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1. STRATEGIC REPORT 2. "GUIDELINES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL SANITATION POLICIES."

This report provides guidelines to inventory and evaluate the adequacy of sanitation policies in developing countries. The assessment tool will serve to focus attention on key elements of sanitation policy and programming. The tool also provides methods guidance for sanitation data collection and suggestions for field assessment.

A 1.85MB PDF version of the report is available at:

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2. ACTIVITY REPORT 109. "HEALTH OF CHILDREN LIVING IN URBAN SLUMS IN ASIA AND THE NEAR EAST: REVIEW OF EXISTING LITERATURE AND DATA."

Due to the rapid pace of urbanization in Asia and the Near East (ANE), the USAID/ANE Regional Bureau tasked EHP with a three-phase activity. Phase 1 involves compilation/literature review of information related to what is known about urban slum child health and information gaps, focusing on three cities in the region: Cairo, Egypt, Ahmedabad, India and Manila, Philippines.

The activity report provides the compiled information related to urban slum child health and guidelines for strategic planning and program development.

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3. JOINT PUBLICATION 4. "PREVENTION OF DIARRHEA THROUGH IMPROVING HYGIENE BEHAVIORS, THE SANITATION AND FAMILY EDUCATION (SAFE) PILOT PROJECT EXPERIENCE."

The Sanitation and Family Education pilot project implemented by CARE/Bangladesh with technical assistance from the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), focused on the "software" aspects of water, sanitation and hygiene, in particular, hygiene promotion for diarrhea prevention. The SAFE results clearly showed the importance of hygiene promotion to achieve health outcomes.

The principal report, documenting the SAFE project, was published by CARE/Bangladesh in February 1995. ICDDR,B reprinted the report as part of its Special Publication Series. Unfortunately, the report did not receive the wide circulation that its findings and methodological

documentation deserved, and EHP re-printed the report as a CARE-ICDDR,B-EHP joint publication to make the document available to a wider audience.

A 2.28MB PDF version of the report is available at:

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4. ACTIVITY REPORT 110. "SUPPORT FOR PHASE II OF THE PERU LEAD PROJECT TO DETERMINE BLOOD AND AMBIENT LEAD LEVELS IN METROPOLITAN LIMA AND TO MANAGE THE LEAD EXPOSURE PROBLEM IN CRITICAL AREAS"

In 1997, a collaboration was initiated between USAID/Peru and the Peruvian Ministry of Health's General Directorate of Environmental Health (DIGESA) to implement a program to phase out lead from gasoline. As part of the program, a blood-lead study was implemented to obtain baseline data to monitor changes in blood lead levels associated with the phase-out. The study conducted by DIGESA among high-risk populations, mainly children and women living in Lima and Callao, showed severe lead contamination in an area near the port of Callao. The findings highlighted a need to look at probable sources of contamination other than leaded gasoline. As a result, DIGESA, EHP and USAID implemented a follow-on phase of the study. The purpose of the Peru Lead Project Phase II was to clearly identify all possible sources of lead exposure and to provide technical assistance and support to DIGESA to manage the problem.

A 1.12MB PDF version of the report is available at:

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5. STRATEGIC REPORT 3. IMPROVING SANITATION IN SMALL TOWNS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR DESIGNING A SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PLAN

Over the past year, with support from USAID's Latin America and the Caribbean Bureau, Office of Regional Sustainable Development (LAC/RSD), EHP has developed a methodology for improving sanitation in small towns in Latin America and the Caribbean. This methodology has been field tested in Ecuador, Panama and Jamaica.

A 1.86MB PDF version of the report, "Improving Sanitation in Small Towns in Latin America and the Caribbean: Practical Methodology for Designing a Sustainable Sanitation Plan," is available at:

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6. JOINT PUBLICATION 5. USAID VILLAGE AND SANITATION PROGRAM, WEST BANK OF PALESTINE - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT PHASE I

An environmental health assessment of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Village and Water Sanitation (VWS) Program in the West Bank has been completed. The field work was carried out by EHP and Save the Children over a two-week period in January 2002 under very difficult conditions.

The assessment focused on access to and types of water supply and sanitation facilities, quality of domestic drinking water, knowledge and practices related to handwashing in school children (6-12 years), prevalence of waterborne and sanitation-related diseases among children under five, and hygiene knowledge and behavior of caretakers of children under five and school-age children.

This publication, in collaboration with Save the Children, presents the results of this assessment.

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