

Western Africa – Sanitation Summary Sheet 2006

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---- Preliminary estimates, 2006 ----

Data sources

JMP based its 2006 coverage estimates on data from nationally representative household surveys and censuses for 15 of the 16 countries that make up this region: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo. Data for Cape Verde were insufficient to derive a 2006 estimate. Estimates are based on a linear regression of the available data points. The sanitation coverage estimates here are based on the JMP definitions.

Basic facts and figures

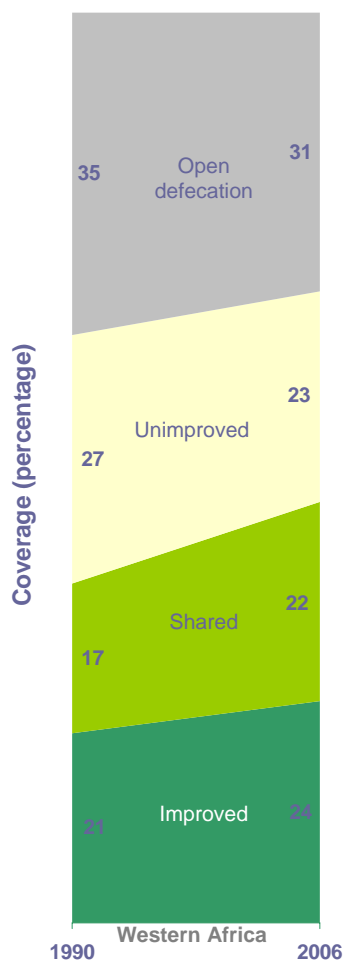
	% Population using improved sanitation			% Population using shared sanitation			% Population using unimproved* sanitation			% Population practising open defecating		
	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total
1990	32	15	21	34	8	17	23	29	27	10	48	35
2000	33	16	23	37	9	20	19	29	25	11	46	32
2006	34	17	24	38	10	22	17	28	23	12	45	31
2015	-	-	60**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Excludes shared sanitation and open defecation

** MDG target

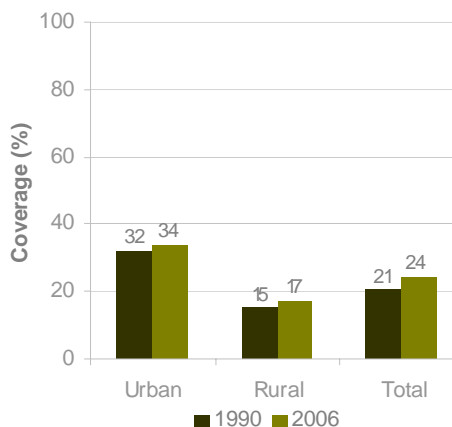
Sanitation practices

31 per cent of the population in Western Africa still practise open defecation

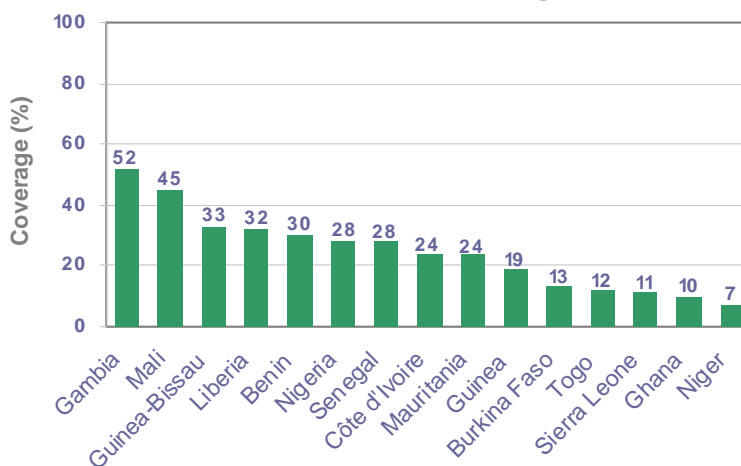


Trends in coverage

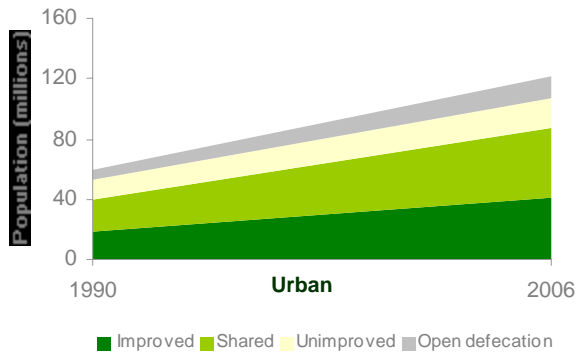
Western Africa: Rural sanitation coverage is lowest in Africa



