

Brochure on good practices to ensure affordability in access to water and sanitation

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About the document

Background :

- New phase in the work of the Expert Group (first publication focusing only on one of the three dimensions of Equitable Access)
- Mandated by the Protocol Parties as part of the PoW 2020-22

Main objectives :

- Raise the profile of affordability issues among policymakers;
- Enhance the understanding of how affordability concerns can be addressed;
- Inspire and promote further action on ensuring affordability of water and sanitation services in the region.

Target audience:

- Ministries responsible for water and sanitation services, social protection, and finance
- Water regulatory authorities, local authorities (municipalities), service providers



Outline of the brochure on good practices to ensure affordability:

Introduction:

Why does affordability matter?

- SDG-6 targets
- Human rights to water and sanitation
- Equitable access dimensions
- Sector trends (increase cost of provision, tariff reforms,...)
- EU DWD

What is affordability?

- Human rights perspective
- Comparison of WASH expenditure to household income
- Average vs poorest households
- Measuring and monitoring

What policy options are available?

- Make the case for strategic approach vs ad hoc measures
- Roles of different stakeholders
- Tariff measures
- Social protection measures
- Strengths and weaknesses

Good practices:

Adopting strategic approaches

- Affordability as a policy objective
- Long-term strategy, carefully considered options
- Stakeholder engagement
- Country examples

Implementing tariff measures

- Progressive tariffs
- Social tariffs
- Progress since good practices featured in *No One Left Behind*
- Country examples

Implementing social protection measures

- Preventive
- Curative
- Progress since good practices featured in *No One Left Behind*
- Country examples

Way forward

How can affordability be financed?

- Reflecting on the cost of affordability measures
- Applying the 3Ts to affordability financing
- Country examples

What do to now?

- Conclusions regarding the affordability challenge
- Emerging of good practices
- Recommendations for governments
- ...and other stakeholders

Timeline



Rapid literature review (March 2021)

Draft outline discussed at 6th Meeting of Expert Group

Identification and gathering of good practices based on comments from countries/partners (early April 2021)

First draft to be reviewed by Expert Group (early May 2021)

Final draft (early June)

Thankyou for your attention!

