

Reaching Universal Access to Water Supply at Community Level

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*#116 Social Cases: Reaching Universal Access to Water
Supply at Community Level (V.Sorokovskyi, DESPRO)*



1: UKRAINE



- Eastern Europe
- Unitary state
- Population - about 43 mio.
- Size – 603,000 sq.km (incl. ‘black zones’)
- GDP per capita – 2824 US\$ (2016)
- 4 tiers public administration set up:
 - National level
 - Regions - **27**
 - Rayons (sub-regions) - **468**
 - Local self- government:
 - **11 000** village councils
 - **886** cities and towns
- One third of population lives in rural areas



2. Qu'est-ce qui s'est passé? / What happened?

- Community based RWS introduced and successfully implemented (2007-13)
 - 80 projects
 - Borehole + networks + house connections (75% in-house, 25% - backyard tap)
 - Coverage increase from 0-15% to 92-96%
 - Households financial contributions are required
- Challenge: remaining 4-8% hhs
- Solution: community-led *Social Cases* policy (2014+)



3. Résultats / Results

- 20 villages implemented the approach
- 19 – decision made by the community,
1 – by the Village Council.
- 3 to 7 SC hhs per a village (up to 5%)
- SCs structure: families with many children;
single elderly people; disabled people



4. Analyse / Analysis

- Determination of SCs: principle "in community, they know who is who"
- Criteria → analysis of non-payers → decision on SCs → decision on policy
- Community to decide (but) the final word is with the VC
- *Paternalism* issue doesn't take place – no chance to co-opt the approach by the rich

5. Conclusion

- The *Social Cases* approach:
 - important component of social mobilisation where \$ contribution is required
 - Can help achieve universal access to water
 - Doesn't have any national specificity, so it can be applied widely
 - Clear set of criteria is crucial
 - Require at least minimum level of community cohesion, trust, decision-making and financial management capacity.





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