Overview & key elements of interventions


- Currently almost 1 billion USD has been invested in the various sectors of the country’s economy.

- In the water and sanitation sector, the Bank has financed two major projects: the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Program in 125 Woredas (districts) and Harar Water Supply and Sanitation project with close to USD 102 million. The country undertook a national inventory for water and sanitation interventions which will provide accurate statistics to support the water supply and sanitation coverage ratios.

- The Bank’s funding in the water and sanitation sector is fully in line with the strategic development plan of the country and the Bank 2005-2010 country strategy. The Bank’s current commitment to the water and sanitation sector for Ethiopia is 10.71 percent. 31.5 percent of which is for the Harar WSS Project and 65.8 percent for the RWSS Program.

- Two other pilot projects are under implementation: (1) Utilisation of solar and wind energy for rural water supply where 30 and 40 water points are being fitted with windmills and solar pumps respectively; and (2) the Water information and Knowledge Management system, which is designed to support the design and strengthening of water resources information management and enhance research capacities.

- The Bank also financed the Koga Irrigation Project Study, which involved the design and implementation of a dam and an irrigation system for small scale farmers. That project has since been completed and the Project Completion Report has been done.
In line with the Bank’s Medium Term Strategy 2008 -2012 and country’s “The Second Potable Water and Sanitation Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development Program, 2011-2015” it is anticipated that the Bank will continue to be a key development partner in the Ethiopia water and sanitation sector.

Recent and on-going projects

The on-going Bank projects in Ethiopia include:

- **RWSSI Program (USD 69 million):** The project involves the construction of about 7,000 new water points and rehabilitation of four hundred existing water points. It will provide access to 2.45 million people. It also provides hygiene and sanitation education for 2.5 million people and construction of about 3,000 household demonstration latrines and 1,900 public or communal latrines at schools and health centres. Disbursements on this program are currently at 65 percent and the last disbursement date has been extended to 30 June 2013.

- **Harar Water Supply and Sanitation Project (USD 33 million):** The project was designed to improve water supply to the towns of Harar, Adelle, Aweday and Haremaya. The project entailed the drilling of boreholes, laying of 75 km rising mains and 115 km of distribution network, construction of four booster pump stations which lift 240 litres of water per second over 1 km in elevation, and several reservoirs. In addition significant electro-mechanical equipment has been installed. There is a capacity building component that is meant to ensure sustainability of the interventions into the future. The project has since closed and the Project Completion Report will be undertaken jointly with the country in the second quarter of 2012.

- **Water Information and Knowledge Management Systems (EUR 500,000):** The project aimed at building capacity for design, information management system and research in water resources. The project closed on 31st October, 2010.

- **Utilisation of Solar and Wind Energy for Rural Water Supply (EUR 1,991,880).** The project is designed to help reduce the burden of drawing water in rural areas through the harnessing of renewable sources of energy. The study is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2012.