

EWDAF/FIN/97: WSS Sector Finance and Monitoring – East and Southern Africa**Year: 1 of 3****Task Manager:**

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Client:

Country WSS and finance institutions, donors, CSOs

Region:

Africa

Partners:

AFTUI, PE TG, PREM, Dutch and SIDA

Desired Project Outcome: Improved water and sanitation sector financial planning, budgeting and monitoring systems by sector ministries in focus countries in East and Southern Africa.

Project Description: Development of sound WSS sector finance and information and monitoring systems are identified as two critical constraints in developing and implementing WSS MDG Road Maps to achieve the MDGs targets on water and sanitation in sub-Saharan Africa. This project therefore intends to develop improved approaches to support clients improving their financing and budgeting processes and monitoring systems and initiate mechanisms to have these approaches incorporated into national ministries.. The project builds largely on the work developed and carried out under two previous projects on sector finance that were closed (end FY05/06) because the main outcomes were achieved: WSS Sector Finance and Resource Flows and Strengthening WSS in PRSPs in Africa. Under the new projects, the Finance Team aims to focus more on targeted support to focus countries and to ensure that all sub-regions – East, West and Southern Africa – receive adequate support There are three main activities under this project:

1. Sector finance – Helping clients develop sound financing strategies and investment plans as well as budgeting process(es) and underpinning technical inputs such as budget documentation
2. Sector Information and Monitoring Systems (SIMS) – Helping clients develop improved systems for sector implementation and strategic (results) monitoring
3. Regional learning – reports, learning events and backstopping of country task managers on relevant efforts – particularly for water and sanitation corruption and Sector-wide Investment and Financing Tool (SWIFT) applications and sector financing strategy for water and sanitation. The work related to corruption is being introduced this year and will focus on a better understanding of nature of corruption, greater efficiency in the use of financial resources and identifying potential and effective anti-corruption initiatives.

Assumptions:

1. There is continued demand for financial planning, budgeting and monitoring system support in client countries in the region
2. WSP-AF is able to mobilize adequate funding for continued demand-based support to countries

Start Date: Jul 06**End Date: Jun 09****Indicators of Outcome:**

1. RAC meeting confirms that improved budgeting and financing strategies and/ or sector information and monitoring systems (SIMS) are improved in at least three focus countries – Jun 09

Project Milestones:

1. Regional sector information and monitoring system (SIMS) workshop – Dec 06
2. Development of revised guidelines for SWIFT/ financing strategy developed – Jun 07

Project Update: New Project.

Project Activities and Outputs:

Activities	Output(s) and their deliverable dates
Sector Finance	i. Development of budgeting and financing strategy guidelines/ tools adapted for Southern Africa– Dec 07; ii. Development of improved budgeting and financing strategy tools in at least two focus countries – Jun 09
SIMS	i. Development of SIMS guidelines/ tools – Dec 07; ii. Development of a SIMS system adopted in at least one country – Jun 09
Regional Learning	i. Reports and/ or learning events support on efforts – particularly for: a) WSS sector corruption and b) SWIFT and sector financing strategy for water and sanitation. – Dec 07, Jun 09; ii. backstopping of country task managers and special requests – throughout the project period