

Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in “ZAMBIA”

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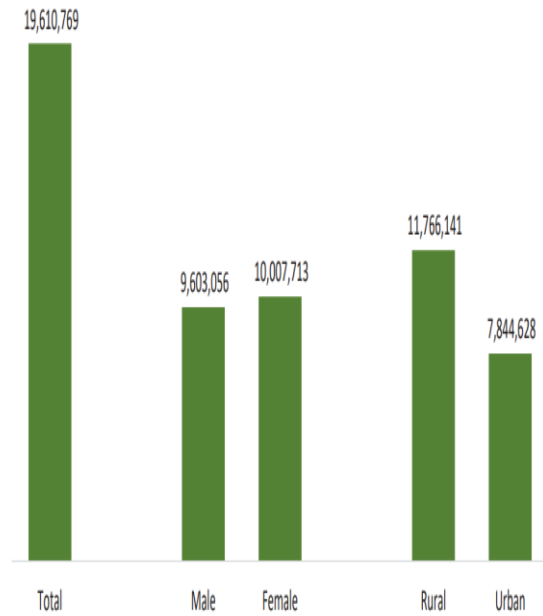
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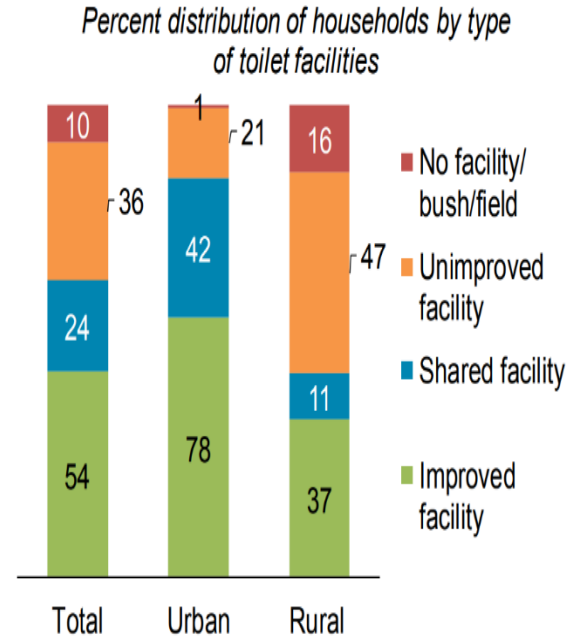
Zambia National access to **basic drinking: 66%**. Urban areas: **88.2%** and rural areas: **49.6%**.

Zambia National access to **basic Sanitation services: 33%**. Urban areas: **41%**. Rural areas: **28%**

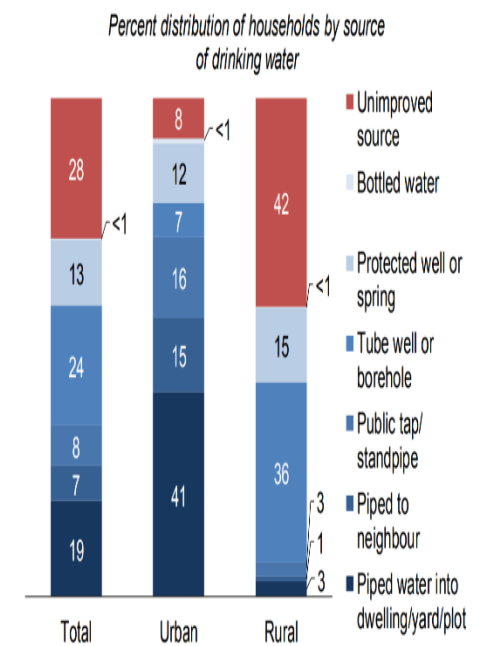
Zambia National population 19,610,769
 Rural : 11,766,341
 Urban : 7,844,628



