

Sustainable WASH service delivery - Using cost information in planning and decision-making

The Next Steps



Rural and Peri-urban WASH

- * The WASHCost project has
 - * Examined current planning process for delivering WASH services, particularly with respect to uses of cost information in WASH decision making.
 - * Begun to analyse life cycle costs of WASH services in order to improve WASH governance and decision-making at all levels.



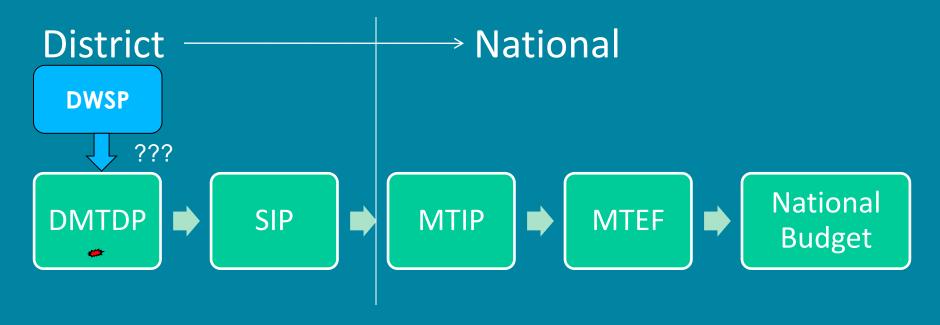
Roles and responsibilities

- * WASH service delivery is decentralised to District Assemblies (DAs).
- * District Water and Sanitation Team (DWST) focal point in DA (or District Works Department)
- * Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA) is the government facilitating agency Guidelines, support the DAs etc
- * Community representatives:
 - * WATSAN for water point sources
 - * WSDB for small towns piped schemeS



WASH Planning process

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DMTDP District Medium Term Dev't Plan

SIP Sector Investment Plan

MTIP Medium Term Investment Plan

MTEF Medium Term Expenditure Framework

WASH Planning challenges

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1. Plans based on delivery of infrastructure not services

2. Inadequate co-ordination between planning, budgeting and finance.



Disaggregated Life Cycle Costs

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Life Cycle Costs Components

Costs of capital

Indirect support cost

Direct support costs

Capital expenditure

Operational and minor maintenance expenditure

Capital maintenance expenditure

Capital expenditure (CapEx): hardware and software

Operational and minor maintenance expenditure (OpEx)

Capital maintenance expenditure (CapManEx) – rehabilitation, replacement

Direct support costs – post construction activities, household expenditures

Indirect support cost — macro level planning and policy formulation

Costs of capital – costs of loans

Use of Cost information in DWSP

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- Cost components used are:
 - Initial capital investment (CapEx)
 - Operation and minor maintenance (or OpEx) are only partly covered for the water point sources.

- Cost components not used are:
 - capital maintenance expenditure or CapManEx, which means reinvestment in keeping services alive
 - institutional support costs: expenditure on direct support (ExpDS)

Consequently when major breakdown occurs the facilities are typically abandoned.

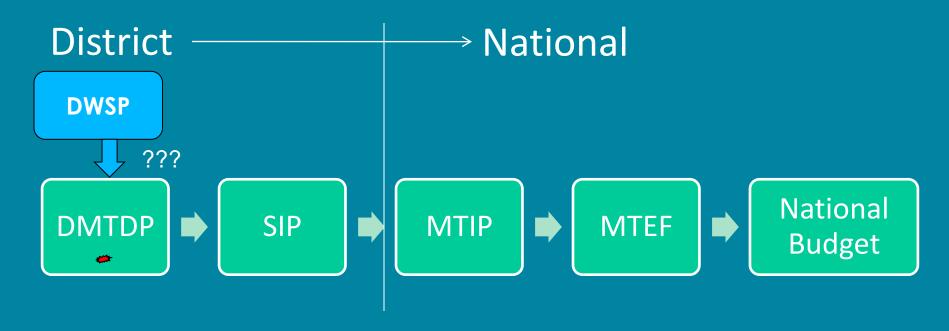


Potential Use of cost information



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DMTP District Medium Term Plan

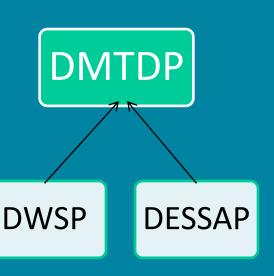
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Planning at the District level

