

## Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) Regulators in Africa – Country Profile Central African Republic

General information	
Region	Central Africa
Surface area	623,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Total Population	6,091,097 (ICASEES, 2021)*
Urban pop.	42.8%
Rural pop.	57.2%
Access to improved water supply services	58.7% (ICASEES, 2021)**
Access to improved sanitation services	21.8% (ICASEES, 2021)**



### WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water Supply	Sanitation	Water Supply	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Regulation by contract			
Name of Regulator	The Ministry of Energy and Hydraulic Resources Development (MDERH)			
Year of establishment				
Policy	The National Water Policy 2021-30 of 2021			
Legal instrument	The Water Act of 2006			
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	1 (SODECA)			
Type of service providers	National Public Utility			
Key functions of MDERH				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of policy and strategies</li> <li>• Setting up standards and guidelines</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation of water and sanitation projects</li> </ul>				
Note: Ministerial regulation and regulation by contract				
<p>Ministerial regulation is the predominant form of water supply and sanitation in Central African Republic. The General Directorate of Hydraulic Resources (DGRH) of MDERH is the guarantor of the institutional and legal policies. Its role is to monitor the Government's policy on drinking water and sanitation and to monitor and evaluate water supply and sanitation programs and projects. The National Agency of Water &amp; Sanitation (ANEA), also part of the MDERH, is an agency whose function is to implement the Government's rural water and sanitation policy.</p> <p>Additionally, regulation by contract is also practiced between MDERH and the national water utility, the Central African Water Company (SODECA). SODECA is responsible for water production and distribution in urban settings mainly in eight municipal centres.</p>				
* <a href="#">Source</a> ** <a href="#">Source</a>		For more information about MDERH, click <a href="#">here</a>		