

Review of Enugu State Water Supply and Sanitation policy

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Background

- April 2010-NUWSRP appointed Consultant to assign project states to review WSS policy documents
- Consultant held Inaugural meeting with the Enugu state Water Supply and Sanitation officials held on July 7, 2010.
- This meeting to present Consultant's observations on the existing policy.

Major highpoints of the policy

- *The policy is IWRM compliant.*
- *It features cost sharing arrangement for Capital and Operation and Maintenance for Water Supply*
- *Vests LGAs with the responsibility of provision of sanitation facilities in Urban centres*
- *Recommends Community Led Total Sanitation, Ventilated Improved Latrines and San plat latrines as appropriate technologies for delivery sanitation services to rural areas.*

Major highlights of the policy

- *Identifies the role of Private sector in service delivery to include meter reading, billing, award of contracts, and consulting.*
- *Advocates for a Coordinating body composed of Stakeholders for Water and Sanitation Activities in the state. See paragraph 81.*
- *Identifies all stakeholders in the WSS sector in paragraph 98.*
- *Service levels and targets for water supply and sanitation are stated in paragraph 18.*

Policy Components

- Policy silent on wastewater management in urban areas – Government institutions, Industries, Hospitals, and Households
- Policy silent on Household water storage and Household Water Treatment in communities.
- Absence of policy statements on various issues.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Paragraph 24 of the Policy on 'Sector reform' advocates that '*Government should move away from being a provider of services*',
- Government will still primarily provide service, regulate and coordinate activities in the sector through separate and distinct institutions

Cost sharing arrangement

- The Cost sharing arrangement for Operation and Maintenance for Water supply is not stated
- The Cost sharing arrangement for Capital Investment in the Sanitation sector is not stated

Proposed Cost Sharing For O and M – Water Supply

Agency	Rural Water Supply	Urban Water Supply
<i>State Government</i>	• 50%	Nil
<i>Local Government</i>	• Nil	• Nil
<i>Community</i>	• Nil	• Nil
<i>Consumers through payment of Tariffs</i>	• 50%	• 100%

Proposed Cost Sharing For Capital Investment – Sanitation

Agency	Rural	Urban
<i>Government Agencies/Private Sector</i>	●75%	●100%
<i>Local Government</i>	●20%	●Nil
<i>Community</i>	●5%	●Nil

Institutional roles

- Paragraph 19: *There should be in place efficient solid waste management system in households in the rural, small towns/Semi-Urban and urban communities in the State.*
- Solid waste management is under the purview of the Ministry of Environment

Institutional roles

- Paragraph 71: Provision of sanitary facilities in public places (motor parks, health centers, markets, schools) shall be the responsibility of Local Government Councils.
- State Government should assist in provision of sanitation facilities in public schools- secondary and primary. LGA alone cannot bear this burden.

Principles

- Paragraph 72: Most vulnerable communities and groups and the underserved would be identified
- Policy silent on how residents of Urban slums will benefit from services
- Policy silent on how to engage with Informal service providers to ensure better service delivery
- The principles of Equity and Inclusion should be integrated into the policy to ensure the physically challenged access facilities in public places

Principles

- Greater emphasis needs to be placed on School based hygiene education

Institutional roles

1. Paragraph 54 states: *'Water Consumer Associations (WCA) shall be formed in the Small towns by the Small Towns Unit of the Ministry of Water Resources to lead the process of management of the systems'*.
2. WS in Small Towns shall be delivered by a independent Small Towns WS Agency which shall not be a unit in the *Ministry of Water Resources*

Institutional roles

- No roles are assigned for the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, WCAs, WASHCOMS, and Consumers.
- The roles for the ESWC, ENRUWASSA, Regulatory Commission and **State Steering Committee on Water Sanitation** are not exhaustive.

Institutional roles

1. Paragraph 97, the Enugu State Water Supply Regulatory Commission was given the role of: *determination of the standards for the provision of water services including water quality standards*'.
2. The Nigerian Standard for Drinking Water quality assigns this role to the State Ministry of Health.

Institutional roles

1. Paragraph 83 of the policy refers to the regulatory body as: *'Independent Water Supply and Sanitation Regulatory Body to regulate water and sanitation service delivery in the state'*.
2. Paragraph 97 refers to it as Enugu State Water Supply Regulatory Commission.
3. Mandate of the regulatory body should be limited to water supply.

Group Session

- **Group One- Water Governance**
- **Group Two-Financing**
- **Group Three-Key principles, efficiency and sustainability**
- **Group Four-Role of the Regulatory Commission**
- **Group five- Water Sanitation and Hygiene promotion**

Group One- Water Governance

- *How could we define rural, small towns and urban areas in Enugu state..based on which population figures?*
- *What should be the model for managing the ESWC- Corporatised Utility, Limited Liability Company?*
- *How do we coordinate donor support? Any need for a Donor Coordination office in the Ministry of Water Resources?*
- *What is the role of Local Governments in service delivery in rural areas?*
- *How do we ensure WASHcoms are created in all communities? What is the best structure of anchoring WASHComs?*
- *Which agency in the state is in charge of water quality control and enforcement at urban and rural levels? What is the role of Ministry of Health?*
- *What is the role of Ministry of Education/SUBEB in training Teachers and Parents to deliver Hygiene messages?*
- *Which agency is responsible for wastewater management in urban areas?*
- *Do we need a Small Towns Water Supply Agency?*

Group Two-Financing

- *How could we ensure Government adequately funds capital investment?*
- *What percentage of capital Investment would beneficiary communities be able to contribute?*
- *What should be the cost sharing formula for capital investment and O and M at rural and urban levels in the short, medium and long term?*
- *What should be the minimum water tariffs and connection costs?*
- *What is the best mechanism of introducing subsidies for the poor?*
- *How could universal metering be achieved as soon as possible.*
- *Who provides sanitation facilities in public places- markets, motor parks etc*

Group Three-Key principles, efficiency and sustainability

- *Who is responsible for the promotion of Household water treatment? What are the options for Household water treatment?*
- *Which bodies are responsible for the software and hardware components?*
- *Ways of increasing stakeholder participation in water services design, implementation and operation- Stakeholders forums?*
- *Measures to stem proliferation of boreholes as well as incidences of failed boreholes.*
- *What mechanisms should the Water Board adopt to engage with Informal service providers?*
- *How do we ensure gender balanced WSS bodies? Should women be given between 35%- 50% of WASH positions at all levels as a way of mainstreaming gender?*
- *Technology options for Alternate power supply*

Group Four-Role of the Regulatory Commission

- *Powers and functions of the proposed State Regulatory Commission?*
- *How do we regulate Informal service providers?*
- *Regulations and their enforcement to avoid pollution of water during storage by users*
- *Setting and monitoring of effluent standards of Industries?*
- *How do we introduce polluter pays principle in Enugu state?*
- *How do we guarantee prevent water pollution and preserve aquatic life?*

Group five- Water Sanitation and Hygiene promotion

- *What should be the policy on set up of Environmental Health clubs in Schools.*
- *How do we include WASH issues in education curricula*
- *How to promote school hygiene in the State.*
- *Sanitation options for urban, semi-urban and rural communities.*
- *Setting standards for domestic wastewater management..On site systems Soakaway/Septic tanks.*
- *How do we ensure residential estates and Industries have wastewater treatment plants?*
- *Minimum standards for sanitation facilities in Schools and health centres*
- *Policy in marking global milestones-World Water Day, Nigeria Children's Day, World Health Day, World Environment Day, National Environmental Sanitation Day, and World Toilet Day*



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