SIX CRITICAL COMPONENTS FOR TARGET 6.3 Does your Country Count?



















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Critical Components in Tunisia

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Introduction of the SDG-PSS in Tunisia

National partners: * Office of Water Planning and Hydraulic
 Balance (BPEH): decision-maker

* INRGREF: R&D institution

 Establishment of a Group of Experts (15) to champion the project, report on progress, collect data, and raise funds for future activities.











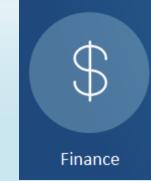








Finance



Facts and gaps

 The budgetary resources necessary for achieving the target 6.3 are not evaluated yet.

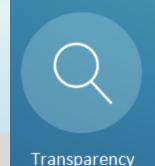
- Ministries are working on a new approach based on indicators perfectly inline with the concept of the SDG-PSS.
- Indicators adopted for the National Development Plan can be used for the SDG-PSS; some are already available.

Transparency

Facts and gaps

- Centralized data, unclear roles among institutions (Who does what, why, how, etc.) which act as judge and jury.
- Lack of regulatory framework for setting the concept of transparency among the water institutions.

- Involvement of all the stakeholders for controlling, monitoring, and assessment while producing and updating data related to the water sector.
- Commitment of civil society in the control and decisionmaking is still limited.

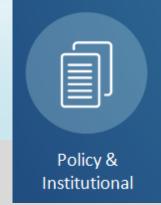


Policy and Institutional

Facts and gaps

- Low impact of the existing plateforms and programs in strengthening institutional capacities.
- Existing information systems are facing obstacles in collecting data (centralization, lack of reliability and continuity).

- Approval of the new Water Code and revision of regulatory texts on water pollution control and reuse in agriculture.
- Integration of new concepts (artificial water public domain).
- Involvment of the civil society, implementation of the bottom-up approach and participatory approaches, setting governance, etc.



Gender

Facts and gaps

- Few data are desagregated by gender.
- Low commitment in Water Users' Associations, including those in charge of TWW, and low involvment in decison-making.
- Low capacities and lack of tools for gender mainstreaming.

- National Council of Peers for Equality and Equal Opportunities between Women and Men established in 2016 to:
 - * Develop a strategy and promote gender mainstreaming in politics and social development.
 - * Report on the integration of gender approach in socioeconomic and political activities, by using **quantitative** and **qualitative indicators**.



Risk Reduction and Resilience

Facts and gaps

- Belated institutionalization of a recently established committee and unclear responsabilities of members.
- DRR/ Resilience
- Lack of legal and regulatory framework for risk reduction. A unique law (n°91-39 of 8 june 1991) does existe for disaster management.
- Lack of clear budget dedicated to DRR.

Initiatives and progress

 A strategic study for flood prevention in urban and rural areas will be conducted within the National Development Plan (2016- 2020).

A step forward and recommendations

- Several component of Target 6.3 are under development in the framework of national initatives.
- Promotion of the SDG-PSS at the regional level → Better understanding of the scope of SDG6 and targets (especially 6.3.).
- Finance and transparency components are on top priorities.
- Alignement of the SDG-PSS indicators with the indicators developed for the National Development Plan (2016-2020).
- Capitalisation of data and better coordination → Limit overlap and strengthen collaboration.
- Improve communication and strenghthen coordination between all partners (stakeholders, civil society, etc.).

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