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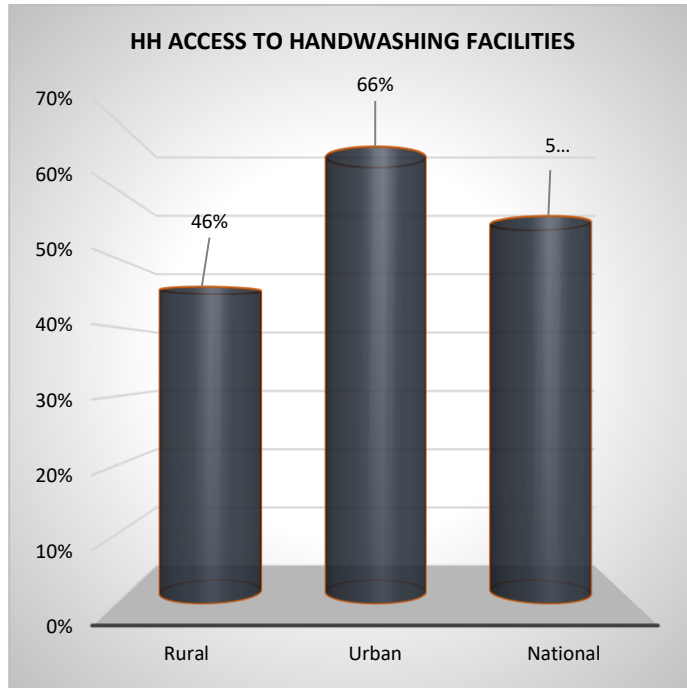
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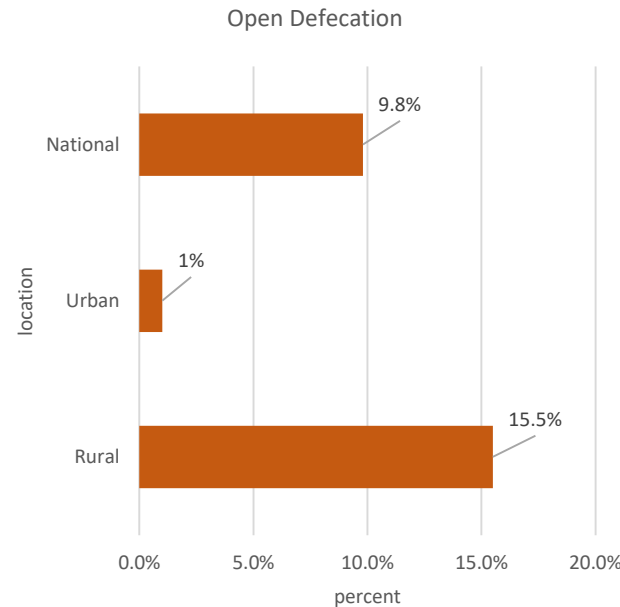
SANITATION

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Zambia National access to Handwashing facilities: **56%**. Urban areas: **66%**. Rural areas: **46%**



Open defecation situation in Zambia. Rural :**15.5%**, Urban: **1%** and at National level: **9.8%**.

Issues and Challenges

- Quality, availability, weak capacity for collection, processing, management and disbursement
- Weak institution and coordination arrangements
- Fragmentation and sometimes duplication of efforts
- Inadequate prioritization and financing for SDG 6 reporting
- Inadequate human and institutional capacity for proper SD6 reporting
- Inadequate ICT platforms, data base and tools to support SDG 6 reporting

National agencies involved in SDG 6 achievement

- The Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation
- Water Resources Management Authority
- Zambia Statistics Agency
- National Water Supply and Sanitation Council
- Water Commercial Utilities
- Local Authorities
- Ministry of Green Economy and Environment
- Zambia Environmental Management Agency



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SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

- **Most important target(s) and indicator(s) and why**
- In Zambia, all the SDG 6 targets and indicators are important as focuses on ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
 - Zambia submitted the Expression of Interest for IMI-SDG 6 Focused Support and received notification of approval on 24th October 2024
 - The support is aimed at strengthening capacity for data collection, analysis, reporting and use across SDG 6 indicators and across national institutions.
 - So far, Zambia has commenced the Stakeholder mapping in order to create a network of institutions responsible for SDG6 reporting. The mapping exercise captured the institutions, the SDGs indicators the institution are reporting on, focal point person, status and challenges.
 - Next step is to develop a programme document that will provide a framework on achieving the SDG 6 reporting requirements.
- **Least important target(s) and indicator(s) and why**
- In Zambia, all the SDG 6 targets and indicators are important.



