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# **WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AND LAKE SEVAN**

# STRATEGIC ISSUES

Improving the cooperation between key stakeholders to solve the problem of wastewater management. Improving the coordination process.

Attracting investments and revision of the cost recovery mechanism.

Improvement of the sector knowledge among different layers of the population, LSGs, state bodies, approximation of the best international existing experience.

# AGREEMENTS

- A clear allocation of applicable and realistic functions between stakeholders,
- Formation of public demand, fixation of the priority of the sector,
- Establishment of a coordinating body, creation of associations of professional organizations,
- Implementation of the RA Law "On State-Private Partnership",
- Preparation of investment programs, as well as organizing and conducting discussions with donor organizations to present proposals for investment programmes,
- Development of incentive mechanisms, review of OPEX,
- Activation of the sectoral NGOs activities with the support of the government,
- Elaboration and accessible presentation of wastewater management issues in school programs,
- Training of highly qualified personnel in the sector of wastewater management,
- Preparation and presentation of a social advertisement related to the problem of untreated wastewater,
- Formation of awareness and demand groups at the community/watershed level with the coordination of the NGO sector.

# IMPLEMENTED MEASURES

- Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study to Pilot Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Options around Lake Sevan,
- Concept Paper for the Development of the Wastewater Sector of the Settlements of the RA,
- Development of the Detailed Technical Design for the upgrading of the mechanical unit of the Gavar wastewater treatment plant,
- Agreement on the implementation of upgrading of the Gavar Wastewater treatment plant,
- Agreement on the implementation of installation of the local solutions for household wastewater treatment in Gavar and Martuni cities,
- Supporting local governments in identifying appropriate solutions for the treatment of household wastewater,
- Identification of hotspots in the settlements of the Sevan Lake catchment area.