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EAP Task Force Water Programme – Progress and Plans

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EAP Task Force Water Programme

1. Monitoring water sector reform, including achievements in reaching the MDGs on water
2. Legal and institutional reforms
3. Promoting financial reform and managing their social impacts

Monitoring Reforms

- **Institutional and legal reforms (activity number 1.1.2)**
 - 6 country reports prepared by consultants
 - Country comments sought
- **In rural areas (1.1.3)**
 - Two case studies in Moldova and Kyrgyz Republic under way
 - Workshop planned to investigate successful approaches at the end of April in Tbilisi with REC Caucasus
- **At the utility level (1.1.4)**
 - Utility performance data collected in 9 countries and about 400 utilities, up-dates for Russia and Moldova
 - Workshop on benchmarking and performance indicators held in Chisinau, 9-10 December 2004
 - Expressions of interest for follow-up work sought
- **These products will be used to prepare the Almaty+5 progress report**

Promoting Legal and Institutional Reforms

- **Identifying obstacles and opportunities for PSP in EECCA (1.2.1)**
 - Paper on PSP in Russia prepared
 - Workshop on role of domestic private sector in EECCA water sector held in Moscow, 20-21 September 2004
- **Guidelines for performance-based contracts between municipalities and utilities (1.2.2)**
 - Publication ready for printing
 - Expressions of interest sought for pilot implementation project
- **Reform of water-related standards (1.2.3)**
 - Work on hold due to lack of funding

Promoting financial reforms and managing their social implications

- **Developing a financial planning tool for municipalities (1.3.1)**
 - First pilot project to develop and test a financial planning tool started with Bishkek water utility, finalisation expected by July 2005
 - Second pilot project planned in Armenia for second half of 2005.
 - Expressions of interest for a possible third project sought
- **Developing financing strategies for the water supply and sanitation, including a social assessment (1.3.2)**
 - Project in Georgia following expression of interest, started in December 2004. Finalisation expected by July 2005.
 - New project planned for 2006, expressions of interest sought.



Almaty+5 conference

- **Ministerial conference in Moscow**
- **Will mobilise an important part of EAP Task Force secretariat resources in 2005**
- **More from Brendan Gillespie**