



## **SANITATION COMMUNIQUÉ, 2008**

Having gathered at the seminar, on “Building Lives through Improved Sanitation in Zimbabwe” on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, at the Harare International Conference Center, in Harare, as part of the commemoration of the International Year of Sanitation, we, the undersigned, representing the sanitation sector stakeholders;

Conclude that safe sanitation is a basic human right fundamental to national development, and need to be prioritized.

We resolve to:-

- change from “business as usual”, to a dynamic, purpose driven, expanded programme, addressing all critical sanitation issues in order to reach the MDG target by 2015,
- create a supportive national policy framework and sustained enabling institutional arrangements,
- make capacity development at all levels an essential and central objective to national development for which adequate resources need to be provided in a sustained manner,
- open up a menu of sanitation technology options allowing for community led incremental development.
- mobilize financial resources for sanitation improvements, using a menu of tried and tested, sustainable financing models, efficiently utilized, in order to meet the MDG sanitation target by 2015,
- create and sustain partnerships as a pre-requisite for effective and efficient service delivery and the pulling together of human and financial resources,
- utilize participatory promotional approaches for scaling up with quality, at all sanitation planning and implementation stages,
- integrated fully, sanitation approaches, with other national developmental initiatives, and address critical issues of gender, HIV and AIDS, vulnerable groups and poverty reduction.

We commit ourselves to:-

- Finalizing the national sanitation policy
- Resuscitating water and sanitation institutions at all levels, including water and sanitation sub-committees at National, Provincial, District and Sub-district levels
- Strengthening the capacity of all water supply and sanitation institutions, including local government structures at national and sub-national levels, for effective coordination
- Providing enough financial incentives, including tax rebate, to encourage the full participation of the private sector,
- Adopting a willingness to pay approach for all sanitation services, and graded subsidies to cushion the vulnerable groups
- Researching, developing and promoting appropriate low cost technologies that are user friendly, culturally acceptable and ideal for the physically challenged, the aged and the sick.

- Creating, through the National Action Committee for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, and similar fora in urban areas, appropriate partnership, for sanitation improvement between government, NGOs, the private sector and civic organizations

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