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Country Dialogue Processes:

- **Mozambique:** The WG WSS-Af Mozambique country dialogue kicked off in late April with a video conference call with key Mozambican stakeholders, where existing coordination platforms and initiatives to reach the MDGs were discussed and ideas for the preliminary joint mission of the WG WSS-Af to Maputo, Mozambique in May, explored. Catarina Fonseca of the IRC will be representing the FWG on this mission and will be reporting back to the FWG Secretariat. The mission to Mozambique will clarify the role of the FWG in the country dialogues. The mission outcome will be reported in the next FWG update.
- **Ghana:** Contact with the relevant stakeholders for the Ghana country dialogues has been initiated and the coordinator for Ghana, David Redhouse is awaiting response from them.
- **Zambia:** At this stage, the Ministry of Local Government (MLGH) in Zambia has shown interest in moving towards a more coordinated and a sector wide approach (SWAp) as evident from the ministerial declaration of intent to develop an MDG roadmap and the establishment of the RWSS. The most recent donor coordination meeting was held recently in April, and re-endorsed the idea of moving towards a SWAp and on the need to develop a MDG Roadmap. And there is interest in continuing the donor dialogue to move towards greater coordination of activities. A meeting with the Permanent Secretary of the MLGH is planned as well as regular donor group meetings.

In this context, there is possibly a need to identify the critical upstream work that would be useful. This needs to be in the context of work already done by the MLGH, AfDB, DCI, WSP-Africa and others. WSP Africa is assisting the MLGH in this regard, and the two areas that may be important include a sector investment and financing strategy as well as a sector information and monitoring system. Identification of work in these areas will draw on the work already done or being done currently. Further details on this will be provided as this deliberation progresses.

Financing Mechanisms Website:

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- As of the end of April, all the data for the financing mechanisms website had been entered into a webpage format. You can visit the site under <http://financeguide.euwi.net/> (for internal use only as it is not yet publicly available.) The next step now is to have the data peer reviewed and analysed for gaps. This has been approved and WELL (the resource centre for improving access to information and support in water, sanitation and environmental health, managed by the Water Engineering Development Centre (WEDC) at Loughborough University in the UK) has been identified as the peer reviewer for the task. The review will begin shortly.

The final ToRs for the EUWI FWG Phase III Work Programme have now been published on the EUWI website. Many thanks to all those who gave feedback and comments on this.