

3. The improved sanitary infrastructure is a good basis for a more active development of the town (building industry) and will attract more entrepreneurial activities in the near future.

As negative impacts it might be stated, that for the time being the Municipality continues depending on the external contribution to the project and has not yet achieved a cost recovery for the operational and depreciation costs for the actual sewerage system in operation.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Summary

On the basis of the results of the Project Progress Review, the mission recommends to continue with the Technical Cooperation project for a period of two years, considering a 6 months-prolongation of the actual phase till December 31, 2000 followed by a complementary phase 2 of 1,5 years from January 1st, 2001 to June 30th, 2002. This period of 2 years shall serve mainly to assist the Sewage Section in all operation matters of the wastewater treatment plant with the objective to train the operational staff permanently on the job to ensure a constant quality of the effluents and sludge characteristics, and to assist the Municipality in economical matters and public awareness campaigns.

4.2 Planning Workshop

From this point of view it was organized from February 12 to 14 a ZOPP 5-Workshop at the Municipality of Al Bireh for the planning of an additional project period, during which the project objective as well as the results to be achieved, the indicators, the assumptions and the corresponding activities were redefined. It was decided to maintain the overall goal without any modification as follows:

Overall Goal: Securing an environmentally sound sanitation

4.3 Project Objective and Results

Project Objective: The sewerage system of Al Bireh is operated effectively according to the established standards and regulations.

Result 1: The technical and administrative staff are operating and maintaining the sewerage system on a reliable basis.

Result 2: The economic viability is ensured.

Result 3: Awareness of the public and self-image are enhanced.

4.4 Important Indicators

The most important indicators were identified and agreed, which permits to the executing institutions having a tool to control the achievement of the project objective and the different results.