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Data sources
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- Census 1994, 2007
- Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) 2000, 2005, 2011

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Enabling Environment

◆ The lead Government agency responsible for Sanitation in Ethiopia is the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH). The de-merging of Federal Ministry of Water Resources from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources in 2010 is an indication of Government’s commitment to improving access sanitation facilities across the country.

◆ There has been a great deal of progress in the sanitation and hygiene sector in Ethiopia during the past ten years, much of it achieved through the Government’s Health Extension Programme and the subsequent introduction and spread of the Community Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene (CLTSH) programme which is included in the country’s National Hygiene and Sanitation Strategic Action Plan.

◆ Strong Government commitment resulted in Ethiopia’s Universal Access Plan which seeks to reach 98.5% and 100% of the population with access to safe water and sanitation by 2015.

◆ Differentiated targets and strategies exist to specifically target improved sanitation access for vulnerable and excluded groups.

◆ Key Donors: DGIS, DFID, WB, AFDB and UNICEF

Key Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) High Level Commitments 2013 (Update)

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Health Situation

◆ Diarrhoea is the leading cause of Under-5 mortality in Ethiopia, causing 23% of all under-5 deaths (73,341 children per year).

◆ An estimated 64,540 children could be saved every year by improving Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in the country*

◆ Around 44% of under-5 children in Ethiopia are stunted, which can be strongly linked to the childhood incidence of diarrhoea and other mechanisms such as environmental enteropathy.

Sanitation Programming

◆ There are approximately 38 million people practicing Open Defecation (OD) in Ethiopia.

◆ The Government-led CLTSH programme commenced in 2006 and is currently being scaled-up across the country.

◆ As of June 2013, around 2,042,735 people were living in 7,032 ODF communities as a direct** result of UNICEF support for CLTS. Around 2.5% of the country’s population are now living in ODF certified communities.

◆ Sanitation Marketing is developed and rolled out.

*Calculated using the 2001 Global Burden of disease estimate of 88% US diarrhoea deaths due to poor WASH

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