartments with greywater treatment and constructed wetlands



vacuum station, sanitization tank and biogas treatment plant for the collection and treatment of diluted blackwater