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**DECISION No. 237/1998/QĐ-TTg OF  
DECEMBER 3, 1998 APPROVING THE  
NATIONAL TARGET PROGRAM FOR  
CLEAN WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
HYGIENE IN RURAL AREAS**

**THE PRIME MINISTER**

*Pursuant to the Law on Organization of the  
Government of September 30, 1992;*

*At the proposal of the Minister of Agriculture and  
Rural Development in Report No. 2737-TT/  
BNN.CBNLS of July 14, 1998;*

*Based on the evaluation opinions of the Minister of Planning and Investment in Official Dispatch No. 6412-BKH/VPTD of September 17, 1998 and the opinions of the concerned ministries and branches,*

### **DECIDES:**

**Article 1.-** To approve the national target program for clean water and environmental hygiene in rural areas, with the following principal contents:

#### **1. The program objectives:**

a) By the year 2000: To raise the percentage of people supplied with clean water to about 45%, and to improve the environmental hygiene, with priority being given to border areas, islands, areas inhabited by ethnic minority people and other rural areas meeting with difficulties.

b) By the years 2005: About 80% of the rural population to be supplied with clean water; 50% of households to have hygienic toilets; and waste from 30% of the animal farms and stables and 10% of craft villages to be treated.

c) To contribute to the combat against the dry-up and pollution of water sources as well as to the protection of the quality thereof.

**2. Agency in charge of the program execution:** the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

**3. Execution period:** from 1998 to 2005.

#### **4. Investment capital and capital sources:**

a) Estimated total fund: 16,339 billion VND.

This is only a projected figure. Annually, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall base itself on the State budget capability to draw up specific projects then submit them to the competent level for approval under the current regulations.

b) Investment capital structure:

- Budget capital (including ODA capital)

- Other capital sources: capital mobilized from people, capital from other economic sectors, capital from the incorporation of this program into other national target programs currently executed in the localities.

**Article 2.-** Implementation organization:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall base itself on the opinions of the Evaluation Council and the concerned ministries and branches to direct the finalization of the program content and drawing up of the program's component

projects strictly according to regulations, in order to ensure the feasibility of the program in terms of objectives, objects, contents and solutions.

2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall assume the prime responsibility and coordinate with the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the concerned ministries, branches and localities in determining the priority order for execution of specific projects and submitting them for approval according to the current regulations; formulating and implementing the mechanism of incorporating and integrating the program with other national programs, in order to efficiently use local resources.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall assume the prime responsibility and coordinate with the National Steering Committee for Clean Water Supply and Environmental Hygiene, the concerned ministries, branches and localities in formulating mechanism and applying measures to socialize the clean water supply and environmental hygiene in rural areas.

4. The Ministry of Planning and Investment shall coordinate with the Ministry of Finance, based on the annual State budget's capability, in allocating budget capital for execution of the program and projects already approved, and proposing the Prime Minister to make decision in the annual plan on budget allocation to the program.

5. The People's Committees of the provinces and cities and the ministries and branches having projects shall have to take initiative in coordinating with the concerned ministries, branches and localities in the execution of the program's projects and integrating them with other national target programs, in order to efficiently execute this program.

**Article 3.-** The national target program for clean water and environmental hygiene in rural areas shall be managed under Decision No. 531/TTg of August 8, 1996, Decision No. 05/1998/QD-TTg of January 14, 1998 of the Prime Minister and the relevant current regulations.

**Article 4.-** The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Minister of Planning and Investment, the Minister of Finance, the Head of the National Steering Committee for Clean Water Supply and Environmental Hygiene, the heads of the ministerial-level agencies, the heads of the agencies attached to the Government and the presidents of the People's Committees of the provinces and centrally-run cities shall have to implement this Decision.

**For the Prime Minister  
Deputy Prime Minister  
PHAM GIA KHIEM**