

The **Technical Working Group (TWG)** for the portal is composed of dedicated and innovative representatives from various collaborating government agencies. The TWG is tasked to gather state-of-the-art information on the water and sanitation sector, as well as design the portal based on their own agencies' needs and preferences.



PHILIPPINE PORTAL
FOR THE
WATER SUPPLY
& SANITATION
SECTOR

What's inside
the
WATSAN
Portal?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://philwatsan.org.ph>

The **PHILIPPINE PORTAL FOR THE WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION SECTOR**

informs policymakers and program workers from national and local government, civil society, business sector, donor community and the public about the water supply and sanitation (WATSAN) situation in the Philippines, and empowers them to use that information to collaborate and advance the well being of men and women of this generation and the next.

More than just a repository of data and information, it is also a dynamic tool for monitoring the country's progress vis-à-vis the 2004-2010 Medium Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) currently being pursued under the Philippine Water Supply Sector Roadmap (PWSS Roadmap).

Specifically, the portal aids in effective planning and policy decision-making through the sharing of knowledge and best practices relevant to the implementation of water and sanitation projects. Currently, the portal carries reliable and easily accessible information about programs and projects, existing policies, research/publications, statistics, among others relevant to the WATSAN sector. Efforts are underway in incorporating data on investments in the sector, possible mapping of water service providers, and sector analysis/assessment as support to the implementation of the Philippine Water Supply Sector Roadmap.

The portal started as a project initiated by the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) in early 2006, in collaboration with other government agencies, with support from the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GTZ)

– Water and Sanitation Program. By 2007, it was institutionalized as a Government program now being pursued by 10 collaborating agencies serving as the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the portal:

1. National Water Resources Board (NWRB)
2. Department of Interior and Local Government - Water Supply and Sanitation Project Management Office (DILG-WSSPMO)
3. Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
5. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
6. National Anti-Poverty Commission – Water Supply and Sanitation Coordinating Office (NAPC-WASCO)
7. Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM)
8. Department of Health (DOH)
9. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS)
10. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

As active contributors in knowledge sharing, local government units will soon be an important addition to the growing list of collaborators for the portal.

The current membership of the TWG speaks well of the cross-cutting nature of the WATSAN sector one that calls for a multi-sectoral and participative approach. Truly, water supply and sanitation is not just a concern of one or a few, but a concern of all.

What's inside the **WATSAN** Portal?

Policies

Makes available major national and local policies and legislations that impact on the protection and proper management of the WATSAN sector. It contains full text versions of the policies, as well as links to partner websites containing related policies. The materials provide a glimpse of the current policy environment in the sector.

Projects/Programs

Contains information about the current initiatives of collaborating agencies and other stakeholders in the implementation of the Philippine Water Supply Sector Roadmap, among others. It allows for collaboration and leveraging of resources among stakeholders with similar strategies and activities, while avoiding duplication of the same.

Research/Publications

This is an electronic library of materials supplied by collaborating agencies working with and within the sector. It features findings by research institutions and individuals on current WATSAN issues and their implications. The publications support the knowledge sharing initiative of the portal.

Statistics

Provides a one-stop shop for WATSAN data and information that would support evidence-based analyses, and therefore inform planning and policymaking. Whenever possible, data are gender disaggregated so that the specific needs and concerns of men and women are brought