

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

General information	
Region	Eastern Africa
Surface area	580,367 km <sup>2</sup>
Total Population	105,163,988 (Ethiopian Statistics Service, 2019)*
Urban pop.	28%
Rural pop.	72%
Access to water supply services	71.8% (CSA, 2019)**
Access to sanitation services	28.3% (CSA, 2019)**



### WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water Supply	Sanitation	Water Supply	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Ministerial Regulation			
Name of Regulator	Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE)			
Year of establishment				
Policy	National Water Policy, 1999			
Legal instrument	Ethiopian Water Resources Management Proclamation No 197/2000			
Area of Jurisdiction	National/Federal			
Number of regulated service providers	-			
Type of service providers	Sub-national			

#### Key functions

- Establish regulations, guidelines and standards for WSS services
- Issuance of permits for water supply activities
- Development of standards for water quality and effluent discharge
- Development of financing mechanisms,
- Building the capacity of other levels of government

#### Note: Ministerial regulation in a federal country

Ethiopia has a highly decentralised regulatory arrangement that reflects its federalised nature. It practices ministerial regulation for both water supply and sanitation services. At the federal level, the Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE) is mandated to establish regulations and standards, develop financing mechanisms, and build the capacity of other levels of government. At regional level, the regional bureaus are mandated to formulate region-specific regulations and guidelines, ensure compliance with federal regulations, and conduct regular monitoring of – and provide technical assistance to – service providers. In larger regions, some functions such as monitoring and technical support are decentralised to the zonal level. Performance monitoring, customer protection, and tariff setting are further decentralised to the local level.

\*Source \*\*Source

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