

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



General information	
Region	Western Africa
Surface area	10,689 km ²
Total Population	1,922,950 (GBoS, 2017)*
Urban pop.	55%
Rural pop.	45%
Water Coverage	91% (Gambia DHS, 2019)**
Sanitation Coverage	51% (Gambia DHS, 2019)**

WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water Supply	Sanitation	Water Supply	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Regulation by Agency			
Name of Regulator	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)			
Year of establishment	1997			
Policy	-			
Legal instrument	Gambia Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Act, 2001			
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	1-National Water Supply and Electricity Company (NAWEC)			
Type of service providers	National Public Utility			
Key functions of PURA				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tariff setting, • Monitoring and enforcement of service standards, • Protection of customer interests, • Performance monitoring, • Licensing public utilities 				
Note: WSS Regulation split among different institutions				
<p>Regulation by agency is the predominant WSS Regulatory form in Gambia and is limited to urban water supply and sewerage services provided by the National Water Supply and Electricity Company (NAWEC) and regulated by The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).</p> <p>The Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources (MFWR) through its Department of Water Resources is responsible for developing rural water supply infrastructure and provides technical support to community-level water committees that are responsible for operation and maintenance (O&M).</p> <p>Regulation of both urban and rural sanitation is very limited. The Ministry of Health sets standards, conducts limited enforcement in urban areas, and leads monitoring of rural sanitation under the country's Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programme.</p>				
* Source	** Source	For more information on PURA, click here		