



Objectives

The purpose of the SADC RWSSP is to:

- Establish a collaborative regional framework for effective planning and management of water supply and sanitation
- Enable the Member States to effectively improve and accelerate the provision of water supply and sanitation at country level in order to achieve the MDGs as well as the Southern African Water Vision.
- Develop tools, measures and approaches to overcome the identified constraints to effective sector performance in the SADC Member States.

Contributing towards improved Water Supply and Sanitation by promoting:

- Effective Finance Performance
- Adequate Institutional Capacities
- Effective Sector Plans
- Improved Monitoring and Reporting Systems
- Effective Information Sharing and Sector Learning

Project Thematic Areas of Focus

- Support to financing needs, developing approaches to financing.
- strengthening of national water supply and sanitation institutions
- Infrastructure development support.
- Monitoring, reporting and evaluation, and
- Knowledge management

Programme Expected Outputs

- Established Financing strategies and mechanisms for water supply and sanitation services to achieve the MDGs and national targets.
- Strengthened capacities of national water supply and sanitation institutions to plan, implement and manage water supply and sanitation services.
- Improved national planning and implementation of water supply and sanitation plans for achieving national and MDGs targets as well as initiating development of transboundary water supply and sanitation projects.
- Improved and harmonised monitoring and reporting systems of access to water supply and sanitation in SADC.
- Developed water supply and sanitation knowledge and information management systems in SADC.
- Strengthened capacity of SADC Water Division to coordinate and facilitate development of WSS.



Regional Water Supply & Sanitation Programme

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About the Programme

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has identified development of infrastructure and services as a priority in its efforts to promote socio-economic development and regional integration in accordance with its mandate. Sustainable development of water resources and related infrastructure in the region is therefore regarded as a priority requirement to enable the region to attain and sustain its main objective of economic integration, social development and poverty eradication.

The SADC Regional Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (SADC RWSSP) is an integral component of the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) on Integrated Water Resources Planning, Development and Management. It is a key project under the focus area of Infrastructure Development Support which consists of projects or developments aimed at improving the provision of Water Supply and Sanitation so as to promote good public health, socio-economic development, regional integration and poverty alleviation.

The SADC RWSSP was developed in 2004 based on national and regional situation analysis of water supply and sanitation service provision in SADC Member States. The national assessment identified a number of issues and challenges that constrain provision of water supply and sanitation and the achievement of Water and Sanitation Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the respective SADC Member States.

These issues vary from one country to another but they include:

- Poor financial performance
- Inadequate institutional capacities
- Lack of effective sector plans, and
- Poor monitoring and reporting systems
- Poor information sharing and sector learning.

It is these constraints that the project seeks to address.



Project Financing and Governance

The project is funded by the African Development Bank through the African Water Facility, and is implemented by the SADC Secretariat through the Water Division within the Directorate of Infrastructure and Services.

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