



PROJECT FACT SHEET



Water and Sanitation in Angola

Project Title:

Governance of Water and Sanitation in Angola's Poor Neighbourhoods

UNDAF Outcome 1: To help in the promotion of equitable economic development and democratic governance in accordance with international norms by strengthening national capacities at all levels and empowering communities and citizens and increasing their participation in decision-making processes.

UNDAF Outcome 3: To strengthen the national capacity for the delivery of basic services and to sustain processes of social empowerment aimed at: (a) reducing mortality among under-five children and women and reducing morbidity caused by prioritised diseases and (b) contributing to the universal access of children to quality primary education.

Budget: \$US 7.600.000

Starting Date: 1 April 2009

Ending Date: 31 December 2011

Partners:

Ministry of Energy and Water; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Employment and Social Security; Development Workshop; ILO; IOM; UNICEF; Government of Spain, Global Environment Facility; OHCHR. and Provincial Governments of Luanda and Moxico.



Background

Access to drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities (WatSan) is still precarious in Angola as demonstrated by successive outbreaks of cholera. In peri-urban Luanda, people pay high prices for poor quality water from private vendors, as a great proportion of water standpoints, especially those managed by state-owned public utility, break down frequently or do not function; in many, suburban areas, water points simply do not exist. In the Moxico province, most people, among whom there is a high number of returnees, take water from rivers, exposing families to health risks linked to contaminated water.



Project Focus

The water and sanitation governance programme aims to promote sustainable, equal and non-discriminatory access to sufficient, safe, physically accessible and affordable drinking water and adequate sanitation for peri-urban and rural communities in the Luanda and Moxico provinces of Angola, by enhancing the governance of the sector and promoting a rights-based approach to water and sanitation delivery.

More precisely, the programme addresses the issue of un-sustainability of centrally-managed WatSan facilities in poor neighbourhoods, by introducing community ownership and management of Water and Sanitation schemes.

The model of governance proposed in this project entails promoting a network of autonomous units of small and medium scale WatSan utilities owned and managed by communities in the target peri-urban and rural areas of the programme, with the local government at the 'center' (of the network) confining its role to monitoring the network, regulating the rural water and sanitation market, pushing for the autonomy of communities in the management of their water and sanitation schemes, and intervening only when a major problem occurs in any one of the units or when a specific need is expressed (for example, the need for funding to upgrade a water post installation or the enforcement of the applicable pricing system).



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Outputs

The programme's main objective is to promote a community-oriented governance of peri-urban and rural water and sanitation through an autonomy-driven institutional, regulatory and accountability system.

To achieve this, the programme will seek to:

- i. establish a pro-poor policy and regulatory framework that feature community participation in the provision and management of WatSan facilities;
- ii. promote the autonomy of communities in the management of WatSan facilities;
- iii. reinforce the capacity of local governments, namely *municípios*, to effectively monitor community WatSan management units, mobilize resources and fund community WatSan projects;
- iv. put in place an enhanced accountability system for peri-urban and rural water and sanitation sector.



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