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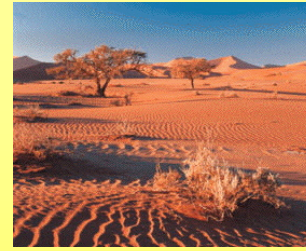
Pro-Poor Water Sector Reform

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Cholera, droughts / floods:
trigger of reforms

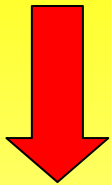
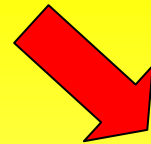
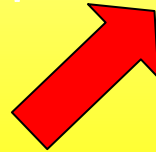
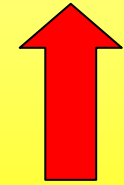


WSS systems not adequate / high population
growth



Low income areas
double every 5-6
years

Challenges



WSS service provision need to
become more efficient / new framework



Deep rooted reform instead of isolated interventions



Sector policy – sector principles

- ★ Access for all
 - ★ Appropriate service level for different groups
 - ★ Sustainability – cost recovery
 - ★ Consumers / polluters pay
 - ★ Decentralization / Delegation

Strategies for Key issues – Appropriate frameworks

- ★ Institutional : separation of functions; checks and balances
 - ★ Legal : giving power to autonomous institutions

Implementation

- ★ Paradigm changes on all levels
- ★ Maintaining guidance by sector principles ?
- ★ Maintaining sector objectives ?



Reforms tailor-made to country conditions

Common features

- **Insufficient information**
- **Limited Funds**
- **Insufficient capacity**
- **Water services free of charge**
- **Unplanned, densely populated settlements**
- **High Poverty Level**

Effective Reforms = change situation of majority

Urban Poor = 50% to 80% in low income areas



Urban Poor pay up to 1USD for 20 lt water

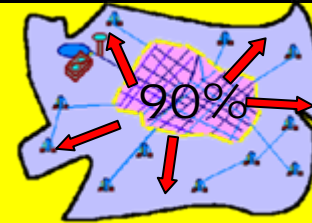


High poverty level + MDG =

Focus on the poor



Good Performance
of provider



★ Increased access of underserved

★ Regardless of status of settlement

Need for Pro-Poor Sector Reform



Pro-Poor Water Sector Policy

Access for all

- ★ **Physical access to installation**
- ★ **Affordable price**

Sustainability

- ★ **Continuity of services**
- ★ **Cost recovery**

User pays

- ★ **Sector self financing by water bills**

Separation of powers

- ★ **Policy / regulation / service provision**
- ★ **Checks and balances / transparency**

Pro-Poor Principles guide framework



Pro-Poor Policy Principles guide Framework



Access for all

Separation of powers

Establish regulatory framework / institution to regulate formal and informal monopolies – advocate for the poor

Provide autonomy to institutions responsible for regulation and service provision - professionalize functions

Effective Pro-Poor Regulation

Good water and corporate governance



Pro-Poor Policy Principles guide Service Provision



Sustainability

Performing provides,
economies of scale =
lowest possible costs

Professionalisation
through
commercialisation and
(local) PSP

Time horizon include
generations to come

User pays

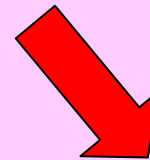
Consumer finance WSS
service provision –
metered consumption

Benefits for the poor =
extension into un-served
areas and cross
subsidising

WSS service provision
not used as cash cow



Implementation of Pro- Poor Policy + Framework



Pro-poor Information System/Transparency

Need for data and information on low income areas – reporting by providers

Need for base line data and definition on acceptable access

Need for transitional WSS solutions

Affordability of WSS installation – investments and running costs

Public outlets, professional managed and controlled/regulated + onsite sanitation





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Institutional and
Legal Framework
follows principles

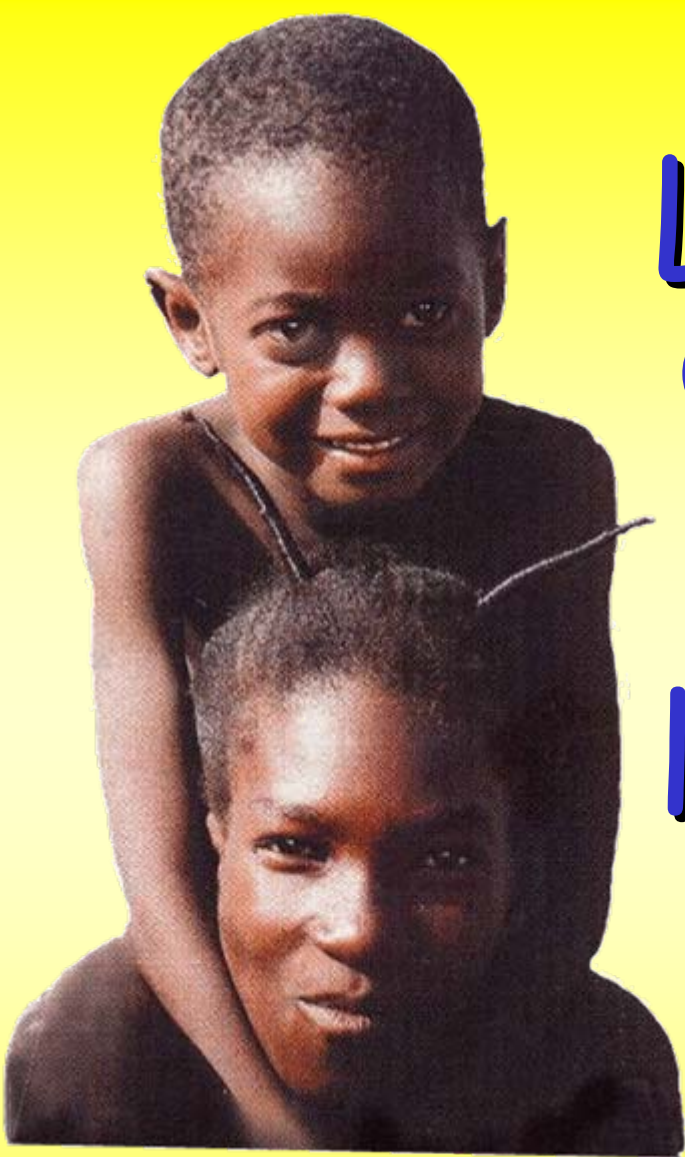
Pro-poor regulation
Information,
Informing the public

Pro-poor Sector Reform

Low income areas
fastest growing
settlements

The majority
live in low
income areas

Sector policy –
Pro-poor principles
for guidance



Let me invite all
of us to make a
difference by
improving the
living conditions
for the urban
poor



THANK YOU