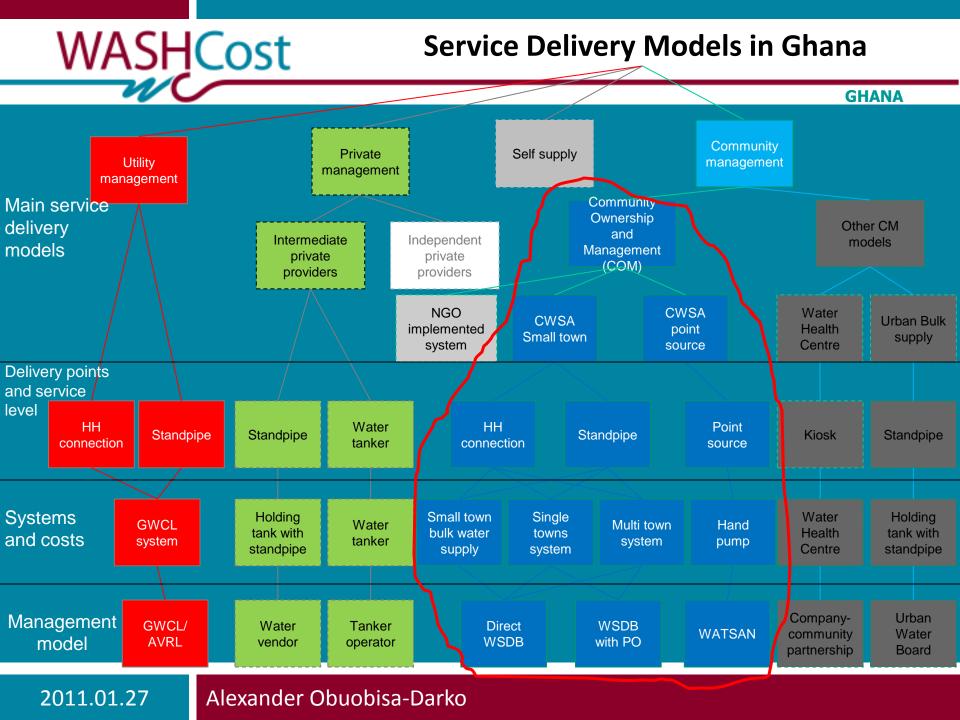


- *District Medium Term
 Development Plans
 is supported by:
 - * District Water and Sanitation Plan
 - ★ District Environmental Sanitation Strategic Action Plans

- * Research Case studies
 - CLTS;Peri-urban WASH
 - Direct and Indirect Support Costs
 - Different technological options in small-towns
- * Regional and district level 'piloting'
 - Regional and District Level Learning Alliances (LAs)
 - ➤ LCCA in DWSP (2-3 districts-come out with a real planincorporate DWSP into DMTP with the possible involvement of Regional LA).
 - Develop decision support tools
 - Guidelines for preparing DWSP revised (NDPC, CWSA,WASHCost/Triple-S)
 - Incorporation of LCCA information in DiMES.

