

# Equitable Access to Water Supply and Sanitation Services

## World Bank Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)



**Region**  
Global

**Partners**  
Water and Sanitation Program, part of the World Bank Group's Global Practice

### Background information

In 2015, 663 million people still lack improved drinking water sources & 2.4 billion people lack improved sanitation facilities (WHO & UNICEF JMP).

### Project objectives

To assist governments scale up water supply, sanitation services and hygiene programs for poor people.

### Beneficiaries

Governments (national and sub-national levels), civil society, domestic private sector in target countries.

### Costs

CHF 9,525,000

### Duration

01.2012 – 12.2015

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Access to Water Supply and Sanitation Services (WSS) remains a perennial challenge for the development community. The historic interventions in the sector typically relied on financing infrastructure without adequately assessing the institutional framework and the needs of poor people. In addition there has been a lack of analysis of what worked at scale. Against these challenges and since 2005, SDC partnered with the Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP) to improve global knowledge on WSS with emphasis on analytical and knowledge dissemination.

As the innovative arm of the World Bank Global Practice Team, WSP aims to replicate successful approaches, conduct targeted learning efforts and support reforms that ensure the adoption of sustainable investments in the WSS sector. WSP provides its support through its network of over 125 technical staff in 25 countries across Africa, East Asia-Pacific, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

WSP has been extremely influential in shaping the strategic orientation of the World Bank water sector and is renowned as a major actor globally. It is the main network supported by SDC Water in its endeavour to influence at global level the achievement of the Water SDG with respect to WSS. As a key supporter since its beginnings, SDC has a special role in the steering of the WSP activities and is closely involved in the activities on global, regional and national levels.

Building on the positive results from its previous support, SDC will contribute to the implementation of WSP 2011-15 business plan at global, regional (Africa) and national levels (Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan), especially in the following core business areas:

1. Scaling of sanitation and hygiene in rural areas, through triggering demand for sanitation services and supporting entrepreneurship;
2. Creation of sustainable services through the private sector;
3. Supporting the inclusion of the poor in sector reforms;
4. Targeting the urban poor and improving services in small towns;
5. Delivering WSS services in fragile state



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Additional information:  
[www.wsp.org](http://www.wsp.org)