

# Partnerships for Water & Sanitation

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#### The Water & Sanitation Challenge

- 1.1 billion people (17% of the world's population) lack access to safe water.
- 2.6 billion people (40% of the world's population) lack access to safe sanitation.
- 1.8 million children die every year as a result of diseases caused by unclean water and poor sanitation. This amounts to around 5000 deaths a day.

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#### **Complexity of Water & Sanitation**

Engineers - Technology can solve the problem...

Economists - Rich or poor, service delivery has a cost...

<u>Social Sciences</u> - *Water* (& sanitation) is a right...

**Environmentalists** -

Focus on the resource...

Politicians - Water good, sanitation dirty...

#### EXPECTED PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION

- ✓ Improve quality of service
- ✓ Increase effective use of existing infrastructure
- ✓ Introduce / enhance technical / managerial expertise
- ✓ Introduce improved commercial management
- ✓ Improve operating efficiency & system performance
- ✓ Introduce net cost savings in service provision
- ✓ Increase efficiency of capital investment
- ✓ Reduce or eliminate public subsidies to the sector for recurrent expenditure (operating subsidies)
- ✓ Restructure troubled public enterprise
- ✓ Reduce political interventions in utility operations
- ✓ Introduce some competition in a monopoly service

Type of	Time	Operator /	Payment	Asset
PPP	Frame	Contractor		Ownership
		Responsibility		
Service	1-5 years	Specific task (NRW	Fee	Public
Contract		management, leak		
		detection, meter		
		reading,		
Management	3-5 years	AII O&M	Fee	Public
Contract		excluding Investments		
Lease/	8-15	All O&M including	Contractual	Public
Affermage	years	renewal excl. other	tariff	
		investments		
Concession	20 - 30	AII O&M	Contractual	Private then
	years	and investments	tariff	public
Divestiture	Duration	All	Contractual	Private
	of license		tariff	license

# **Public Sector**



**Civil Society** 

**Private Sector** 

Departments/ Regulators Ministries Consultants Researchers Donors Municipalities Utilities Academia Trade Unions Multi-Stakeholder Major multinationals Community-based **Partnerships** organisations National/local companies Communities Small-scale Local Councillors independent Providers Media NGOs-Service Provision NGOs-Advocacy

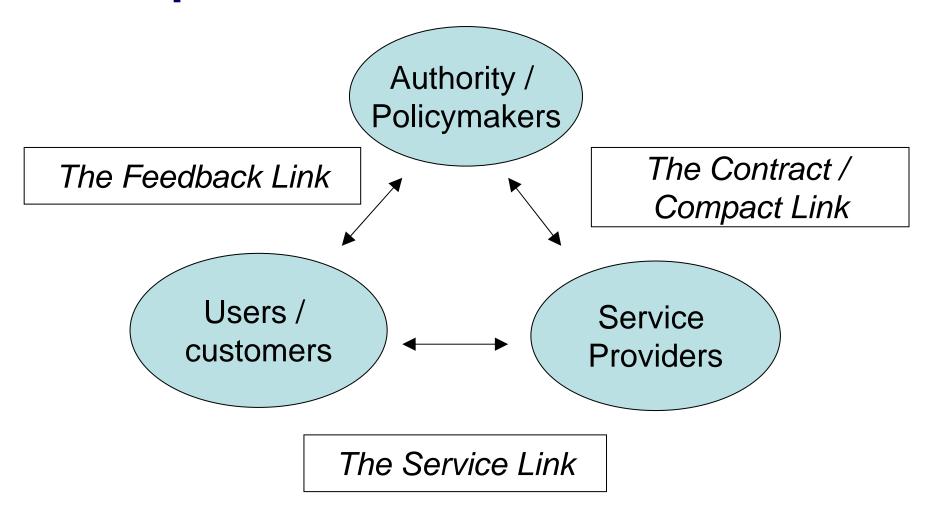
#### **Defining Partnership**

Partnerships involve two or more organisations that enter into a collaborative arrangement based on....

