PPPs in Water and Sanitation
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Outline

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Water, sanitation, health and development

- 2.3 Billion people gained access to DW since 1990
- But still 600,000 Death of Diarrheal disease yearly
- 1.8 Billion use a source of DW which is faecally contaminated
- 1 Billion people practice open defecation

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene –WASH- is deeply linked to health, dignity and development; Example of concrete findings

  - Cutting 15 minutes off the walking time to a water source could reduce under-five child mortality by 11% and the prevalence of nutrition-depleting diarrhea by 41%.
  - In Ghana, a 15-minute reduction in water collection time increased girls’ school attendance by 8% to 12%
Water, sanitation, health and development

• WASH for all
  – Improved health
  – Greater comfort, dignity and safety, especially for women, children;
  – Fewer days lost in the home, at school, or work, especially for women/girls;

• Economic impacts?
  – An overall estimated gain of 1.5% of global GDP
  – Economic return are at least 2X for investments in drinking-water supply and at least 5X for investments in sanitation:
    • Greater productivity and involvement in the workplace
    • Reduced healthcare
Water infrastructures finance gap

Source: GWI
Water infrastructures finance gap

• Governments supported the MDGs and will support the Post-2015 SDG
• But governments show weak capacity to set targets & act: Vast majority have no comprehensive process to track funding
• Operation and Maintenance are wanting
• Financing for water/Sanitation/Health insufficient:
  – in 70% of countries, Tariffs do not even cover O&M
  – Aid commitments: a few % of the needs
  – Additional human resource capacity needed
  – Only half the countries have specific mechanisms to address the poor

Source: GLAAS 2014
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Low cost recovery by tariff revenue

Low customer satisfaction

High UFW

Low service level (Quality, quantity and continuity)

Inefficient operation and insufficient maintenance

Adapted from SAPI, 2004
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• In many places, water services are under-priced, resulting in:
  – poor service delivery,
  – poor maintenance of infrastructures
  – The poorest pay more for water, sometimes of a lower quality, than the rich.

• “Pro-poor tariffs”:
  – preferable to support those who are unable to pay rather than to lower the price of water to everyone.
  – keep effective connection costs as low as possible,
  – subsidize, or amortize over time, the cost of the connection rather than the cost of water as such.
  – Subsidy for the poorest (connection/Volume)
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• Studies show a willingness to pay for a quality service: Water pricing is a matter of willingness to charge

• Transfers (Multilateral agencies, Dev. Aid): can smooth the heavy up-front lump, but remain of a transient nature

• Tariffs and taxes must cover the real costs: Where it is done, it works

• Need for strong governance
  – Leadership
  – A clear definition and separation of responsibilities
  – Accountability, transparency and public debate
  – Financial and technical capacity of the authorities
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Key success factors

Governance

Financing

Management
PPPs as a catalyst for change

• PPPs are a performance-based contract with a selected private party:
  – Strengthen the standards of public services
  – Optimization of public expenditures:
    • Focus on service delivery,
    • Innovation by specifying the outputs, not the inputs
    • Allocating some of the risks to a party which can better manage it

• What is crucial?
  – Expectations, and public scrutiny, higher with PPPs
  – The competent authority must retain freedom of choice
  – For effectiveness, PPP usually span over several political mandates
  – From ‘in-house’ to ‘privatization’ - There is no single model or silver bullets
PPPs as a catalyst for change

• 24x7 water need a significant change to consumers, to billing, and to revenue collection.

• The Karnataka demonstration project has provided ‘proof of concept’: 24x7 water supply is feasible in India as in the rest of the world.
  – significantly improved services to consumers, particularly to the poor,
  – perceived direct health benefits,
  – reduced impact on water resources
  – improved revenue generation.
  – it is affordable
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Governments: 9
Private Water operators: 8
IFI: 4
NGO: 6
Consultants: 4
Research/academia: 1
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