



Water, Environment and Sanitation (WES)

Mali

Country Setting

- Mali has a multi-party democracy.
- 73 per cent of the population is rural and 64 per cent depends on agriculture; 69 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line.
- There are ongoing reforms in the health, education and justice sectors.
- Malaria, acute respiratory and diarrhoeal diseases are the main causes of death for children under five
- 47 per cent of children are malnourished.
- Many villages are difficult to get to for about six months a year, due to rains and poor roads.

WES Sector Setting

- The country has national water and sanitation policies.
- There's been an institutional shift from the National Directorate of Health as the service provider in the water sector to the private sector, with more responsibilities to communes.
- The Government target is to provide each village with at least one safe water point (there are about 3400 villages without safe water).
- Of the 9000 primary schools, almost none have appropriate water and sanitation facilities.
- Safe water in many urban areas is supplied by a private company (EDM).
- Drilled wells with handpumps are mainly used, due to depth of water table.
- Traditional sources of water are hand dug wells, surface water and ponds.

UNICEF WES Programme

Main Components

- WES activities are integrated into a broader UNICEF Child Survival Programme with three components: increased hygiene awareness and access to WES facilities for households and schools; guinea worm eradication programme; institutional development at central, regional and local level.

Programme Highlights and Achievements

- Integrated community health/nutrition/WES participatory diagnosis and planning carried out in 600 villages.
- Guinea Worm Programme reduced cases by 99.8 per cent from 1992 (9,500) to 2001 (27) in the Mopti region.
- UNICEF supported coordination between departments and ministries (improved operation and maintenance by community management and information system set-up).
- UNICEF provided water quality testing kits for more than 30 districts.

Basic Indicators

Total population (1000s)	13,007
Under-five mortality rate (per 1000)	220
Total adult literacy rate (%)	26

Water and Sanitation Coverage

	Water (%)	Sanitation (%)
Urban	76	59
Rural	35	38
Total	48	45