



Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in Eswatini

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Overall status of SDG 6 at the national level

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- **Drinking Water:** 69% Of The Population Has Access To Basic Water Services. Coverage Is Higher In Urban Areas Compared To Rural Regions.
- **Sanitation:** 58% Have Access To Basic Sanitation, With 11% Still Practicing Open Defecation.
- **Hygiene:** Only 24% Of Households Have A Hand Washing Facility With Soap And Water.
- **Wastewater Treatment:** 17% Of Domestic Wastewater Is Safely Treated.
- **Water Quality:** 70% Of Monitored Water Bodies Maintain Good Water Quality.

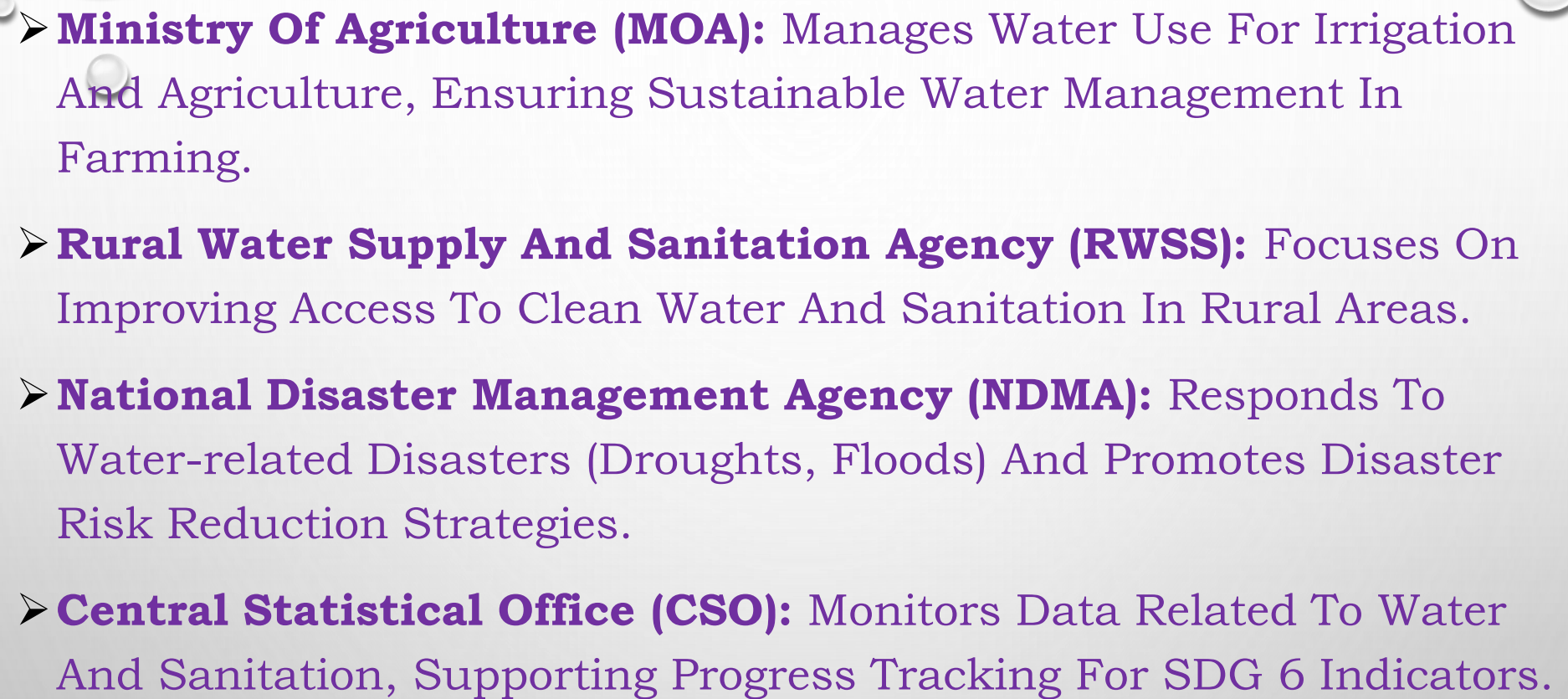
Potential Impact Of Achieving SDG 6 By 2030

- **Health:** Fewer Waterborne Diseases, Lower Child Mortality, Better Public Health.
- **Economy:** Increased Productivity, More Time For Work, And Improved Economic Growth.
- **Education:** Better School Attendance And Academic Performance.
- **Gender Equality:** More Opportunities For Women And Girls Through Reduced Water Collection Time.

National agencies involved in SDG 6 achievement

Key Stakeholders In Water And Sanitation Management

- **Ministry Of Natural Resources And Energy (MNRE):** Oversees Water Resources, Policies On Water Supply, Irrigation, And Hydropower.
- **Ministry Of Health (MOH):** Ensures Safe Drinking Water, Sanitation, And Addresses Waterborne Diseases.
- **Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC):** Provides Potable Water And Wastewater Services To Urban And Rural Areas.
- **Eswatini Environment Authority (EEA):** Regulates Water Quality And Protects Water Resources.
- **Ministry Of Public Works And Transport (MPWT):** Develops And Maintains Water And Sanitation Infrastructure, Including Stormwater Drainage Systems.

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- **Ministry Of Agriculture (MOA):** Manages Water Use For Irrigation And Agriculture, Ensuring Sustainable Water Management In Farming.
 - **Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Agency (RWSS):** Focuses On Improving Access To Clean Water And Sanitation In Rural Areas.
 - **National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA):** Responds To Water-related Disasters (Droughts, Floods) And Promotes Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies.
 - **Central Statistical Office (CSO):** Monitors Data Related To Water And Sanitation, Supporting Progress Tracking For SDG 6 Indicators.

Most Relevant SDG 6-PSS Components For Eswatini

1. Capacity Assessment

1. Addresses Challenges In Human Resources, Technical Expertise, And Infrastructure.
2. Essential For Identifying Gaps And Improving Water Management And Service Delivery.

2. Finance, Policy, And Institutional Assessment

1. Ensures Efficient Allocation Of Limited Financial Resources For Infrastructure And Water Management.
2. Aligns Policies And Institutions With SDG 6 Goals For Sustainable Water Management.

3. Disaster Risk Reduction (Drr)/Resilience Mainstreaming

1. Eswatini's Vulnerability To Climate Change (Droughts, Floods) Requires Strong Resilience Strategies.
2. Key To Building Long-term Climate Resilience And Ensuring Sustainable Water Systems.

Least Relevant SDG 6-PSS Components For Eswatini

Gender Mainstreaming

1. While important, it may not be an immediate priority in water and sanitation.
2. Eswatini's challenges are more related to infrastructure, climate resilience, and capacity.
3. Gender disparities exist, but infrastructure and climate-related issues take precedence in the short term.

Integrity

1. Good governance is essential but may not be an immediate priority.
2. Eswatini's focus is on improving capacity, finance, and climate resilience in the water sector.
3. Strengthening integrity is important but may be secondary to addressing urgent technical and financial challenges.

Reflections On SDG-PSS And Its Online Course

- The Course Helps Users Navigate SDG-PSS Features, Understand SDG Indicators, And Track Progress.

To Improve The Course:

- Include More Hands-on Examples And Interactive Sessions.
- Provide Step-by-step Tutorials And User Feedback.

A More Practical, Visual Approach Would Enhance User Engagement And Understanding.

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