



Water, Environment and Sanitation (WES)

Burkina Faso

Basic Indicators

Total population (1000s)	13,002
Under-five mortality rate (per 1000)	207
Total adult literacy rate (%)	24

Water and Sanitation Coverage

	Water (%)	Sanitation (%)
Urban	82	45
Rural	44	5
Total	51	12

Country Setting

- ▶ Burkina Faso is a landlocked country and one of the poorest countries in the world.
- ▶ 44.5 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line.
- ▶ There are poor environmental and living conditions and an illiteracy rate compounded by the low status of women.
- ▶ Only 29 per cent of children aged 12-23 months are immunized.
- ▶ The prevalence of diarrhoea among children aged 6-11 months is 29 per cent and among children aged 12-23 months 31 per cent.

WES Sector Setting

- ▶ The Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulics is responsible for the implementation of policy regarding water supply and the protection of the environment. A National Policy and Strategy document for water has been adopted by the government.
- ▶ Several ministries are in charge of the sanitation sector: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Decentralization and Territorial Administration, Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture.
- ▶ There is a transition to a private sector-focused approach for handpump maintenance.
- ▶ There is growing government commitment to reinforce water supply and to construct sanitation facilities at school level.

UNICEF WES Programme

Main Components

- ▶ Reinforcement of basic services in water supply and sanitation in schools and at households levels.
- ▶ Training of water committees in maintenance of water points and of local masons in building of sanitation facilities.
- ▶ Promotion of School Health Education and water quality control.
- ▶ Income-generating activities implemented in urban areas with women's associations by promoting sanitation.

Programme Highlights and Achievements

- ▶ A study supported by UNICEF and Government on the review of criteria for water supply is complete.
- ▶ National Policy documents on Public Hygiene and Sanitation with focus on SSHE adopted by the Government. UNICEF played a leading role in this process with partners Danida and AFD.
- ▶ 45 per cent reduction in guinea worm cases, from 1,931 in 2001 to 591 in 2002.
- ▶ Access to safe water improved in schools: Bissongo (90%), Satellite Schools (96%) and NFCBE (82%).