



Background

The West Africa Municipal Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (MuniWASH) Activity focuses on improving financial viability and sustainability, technical and operational performance, and governance and management oversight to bridge the gap between participating countries' national priorities and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective of MuniWASH is to support city governments, national directorates and agencies, utilities, and service providers in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire to sustain and expand city-wide water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services to fill critical needs that reach poor and underserved community members in priority municipalities.

MuniWASH works with government ministries and agencies from national to decentralized levels and with multiple service providers (public and private) in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire to improve coordination, create an enabling environment, and help municipalities become more effective coordinators to achieve shared goals and build mutual accountability. The approach emphasizes the need for improved enabling environment and service provider performance (technical, operational, and financial) to expand customer access and increase opportunities for investment.

Activities

MuniWASH uses interventions that invest in systems strengthening, promote good governance, and achieve sustainable performance improvements through the following intermediate results (IRs):

- IR1: Increased financial sustainability of and private sector investment in water and sanitation utilities/service providers;
 - IR2: Improved operational reliability of water and sanitation utilities/service providers;
 - IR3: Enhanced water and sanitation sector governance and management capacity at the subnational level; and
 - IR4: Increased regional learning and knowledge sharing to replicate successful approaches.
- After selecting the municipalities in each country, MuniWASH will prepare location-specific feasibility studies to:

- Examine intervention/investment opportunities and consult with stakeholders to identify financial options and possibilities for leveraging;
- Determine where banks and investors are exploring or developing opportunities;
- Develop a preliminary pipeline of investment projects to fund based on technical and rate of return analyses; and
- Scope potential capacity-building partnerships to support based on an analysis of barriers to accessing commercial finance.

Tasks

Under Component 1 - Financial and Investment Potentiality, Sub. Comp 1.2 - Understanding Utilities and service providers financial and business performance. Local consultants in Côte d'Ivoire will support SEGURA's International Specialists to achieve the set objectives pertaining to utilities, SODECI in Côte d'Ivoire.



Local consultants will also support SEGURA in applying a methodology to assess the institutional capacities of the utilities and associated government agencies (ONEP in Cote d'Ivoire). The capacity assessment will cover private operators whose activities are integral to the water supply systems operated by the utilities, and Eau et Vie activities in Cote d'Ivoire. SEGURA will carry-out the capacity assessment to suggest interventions and reach consensus with counterparts; MuniWASH will support such investments in Years 2-5. Local consultants will:

- Collect relevant data as requested through primary approaches (direct meetings, calls, outreach, site/facility visits) and secondary methods (desk study, reports).
- Provide cultural local insights facilitating productive communications with stakeholders.
- Organize and review information to complete questionnaires, surveys and other data collections tools requested from stakeholders including households, government officials, community representatives, private sector actors, etc.
- Identification of current water and sanitation systems and associated costs (O&M) and required needs to improve the services (investment and O&M costs).
- Schedule and coordinate meetings with stakeholders as required with remote connections (Zoom, Google, Skype and others).
- Coordinate with, and support Working Groups created (within the utilities and government units) to assess their capacity and explore measures to improve.
- Document all interactions with notes, emails, photos and others.
- Participate in regular progress check-in virtual meetings with STTA specialists and SEGURA home office.
- Carry-out other related tasks as assigned by the SEGURA international specialists.

Minimum Qualifications

- University degree in Engineering, Economics, Business or Public Administration, or related field. He/she must have knowledge of the water and sanitation systems in the corresponding country. Master's Degree a plus
- Experience working and interacting with state-level stakeholders with government agencies. Experience working with communities, householders, private sector players, and others a plus.
- Previous experience in data collection, compilation and analysis
- Previous experience on international cooperation projects a plus
- Excellent English written and oral communication skills
- Laptop and internet access to share notes and participate in conference calls.
- Ability to travel domestically throughout Côte d'Ivoire

Application Instructions

An interested professional should apply by sending the following documents:

- A resume (not to exceed 4 pages)
- A short cover letter with 2 references (ideally from former employers in the Water Sector)

The information should be sent to this email: MuniWASH@segura-co.net

Email Subject: Local Short-Term consultancy - MuniWASH

Deadline for submission: August 16, 2020