- 1) synergistic goals and opportunities that address particular issues or deliver specified tasks that single organisations <u>cannot</u> accomplish on their own as effectively; and
- 2) whose individual organisations <u>cannot</u> purchase the appropriate resources or competencies <u>purely</u> through a market transaction.

Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)	Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (MSPs)	
Contracts-based arrangement (clear vertical accountability structures)	Less emphasis on transactions with significantly more emphasis on horizontal accountability	
Specific performance targets, deliverables and timeframes	Greater flexibility around targets, deliverables and timeframes as expected to evolve organically	
Within legal / regulatory constructs	Partners operate within legal / regulatory construct but partnership itself is unregulated	
Limited stakeholder engagement expected	Extensive stakeholder engagement generally considered a critical success factor	

#### Simplified Stakeholder Framework\*



<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from The World Development Report 2004

### The Nature of the Relationship

- > Greater Commitments
- ➢ Higher Level of Interdependence & Blurred Branding
  - ➤ Higher Level of Risk and Reward
- > Generally more specific deliverables
  - > Stronger accountabilities

**Networks** 

**Partnerships** 

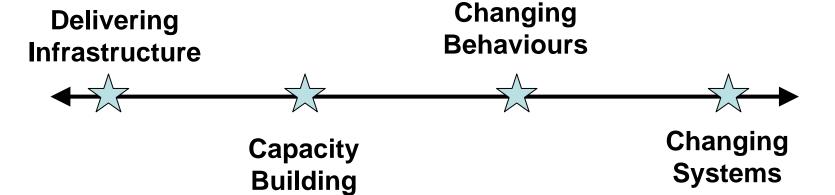


Joint Ventures / New Institutions

#### The Ambition of the Partnership

**Specific Task- Oriented Projects** 

**Systemic Change** 



#### Implications for partnerships:

- Is a partnership the most appropriate mechanism or would a contract / transaction be more effective?
- Who participates in decision-making?
- What timeframes are partners working towards?

#### **Partnerships in Practice**

- Partnerships are rarely simple and often involve an understated and unresolved competition between partners.
- ➤ Partnerships must be tailor-made (though partnership processes can be somewhat standardised).
- Partnerships (between institutions) are rarely trust-based, though must be based on respect of partner contributions.
- ➤ Whether there is a choice of partner or not needs to be better understood. The term "voluntary" can be misleading.
- ➤ The overarching mission of the partnership needs to be agreed. Partners will rarely share a common vision though of how to get there.
- Partnerships are not meant to be permanent but a transitional mechanism until practices become institutionalised or transactions-based.

#### Global PPP for Hand Washing - Peru



Numerous Private Soap Manufacturers

World Bank, Municipalities and Regional Governments

Goal: Reduce infant mortality by curbing water-borne disease

Partnership Activities: Joint advocacy campaign promoting

hygiene education

**Expected Results/Outputs:** Behaviour Change to increase use of soap and thereby improve hygiene

### Global PPP on Handwashing - Peru (2)

Partner	Incentive	Constraint
Companies	Expanding the market for soap	Overcoming competition between brands
Government	Reduced illness; reduced public health expenditure	Budget competition between preventative and curative approaches
NGOs (Communities / Families)	Healthier families; Status; etc.	Cost; Other social and environmental factors

#### La Paz-El Alto Project (1)

Aguas del Illimani (private concessionaire) Fejuves (neighbourhood associations)

Ministry of Housing and Basic Services Municipalities (La Paz & El Alto) Other Actors: Donors, National regulator & ONDEO (parent of Aguas del Illimani).

Goal: Reduce cost of connecting poor households

Partnership Activities: Pilot appropriate technologies (condominial systems) with a view to wide replication

Expected Results: Significant expansion of utility network

## La Paz-El Alto Project (2)

Partner	Incentive	Constraint	
Company	Meeting contractual obligation through less expensive technology	Managing community expectations	
Government	Satisfied electorate	Untested technology in Bolivian context	
Fejuves (Community Groups)  Affordable connections; security		Requirements to maintain system	





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