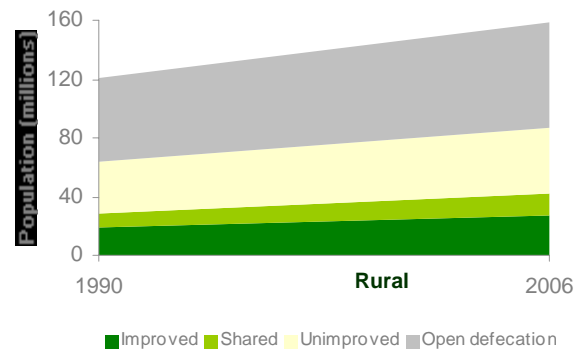
Western Africa: Sanitation coverage, 2006



Western Africa: 78 million in urban areas use improved or shared sanitation facilities



Western Africa: 72 million people in rural areas practise open defecation

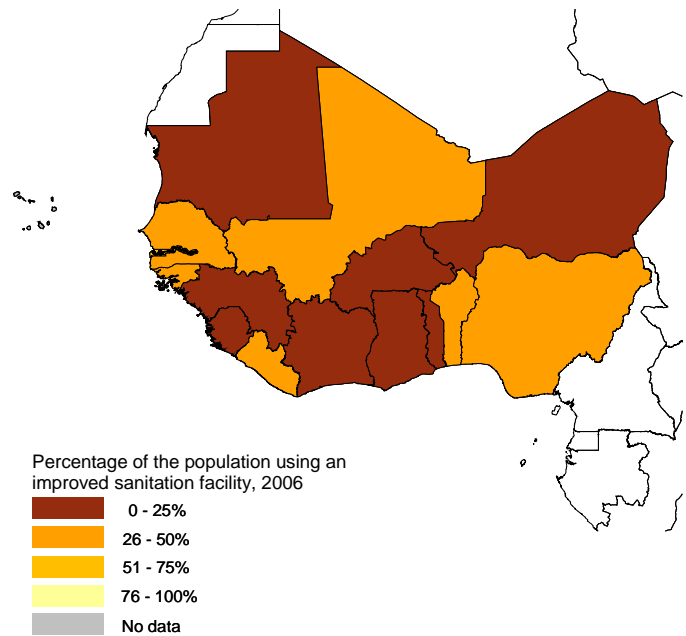


211 million people in Western Africa without improved sanitation, 2006

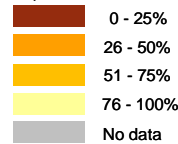
Nigeria	104.3
Ghana	20.6
Côte d'Ivoire	14.4
Niger	12.8
Burkina Faso	12.6
Senegal	8.7
Guinea	7.4
Mali	6.6
Benin	6.1
Togo	5.7
Sierra Leone	5.1
Liberia	2.4
Mauritania	2.3
Guinea-Bissau	1.1
Gambia	0.8
Cape Verde	-

Population without improved sanitation in Western African countries, 2006 (millions)

Percentage of the population using an improved sanitation facility, Western Africa, 2006

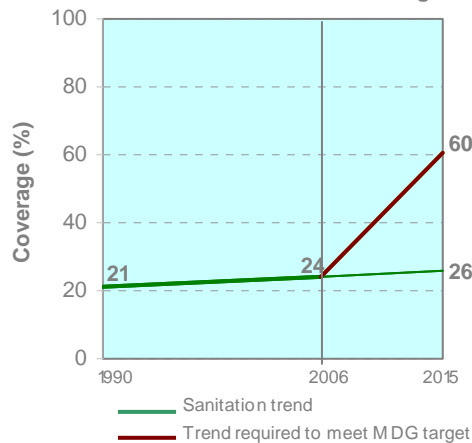


Percentage of the population using an improved sanitation facility, 2006

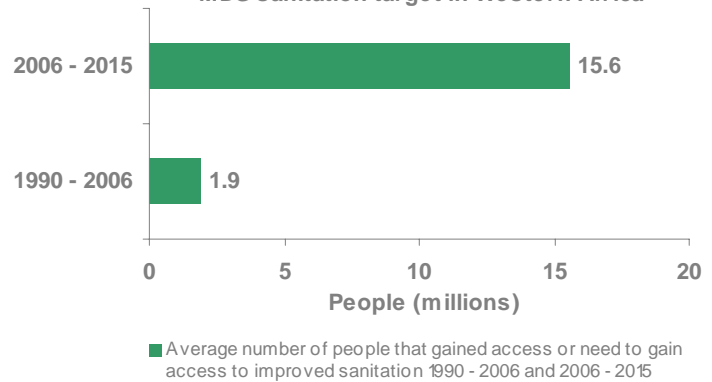


Note: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations and WHO.

Western Africa is not on track to meet the MDG sanitation target



Efforts need to increase at least eight-fold to meet the MDG sanitation target in Western Africa



Average number of people that gained access or need to gain access to improved sanitation 1990 - 2006 and 2006 - 2015