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Publication in focus: Water Electricity and the Poor



Water, Electricity, and the Poor brings together empirical evidence on subsidy performance across a wide range of countries. It documents the prevalence of consumer subsidies, provides a typology of the many variants found in the developing world, and presents a number of indicators useful in assessing the degree to which such subsidies benefit the poor, focusing on three key concepts: beneficiary incidence, benefit incidence, and materiality.

The findings on subsidy performance will be useful to policy makers, utility regulators, and sector practitioners who are contemplating introducing, eliminating, or modifying utility subsidies, and to those who view consumer utility subsidies as a social protection instrument.

Water Electricity and the Poor, Who benefits from utility subsidies?, Kristin Komives, Vivien Foster, Jonathan Halpern, Quentin Wodon



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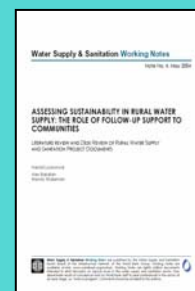
- SB 1. Innovative Contracts, Sound Relationships: Urban Water Sector Reform in Senegal. Clarissa Brocklehurst and Jan G. Janssens. January, 2004.
- SB 2. Can the Principles of Franchising be used to Improve Water Supply and Sanitation Services? – A Preliminary Analysis. Meike van Ginneken, Ross Tyler and David Tagg. January, 2004.
- SB 3. Ten Years of Water Service Reform in Latin America: Toward an Anglo-French Model. Vivien Foster. January, 2005.
- SB 4. Financing Water Supply and Sanitation Investments: Utilizing Risk Mitigation Instruments to Bridge the Financing Gap. Aldo Baietti and Peter Raymond. January, 2005.
- SB 5. Water for the Urban Poor: Water Markets, Household Demand, and Service Preferences in Kenya. Sumila Gulyani, Debebrata Talukdar and R. Mukami Kariuki. January, 2005.



Water Supply & Sanitation Working Notes

Working Notes are lightly edited documents intended to elicit discussion on topical issues in the water supply and sanitation sector. They disseminate results of conceptual work by World Bank staff to peer professionals in the sector at an early stage, i.e. "works in progress". Comments should be emailed to the authors.

- WN 1. Models of Aggregation for Water and Sanitation Provision. ERM in association with Stephen Meyers Associates and Hydroconseil, and William D. Kingdom. January, 2005.
- WN 2. Assessment of Resource Flows in the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector: Ethiopia Case Study. Peter L. Watson, Joseph Gadek, Eyob Defere and Catherine Revels. January, 2005.
- WN 3. Pro-Poor Subsidies for Water Connections in West Africa: A Preliminary Study (full report). Donald T. Lauria, Omar S. Hopkins and Sylvie Debomy. January, 2005.
- WN 4. Pro-Poor Subsidies for Water Connections in West Africa: A Preliminary Study (executive summary). Sylvie Debomy, Donald T. Lauria and Omar S. Hopkins, January 2005.
- WN 5. Consumer Cooperatives: An Alternative Institutional Model for Delivery of Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Services? Fernando Ruiz-Mier and Meike van Ginneken, January 2006
- WN 6. Sanitation and Hygiene at the World Bank: An Analysis of current activities. Pete Kolsky, Eddy Perez, Wouter Vandersypen and Lene Odum Jensen, October 2005
- WN 7. Financing Water Supply and Sanitation Investments: Estimating Revenue Requirements and Financial Sustainability, Aldo Baietti and Paolo Curiel, October 2005
- WN 8. Poverty Dimensions of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Southwest Sri Lanka, Subrendu K. Pattanayak, Jui-Chen Yang, Kelly Jones, Caroline van den Berg, Herath Gunatilake, Chetan Agarwal, Herath Bandara, and Thushara Ranasinghe, February, 2006.
- WN 9. Characteristics of Well Performing Public Water Utilities, Aldo Baietti, William Kingdom and Meike van Ginneken, February, 2006.



Other recent publications

- Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Budget Support - Guidelines for Task Teams, Param Iyer, Barbara Evans, Jason Cardosi, and Norman Hicks, September 2005
- Small-scale Private Service Providers of Water Supply and Electricity: a Review of Incidence, Structure, Pricing, and Operating Characteristics (Policy Research Working Paper 3727), Mukami Kariuki and Jordan Schwartz, October 2005
- Approaches to Private Participation in Water Services: A Toolkit, PPIAF, World Bank, 2006

