Revised GWSI Checklist and CRITERIA for POST MDG PHASE

1. The GWSI checklist has served well in guiding/assisting project managers carry out a rapid verification exercise at the project planning /design stages.

2. With increasing demand for even more relevant , cost effective and sustainable projects – in alignment with the SDG's and for the period 2016-2025, we propose to revise and update the checklist.

3. Need to also accommodate harmonized/integrated cross sectorial projects which commonly have a strong WASH component.

4. The ultimate goal is to have a checklist than can be *scored* and on the basis of the score, a project manager can determine as to whether the planned project adequately meets the GWSI criteria within allowable limits. We would intend this to be integrated into the RAMP/Magpi system, so at base line/proposal preparation phase we determine if the new criteria is being met.

We may set up a percentage score categorization as follows:

Overall Score	GWSI Rating	Remarks
0-25	Project fails to qualify for GWSI	
26-50	Project can qualify after major adjustments to design	
51-75	Project Qualifies with minor adjustments	
76-100	Project is GWSI compliant	

Proposed Changes-

ALTERNATIVE A

- Reorganize the current 36 checklist questions /assessment areas and then grouped into new **categories** such as ;
  - Relevance of the Project/programme
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Sustainability
  - Implementation Structure/Project Management etc etc ………..
- ALLOCATE weighted scores to both the questions and subsequently the categories. Scores could vary from a low of 1- to a high 10 in some cases (for very critical aspects) and from a low of 1- to a high of 5 (for less critical aspects)

ALTERNATIVE B

Maintain the current Categories, re-look at the questions and allocate weights as before described.

GWSI checklist A project planning tool

How to use this checklist:

As a group, go through the questions and answer either yes or no initially. When completed, go back through your answers and then refer to the final column for discussion. Not all questions may be applicable; this tool is primarily to stimulate discussion and to ensure that the GWSI criteria are being addressed as part of your planning process. Realistically, larger-scale projects demanding a higher level of financial resources demands a more intensive approach to water and sanitation planning where sustainability and the 'software' and 'hardware' linkages will be key elements if you are to attract suitable funding. More importantly, with GWSI, we can ensure impact and outcomes are better – meeting the needs of the beneficiaries.

Current categories which could be re looked at as in alternative A and B above

Beneficiaries

1	Are there sufficient beneficiaries to target within a manageable district or region?	Yes	No	If yes, how many in such a region or district? If no, will this project have a significant impact?
2	Has the project a clear strategy to ensure benefits are appropriately targeted at vulnerable groups?	Yes	No	If yes, how is this represented in the log frame or indicators? If no, how can you address this?

Community management aspects

3	Does the target group have any previous involvement in water and sanitation projects?	Yes	No	If yes, how can this experience be inbuilt into the new project? If no, is there any other community project where they have been involved
4	Are there any issues around knowledge, attitudes and practices that may influence access to water and sanitation?	Yes	No	If yes what are these issues and how have may they have an influence?
5	Does the target group have representation, or community structures established?	Yes	No	If yes, can this be the means for dialogue with the target group? If no, how can such a structure be formed and by whom?
6	Are there clear roles for women within the project especially in decision making and management?	Yes	No	If yes is there equity in representation for both men and women? If no, how can women be directly involved in management of water and sanitation?

Re look at the questions and Allocate weights/Scores