

# *Promoting Poor Women's Participation in Water Resources Management in Periurban Hanoi*

*Fishing women along the Red River are calling for your action!!!*

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# Previous Water and Sanitation Projects

- Objective: Water supply for the primary school and Tay ethnic group living in Nalia Village, Huu Kien Commune, Chi Lang District of Lang Son Province (5/2007-4/2008).
- Water and Sanitation for Schools and Livelihood Improvement in Lao Ho Commune, Yen Dung district of Bac Giang Province. (1-9/2008).
- Arsenic treatment project in Trung Chau Commune, Hanoi (a commune in the Red River Basin) (1/2008-6/2009)
- Water supply for the Thai ethnic group living in Ban Bon Village, Chau Ly Commune, Quy Hop District, Nghe An Province (1/2008-12/2009).
- Study on aquatic resources, livelihoods and access to clean water for fishing women in Thuy An village, Trang Viet commune, Melinh, Hanoi (7/2007-2/2009).



# Why the Project ?

- Millions of riparian and fishing people (of which about 65% are women) living along The Red River downstream in periurban Hanoi do not have access to clean water, and so they use river water
- No proper toilet exist in their communities.
- Their knowledge and behavior about proper hygiene and sanitation is limited
- Fishing people (especially floating communities) lack Government support to improve their water and sanitation system as they are mobile group



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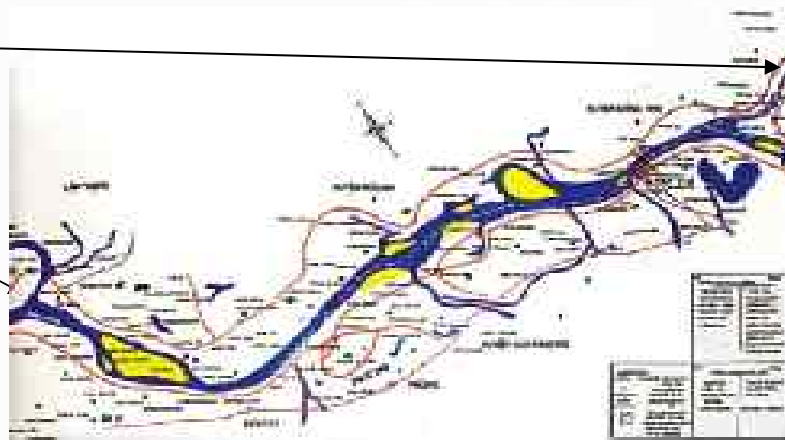
- Fishing women have been recognized as the among the most vulnerable groups because social customs and traditional responsibilities relegated them to lower social levels than males, and even other women in the same rural area.
- Few projects are designed and implemented to help them to deal with these issues
- To improve the lives of low income, poorly educated women and children are at high risk of disease.



# Project information

- Project name: *Promoting Poor Women's Participation in Water Resources Management in Periurban Hanoi*
- Proposed Project duration: two years (6/2009-5/2010)
- Implementing Agencies: WARECOD and local Women Unions
- Total budget: 150,000 EUROS
- Location:

Trung Chau, Trang Viet  
and Lien Ha communes



# Project Goals and Objectives

**Goals:** To provide improved access to clean water supply, sanitary latrines, and to promote improved hygiene behaviour for poor families living alongside the Red River downstream of Hanoi as well as promoting their active participation in water resources management.

## ***Objective 1:***

***To create an adequate water supply system for drinking and other uses for fishing household both in land and on boats.***

## ***Objective 2:***

***To improve hygiene standards and access to decent sanitation facilities for fishing communities and riparian dwellers in the project site.***

## ***Objective 3:***

***To enhance awareness of improved water and sanitation practices, health care, gender equity, and river protection by fishing people and riparian dwellers through participatory communication activities***

# Expected Outcomes

- *Adequate water supply system for drinking, cooking, hygiene and other uses for fishing households (living on land and on boats) will be established.*
- *Improved hygiene standards and improved sanitation facilities will be promoted for these target groups.*
- *Enhanced awareness of improved water and sanitation practices, health care, gender equity, and river environmental protection by fishing people in riverine communities will be established through participatory communication activities.*
- *The successful water and sanitation model established will be widely disseminated to other agencies and floating communities around the country.*



# Key Activities

- 1. Conduct applied research to identify adequate water supply system options and decent sanitation facilities for floating households.*
- 2. Provide technical and financial support to fishing women to install on the boats new water supply systems for drinking and other water uses.*
- 3. Provide technical and financial support for fishing households, both on land and on boats, to apply appropriate toilet models and hygiene behaviour.*
- 4. Create a special water and sanitation revolving loan fund for poor riparian households.*
- 5. Establish fishing women community development groups.*
- 6. Compile and create a training manual, with IEC materials for awareness raising activities on gender, water and sanitation and river protection.*
- 7. Strengthen capacity for resource persons to carry out communication programmes on gender, water and sanitation issues, primary health care, and river protection in the proposed project areas (e.g., for training, competition, and social activities)*
- 8. Support for resource persons to implement communication activities at community level*

# Costs and Beneficiaries

Estimated costs for all activities

150,000 EUROS



- An amount of 1000 fishing people and other 1000 riparian dwellers along the Red River
- Fishing populations in other river basins
- Contribution to development in the execution area

# Funding sources

- WARECOD is seeking sponsors and partners who are interested in this proposed initiative to provide help for fishing women to improve their water and sanitation conditions and habits, and thereby improving their health and living conditions.
- This proposal was submitted to Fundeso (a Spanish NGO), and will also be submitted to Global Fund for Women to request supplemental support for this program.

Thank you for your attention, we welcome  
all your comments, advice and support!

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