

Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) Regulators in Africa – Country Profile Botswana

General information	
Region	Southern Africa
Surface area	581,730 km ²
Total Population	2,359,609 (Statsbots, 2022)*
Urban pop.	70.87%
Rural pop.	29.13%
Access to basic water services	92% (JMP, 2020)**
Access to basic sanitation services	80% (JMP, 2020)**



WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water Supply	Sanitation	Water Supply	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Ministerial Regulation			
Name of Regulator	Ministry of Land Management, Water and Sanitation services (MLWS)			
Year of establishment	-			
Policy	National Water Policy, 2016; Policy for Wastewater/Sanitation Management, 2001			
Legal instrument	-			
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	1 - Water Utilities Corporation			
Type of service providers	National			
Key functions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop operational regulations within the WSS sector • Provide policy directions to Department of Water and Sanitation, and Water Utilities Corporation • Establish strategies for the implementation of water policy programmes 				
Note				
<p>In Botswana, several ministries and governmental departments hold pertinent regulatory responsibilities. Nevertheless, The Ministry of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services (MLWS) is the lead regulatory actor for the sector. It has the responsibility to regulate and coordinate development and operationalise activities related to water and sanitation sector. The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism (MENT) develops policies and strategies for pollution control within sanitation sector. The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) is responsible for regulation and monitoring of drinking water quality and hygiene.</p>				
*Source		**Source		For more information on MLWS, click here