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**TITLE: Sanitation, health, and
knowledge**

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Background

- ❖ 29% of the population using at least basic sanitation services nationally, with 24% in rural areas and 32% in urban areas.
- ❖ Open defecation practiced by 18% of people in Haiti (31% of whom live in rural areas)
- ❖ DINEPA launched a Sanitation Campaign in 2015
- ❖ The Campaign took a significant turn in 2022, with poor sanitation conditions and especially open defecation (ODF) being considered a major concern not only for the WASH sector but for all sectors concerned with the living environment, the economy and the development of the country.

In 2024, DINEPA initiated the development and implementation of an ODF Roadmap with active participation of concerned actors : Ministries, Directorates, Municipalities, Communal Sections, Universities, NGOs, etc.

The Roadmap aims to:

- ❖ Scale up ODF interventions nationwide;
- ❖ Align public, private, and community stakeholders around a common framework;
- ❖ Ensure quality, monitoring and certification of results;
- ❖ Extend the ODF movement to broader sanitation and development and objectives.

Roadmap Structure

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- ❖ Actions are regrouped by sectors and as well by theme
 - ❖ Themes identified are:
 - ❖ Regulation, Public Sanitation and the Public Sector, Public Sanitation and the Private Sector, Territories and Decentralization, Economy and Finance, Society and Well-being, and Society and Behavior.

- ❖ Institutional actors are called upon to play a leading and co-leading role for the 7 selected themes to determine level of engagement and facilitate interactions and coordination.
- ❖ The roadmap presents together partner institutions, the actions to be carried out and their level of importance, relevant sector indicators and the baselines and targets to be achieved (additional work still needed to precise some)

Main actions by Theme



Regulation



Strengthening control, certification, intersectoral coordination and transparency mechanisms to ensure sustainable services.
Lead : MTPTC/DINEPA
Co-Lead

Public sanitation and the public sector



Developing public toilets and wastewater management systems in schools, markets, health centers, and other public facilities like cultural, sportive centers, etc.
Lead : MICT
Co-Lead : MTPTC/DINEPA

Public sanitation and the private sector



Involving businesses, private institutions, schools, healthcare centers and other public-facing facilities in achieving sanitary compliance.
Lead : MSPP
Co-Lead : MTPTC/DINEPA

Main actions by Theme



Territories Decentralization



Making ODF a matter of spatial organization, local governance and territorial cohesion, with a strong role for municipalities, CASEC and ODF (WAKA) committees

Lead : MPCE

Co-Lead : MICT and MTPTC

Economy and Finance



Highlighting the economic cost of inaction on sanitation and mobilizing appropriate funding until 2030 and beyond

Lead : MEF

Co-Lead : MPCE

Society and well- being



Taking into account social vulnerabilities, particularly those of poor households, women, the elderly or disabled, and promoting the values of dignity, autonomy and solidarity.

Lead : MAST

Co-Lead :

Society and behavior



Promoting behavior change through education, awareness, integration of ODF into curricula, media, laws and environmental health.

Lead : MAST

Co-Lead : MCC



Progress to date

DINEPA organized a **monitoring mission** one year after the launching of the roadmap which aims to:

- ❖ Evaluate the progress of activities launched by each sector
- ❖ Share and consolidate information and provide guidance
- ❖ Develop operational recommendations and concrete action plans and update the technical note for 2026.

The mission included an interview phase with partners to prepare a monitoring workshop held on the International World Toilet Day 19 Nov.

DINEPA played an active monitoring and coordination role to maintain the momentum around the roadmap which allowed to :

- ❖ Revise and complete action plans with partners
- ❖ Promote collaboration with and between ministries and other partners, especially in communication
- ❖ Foster a better understanding of the ODF campaign, to obtain stronger commitment and the involvement of new partners.
- ❖ Maintain contact with technical and funding partners

At level of other partners main activities consisted of:

- ❖ Advocacy within their institutions to promote stronger commitment
- ❖ Developing terms of reference for planned studies
- ❖ Conducting assessments of public infrastructures in: markets, sports centers, agricultural centers.
- ❖ Preparing messages for communication campaigns.

Constraints

Main constraints were at levels of:

- ❖ **Participation and Human Resources:** limited availability of staff; low participation of certain sectors
- ❖ **Funding:** Limited funding available for the roadmap activities, costs of sanitation infrastructures are not always included in other sector projects
- ❖ **Accessibility :** Certain areas not accessible due to insecurity;
- ❖ **Technical and logistical** related to soil, groundwater conditions, and urban density
- ❖ **Planning and Monitoring:** Limited availability of up-to-date data; Non-interoperability of information systems; Sometimes lengthy institutional validation process



Opportunities

- ❖ Strengthen **advocacy and communication for behavioral change** by stressing on sensitive issues related to the dignity, privacy, safety, and comfort of the population, particularly for girls and women.
- ❖ Reinforce **regulation and governance** through the ODF (WAKA) Committee at national and local levels
- ❖ Promote innovative **financing**
- ❖ **Territory and Decentralization:** A strong asset is the involvement and active participation of local authorities and NGOs and CBOs
- ❖ **Sanitation Services:** Promote sanitation marketing for construction of both family and public toilets.

Recommendations



The following recommendations aimed at facilitating and accelerating the implementation of the roadmap.

❖ **Advocacy for commitment at the highest level**

- Prepare a solid argument and an advocacy plan to reach authorities at national and local levels (DINEPA and ad-hoc Committee).

❖ **Strengthen the Institutional Framework**

- Strengthen DINEPA's capacity to play its role in sectoral and intersectoral coordination and technical support
- Accelerate the establishment of the National and sub-national ODF (WAKA) committees
- Initiate implementation of the ODF roadmap in the least at risk departments and municipalities.

❖ **Regulation:** Define a more collaborative regulatory approach, through DINEPA (the sector regulator) to develop, adopt, and implement standards, decrees, orders, and circulars concerning the ODF roadmap

❖ **Communication:** Adopt a genuine communication for behavior change approach for the ODF roadmap, based on DINEPA's ODF strategy and approach.



Recommendations

❖ Sanitation Services:

- Develop and offer a range of services that are adapted and financially affordable. Involve universities, technical colleges, engineering and construction firms

❖ Building Capacities

- Develop a briefing kit for focal points in ministries and other institutions, and members of the ODF (WAKA) committees

❖ Finance

- Link the advocacy campaign with the national budget preparation exercise
- Promote the ODF roadmap to mobilize funds from development partners, civil society, the diaspora, the private sector, etc., for the benefit of the most vulnerable people and for public infrastructures
- Explore possibilities of using microfinance and self-revolving funds.



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