

Promoting Health, Ensuring Healthy Environment and Protecting Consumers

Environmental Sanitation and Safe Water

Environmental Sanitation Division, the Department of Health, is implementing the environmental sanitation activities such as construction of fly-proof sanitary latrine for community and health institution and water supply for health institutions in rural areas.

In 1998, the National Sanitation Week (NSW) movement was initiated for increasing the sanitation coverage in line with the National Health Plan and HFA 2000 throughout the country. Following the launch of National Sanitation Week, coverage of sanitary latrines dramatically increased from 45% in 1997 to 82.1% in 2008.

Coverage of Sanitary Latrine

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Rural	39	53	57	56.5	85.3	91.9	90.7	77.9	81.0	80.7	78.0	73.5
Urban	65	72	73	83.6	90.4	87.1	88.9	83.5	87.6	92.2	87.4	82.9
Union	45	60	62	63.1	86.6	88.4	90.3	82.4	82.7	83.6	80.2	82.1

Sources : Joint Monitoring Progress (JMP), Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey(MICS),
National Sanitation Week Report (NSW)

ESD has carried out the Drinking Water Quality Surveillance and Monitoring Projects in Nyaungshwe in Southern Shan State, Dawei in Tanintharyi Division and Maubin and Wakema in Ayeyawaddy Division. Moreover ESD, firstly, implemented the Water Treatment Plant by means of Horizontal Roughing Filtration Process at Ohn-ny Station Hospital in Kawa township of Bago Division.

Water Safety Plan have been implemented by ESD in Tatkone, Lewe and Pantanaw townships in 2007 and Thanatpin and Kawa in 2008. The workshop on Water Safety Plan for Urban Water Treatment Plant was conducted in 2008 at the Department of Health. Concerned Departments and Private companies relating to water treatment participated in this workshop.

Under the guidance of National Health Committee, leadership of Ministry of Health and supervision of Department of Health and with concerted effort of ESD, participation of community and authorities concerned, the National Sanitation Coverage is on the track to meet the Millennium Development Goal.

In the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis, ESD carried out activities to provide safe water supply, construction of fly-proof sanitary latrine, systematic disposal of garbage and personal hygiene activities for the cyclone affected people with participation of local people, authorities concerned and NGOs.



Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB) organized campaigns for social mobilization on National Sanitation Week and conducted community-based health promotion action plans on Four Cleans: Clean toilets, Clean water, Clean hands and Clean foods.

Community Based Arsenic Mitigation (CBAM) project was organized by CHEB since 2002, covering areas in Bago and Ayeyarwady Divisions where arsenic contamination is high.