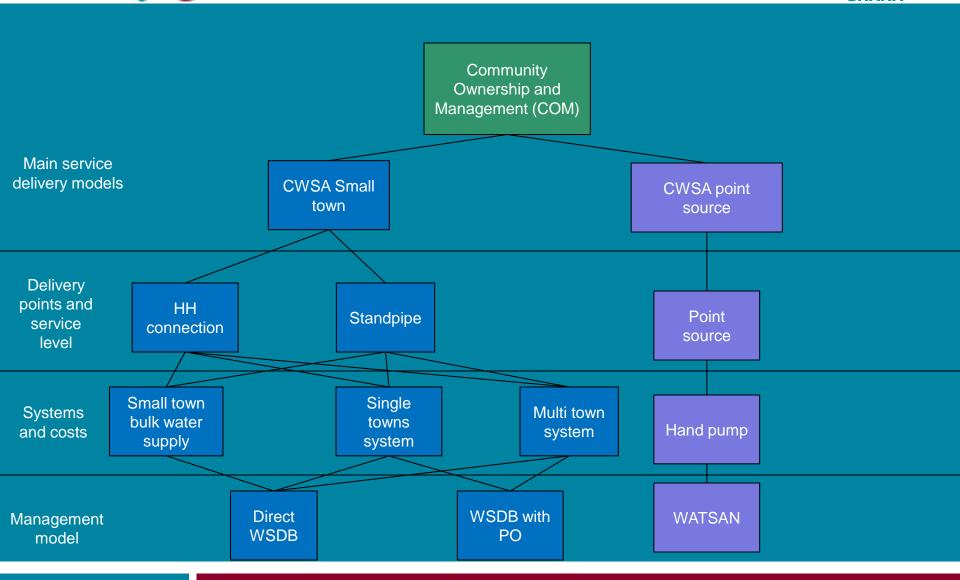


Towards Decision Support



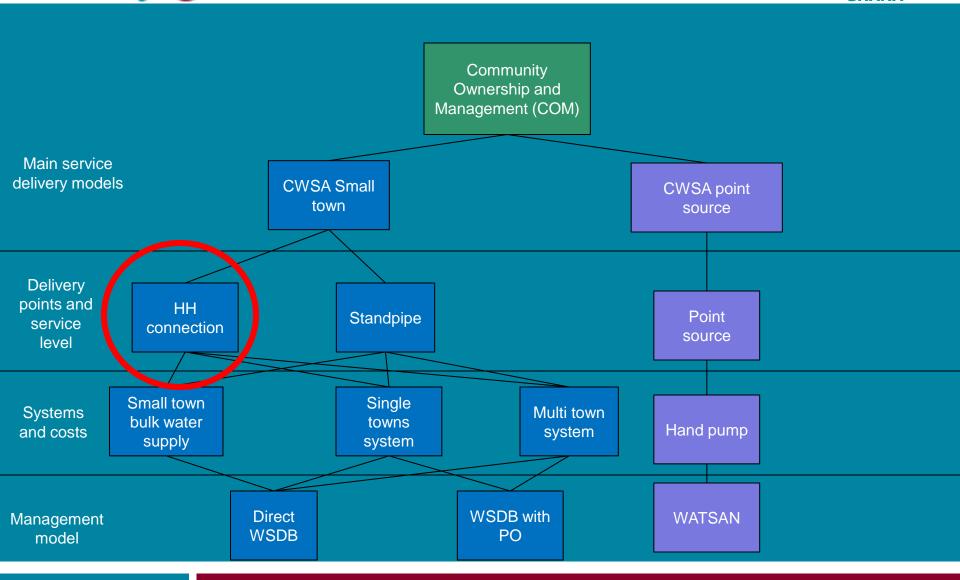


Rural and small towns water supply





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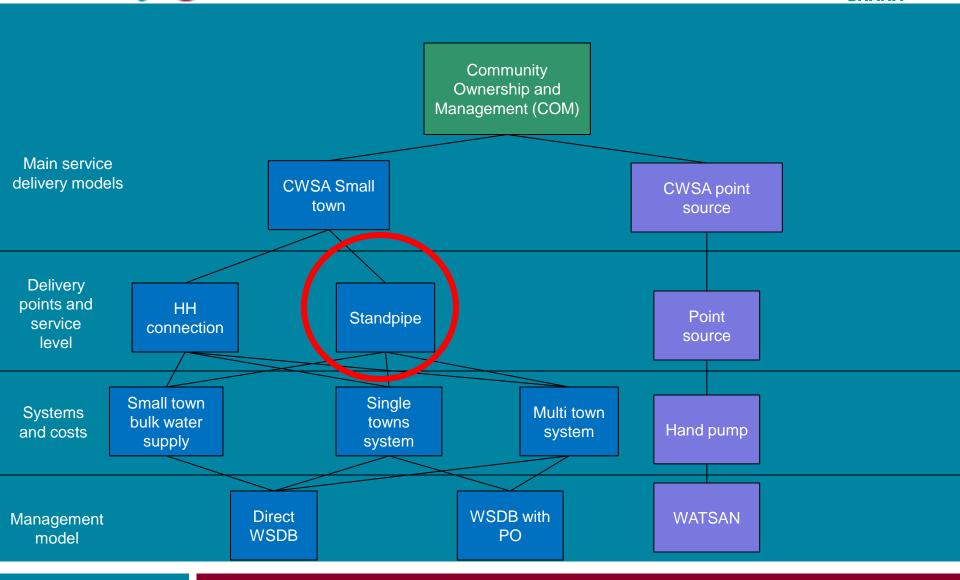
COM small town household connection

	Design	Actual	
Quantity (lpcd)	60 *	18 – 180 [average: 67] **	
Quality	Good	Good	
Distance	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Crowding	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Status	Improved		
Tariff	GH¢ 1.00 (USD 0.69) /m ³ - GH¢ 2.50 (USD 1.72) /m ³ ***		

* Source: CWSA small town design guidelines (2010)



Rural and small towns water supply





COM small town standpipe

	Design	Actual	
Quantity (lpcd)	20 *	0.5 – 360 [average: 31] **	
Quality	Good *	Good	
Distance	≤ 500 m *	6.3 - 3410m [average:180m) **	
Crowding	≤ 300 people / spout *	169 – 489 people/spout **	
Status	Improved		
Tariff	GH¢ 1.00 (USD 0.69) /m³ - GH¢ 2.50 (USD 1.72 /m³) ***		



System Costs

Small Towns piped systems

	Range	Average
CapEx (USD/ capita)	40 – 176 *	84 *
OpEx (USD/capita/year)	0.5 – 8.3 *	2.1 *
CapManEx (USD/capita/year)	0.1 - 11 *	3.3 *
ExpDS	No data	
ExpIDS	No data	

* Source: WASHCost (2010)



Conclusion

- * WASHCost is beginning to address the knowledge gap in terms of the availability of life-cycle cost information for providing WASH services in Ghana.
- * The planning process does not systematically address the full range of post-construction costs to ensure the smooth and indefinite provision of services.
- * DWSPs focus almost exclusively on constructing new schemes and occasionally rehabilitating existing schemes.
- * Sustainable WASH service delivery requires strong linkages between policy, planning and budgeting, but in Ghana the linkage is weak at district level.
- * WASHCost is developing a decision support tool .

