Overview of Fund Achievements

Key objective
To enhance the health and quality of life of the poor and vulnerable by improving sustainable access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Outcome 1
Improved performance of actors in the WASH enabling environment
- 35,175 WASH sector change agents (typically government or community stakeholders) supported to improve the delivery of WASH services.
- 2,886 WASH committees comprising 34,000 members supported.
- 855 additional service providers with functioning ‘request and response’ mechanisms.
- More than 4,000 additional private sector providers selling WASH products and services.

Outcome 2
Improved gender equality
- 2,335 WASH committees with women in management or technical roles (52% more than planned).
- 1,840 WASH committees with equal representation of women (11% less than planned).
- 427 WASH-related institutions now actively implementing a gender equality policy (130% more than planned).

Outcome 3
Improved WASH evidence and knowledge base
- Over 1,400 K&L products received over the life of the Fund covering a diverse range of topics.
- Nearly 600 CSO and partner staff attending the Fund’s six learning events.
- 60 peer-reviewed publications.

Outcome 4
Improved hygiene behaviour
- 3.6 million additional people with improved knowledge of hygiene practices (62% more than planned).
- 2 million additional households in which handwashing is practiced (according to proxy: locations with handwashing facilities with soap or ash) (31% more than planned).
- 348,000 additional students with access to an adequate number of school handwashing facilities with soap (1% more than planned).

Outcome 5
Increased use of equitable sanitation services
- 2.74 million additional people with access to improved sanitation (57% more than planned).
- 2.54 million people living in communities that have become open defecation free (51% more than planned).
- 215,000 additional students with access to improved school toilets (38% less than planned).

Outcome 6
Increased use of improved and equitable water supply services
- 445,000 additional people with access to an improved drinking-water source (22% less than planned).
- 145,000 additional students with access to an improved school drinking-water source (2% more than planned).
- 1.77 million additional people living in households where water is safely treated and stored (26% more than planned).

Request and response mechanisms are systems established by WASH service providers to process customer complaints and requests for assistance. This a proxy measure of institutional capacity and transparency, relevant for assessing the outcomes of projects that aim to strengthen the enabling environment for effective ongoing WASH service delivery.

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