Major Highlights of the Ogun State draft Water Supply and Sanitation Policy

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Chapterisation

Nine chapters on the following:

Introductory, definition of terms, Need for Policy, Policy Objectives, goals and Targets, Policy Principles and Strategies, Policy Statement, WSS Institutional Arrangements and Implementation strategy

Scope of the Policy

- Water Supply at Urban, Small towns and Rural levels
- Basic Sanitation
- This is a WSS policy not a WASH policy
- Also Sanitation component covers only Basic Sanitation(safe management of human excreta),not environmental sanitation (solid waste disposal and management, sewerage, drainages, etc)

Scope of the Policy-2

Covers the activities of the following WSS related institutions as it relates to the state:

- Federal Ministry of Water Resources
- Ogun -Osun River Basin Development Authority
- Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development
- Ministry of Environment
- Ogun State Water Supply Regulatory Commission
- Ogun State Water Corporation
- Small Town Water Supply Agency
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency
- Ogun State Environmental Protection Agency (OGEPA)
- Local Governments Authorities
- Community Water Boards
- External Support Agencies
- Communities and NGOs
- The Media

Declarations of the WSS policy-1

•The Ogun State Government believes that access to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses and safe sanitation is a fundamental human need, therefore, a basic right.

• Water as an economic, social and environmental good.

•Every resident of the state shall have right to access safe sanitation and at least 30 litres of portable water, every day, within a distance of 100metres; and the State Government shall take steps to guarantee this right.

• Provision of safe water and sanitation facilities will be made mandatory for all public facilities such as hospitals, offices and schools.

Declarations of the WSS policy-2

•All private and public agencies developing Estate and New Settlements in the state are requires to develop and provide sanitation systems and sewage and waste water treatment facilities as part of the physical development of the housing schemes.

• All Local Governments are required to allocate lands and in conjunction with relevant state government agencies develop such as sites for the disposal of solid waste.

•These sites and the collection and disposal systems can be either managed by the local governments or by a public-private partnership or outsourced to the private sector.

Declarations of the WSS policy-3

•All households in the state are required to build latrines, keep the inside and surroundings of their property clean and not to dispose waste in the streets, storm water drains and public spaces.

• All public water connections will be metered and in Urban centres the Ogun State Water Corporation will charge rates that cover its operation and maintenance costs

•All private primary, secondary and tertiary Institutions in the State are required to provide safe water and gender sensitive sanitation services for their staff and pupils as a condition for the issuance or renewal of their registration licenses

• Towards meeting the manpower requirements of WSSS agencies in the state, a minimum of 5% of the annual personnel and overhead costs for water supply and sanitation agencies shall be allocated to manpower development at each level of Government.

- To adopt PPP Initiative in urban, small towns, and rural for water supply and wastewater services (where feasible) with adequate protection for the poor, the WSS providers shall identify areas that could be better managed by the private sector, and create the enabling environment, legal and regulatory structures
- Adopt Public -Public -Partnerships or Public Utility Partnerships (PUPs) between the State WSS and other well performing WSS agencies for exchange visits, study programmes, and twinning programmes

- Adoption of the Water Investment and Mobilization Guidelines (WIMAG)
- Set up of a Water Supply Regulatory Commission
- Set out the Cost sharing arrangement for Capital and O and M cost in Water and Sanitation service delivery in Urban, Small Towns and Rural areas

New arrangements and Innovations-3 TARRIFFS

•Urban Water Supply Schemes:

Industrial and commercial consumers shall be metered and charged economic rates, which shall cover recurrent costs and full capital recovery components. Domestic consumers and non-profit making institutions shall be charged to cover recurrent and 50% of capital costs.

Small Towns Water Supply Schemes:

Industrial and commercial consumer shall be charged rates which will make up for recurrent and 50% capital recovery while domestic consumers and non-profit making public institutions will pay rates to cover the recurrent costs only.

Rural Water Supply Schemes:

Rural water supply is social service oriented and tied to health care delivery and poverty alleviation. Rates shall be charged to cover operation and maintenance costs. No capital recovery cost shall be charged as incentives for rural developments.

•OGSC to meter all connections and charge commercial rates.

•Subsidies on water connections and consumers to be paid on behalf of poor consumers by LGAs rather than OGSC subsidizing its service

- Adoption of Community-Led Total Sanitation approach in small towns and rural communities.
- Institution of Awards to promote good sanitation practices
- Ensure regular power supply through Independent Power Producers.
- The Sanitation Department within the Ogun State Environmental Protection Agency (OGEPA) will be adequately strengthened so as to be able to effectively discharge the responsibility of overseeing urban basic sanitation management.

•Community Water and Sanitation Boards (COWAB) to serve as WASHCOMMs

•State Government to be primarily responsible for financing capital cost of urban Water Supply

•Small Towns Water Supply Agency to take over functions of the Small Towns Unit presently in the Ministry of Water Resources

•*Promotion of IWRM principles thro set up of a State IWRM committee*

•Establishment of Water and Sanitation Technical Committees at State and LGA levels

Thanks for listening