Reflections on SDG-PSS and its online course

- The SDG-PSS online course is user-friendly and useful to support beginners understand how to use the platform and move about all the futures with ease and flexibility.
- designed with user-friendliness in mind, particularly for those working with limited data or in developing countries.
- The system is a collaborative platform for sharing data and promoting evidence-based decision-making related to SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).
- The online course is intended to provide a practical and accessible way for policymakers and stakeholders to understand and utilize the system for achieving sustainable development goals, especially in data-limited settings.

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

- Most relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context and why?
- **All of the SDG-PSS components are relevant.**
 - As the UN member countries will be capacitated in the actualization of the set targets of the SDG6
 - It will ensure that marginalized communities and vulnerable populations also have access to safe water and sanitation.
 - For protection and restoration of water-related ecosystems, such as wetlands and forests, is vital for water quality and quantity.
- **Least relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context and why?**
- All of the SDG-PSS components are relevant as the SDG-PSS component will develop interventions that work in data-limited conditions and facilitate decision making for accelerated achievement of SDG 6.
 - If the components are implemented fully, it will help to establish platforms to improve on data analysis, reporting and progress toward achieving SDG 6. In addition, the SDG- PSS will provide an opportunity to build on capacity through trainings on data collection, data analysis as well as reporting. The initiative will also assess financial and institutional setup responsible for data collection.
 - So far, in Zambia a number of activities have been embarked on to help bridge the gap on data availability
 - Stakeholder mapping and analysis on all institutions responsible for the implementation of SDG6
 - Implementation of a National periodic Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Survey in Zambia
 - Natural Capital Accounts for Water in Zambia

Summary

- In Zambia, the SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) will provide a platform where stakeholders responsible for SDGs 6 reporting can collaborate, It will enhance policy formulation and decision-making. Most importantly the policy support system will build capacity on data collection to enhance monitoring and reporting of progress.
- Zambia has a strong commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 6. The country's long-term vision, Vision 2030, aligns with the SDGs. Zambia actively integrates the SDGs into its national development planning framework, including the 8th National Development Plan.
- Government launched the Water Policy in 2024 that recognizes the SDG 6 reporting requirements.
- In Zambia, the SDG PSS initiative came at a right time towards the end-line of the SDGs timeframe. Reporting on milestone towards the achievement of the SDG – 6 has been a bottleneck to some extent due to Institutional, financial and capacity issues
- SDG PSS initiative will help with evidence-based policy and decision-making for SDG 6 under limited data circumstances. In addition, it will encourage the participating countries to strengthen the enabling environment around national water management and enable cross-sectorial collaboration between experts and decision-makers to successfully achieve SDG 6.

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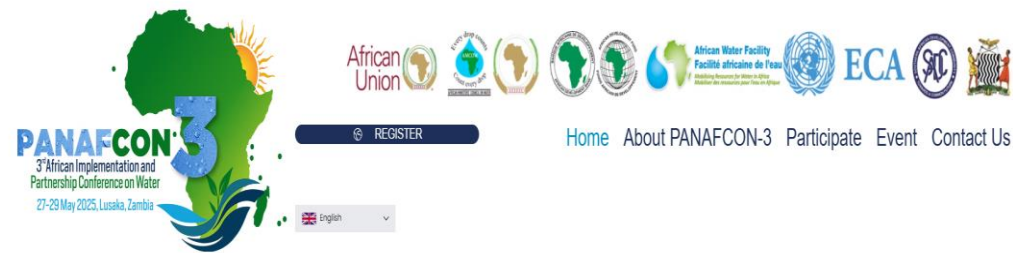
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- The Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation will be hosting the Third African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water and Sanitation (PANAFCON 3) FROM 27TH TO 29TH MAY, 2025 IN LUSAKA
 - Theme: “***Assuming inclusive and Climate resilient water security and sanitation for the African We Want***”



Summary - REGISTER

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TOPICS AND DESCRIPTIONS

- A** Water as an asset class: Unlocking investments by understanding waters' intrinsic and economic value
- B** Valuing water and demonstrating water's economic contribution to all sectors: Unlocking domestic investments and financing for water and sanitation
- C** Innovative financing and investment mechanisms: project preparation and attracting new financial resources into water and sanitation services
- D** Governance, accountability, and transparency: practical and demonstrable strategies that boost investor confidence in the water and sanitation sector
- E** Water accounting and integrated investments: systematic assessments to support evidence-based water policy decision-making to maximise resource efficiencies for sustainable outcomes