



Water, Environment and Sanitation (WES)

Mozambique

Country Setting

- Mozambique was ranked 171 out of 177 countries on the Human Development Index in 2004.
- It is among the Highly Indebted Poor Countries, with an annual debt service of \$55 million.
- 70 per cent of the population live in absolute poverty and life expectancy is only 39.
- The 2003 estimated growth rate of 7 per cent masks extensive poverty and disparity – the rural poor have little access to social services.
- HIV prevalence is 16 per cent among those 15-49 years old and only 47 per cent of children (12-23 months) are fully immunized.

Basic Indicators

Total population (1000s)	18,863
Under-five mortality rate (per 1000)	158
Total adult literacy rate (%)	44

Water and Sanitation Coverage

	Water (%)	Sanitation (%)
Urban	76	51
Rural	24	14
Total	42	27

WES Sector Setting

- The National Water Policy and National Transition Plan framework emphasize decentralization, community participation, integrated approach, private sector and NGO participation, hygiene promotion and sanitation, with central government having a facilitating and guiding role.
- There is increased decentralization and use of private sector for construction of wells/boreholes.
- Sanitation is of low priority at all levels, with many schools without even a single sanitation facility.
- Intersectoral integration and coordination remain weak at national and sub-national levels.
- The HIV/AIDS pandemic threatens sector gains and policy and strategy implementation.
- Appropriate technology options are limited in the context of demand-responsive policies.

UNICEF WES Programme

Main Components

- Policy and Planning for Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WSHP), a national level project linked to sub-national levels.
- Increased Access to Rural WSHP in three selected provinces – application of national policy and guidelines.
- Increased Access to Urban and Peri-Urban WSHP, focus on Hygiene Promotion and Sanitation in four cities.

Programme Highlights and Achievements

- UNICEF leads UN WES thematic group and donor working group for the rural sector.
- Participatory approaches for community planning and action are gaining momentum.
- Working with NGOs and the sectoral training centre, UNICEF has introduced participatory approaches and results-based management.
- Emergency preparedness is part of programme since floods of 2000 and 2001.