



City Water Profile Al-Hoceima, Morocco



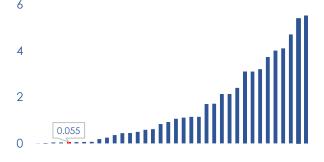
Megatrends affecting water management



Demographic changes Economic develop-

ment

Climate change Urbanisation



Water risks

Population (in million)

- Access to water and sanitation
- Ageing or missing infrastructure
- Competition over water allocation
- Water borne diseases
- Floods
- Droughts
- Water pollution

Policy areas influencing urban water management

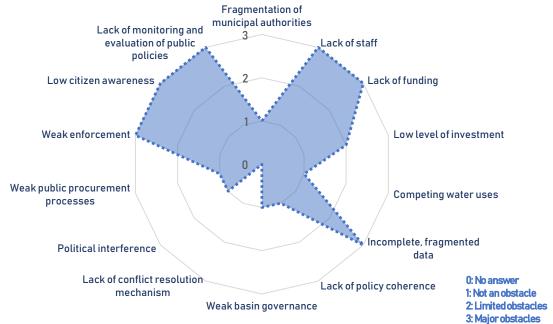
- Building codes and housing
- Transportation
- Tourism
- Manufacturing industry
- Public health
- Solid waste
- Energy
- Land use and spatial planning



Somehow important Important Very important



Obstacles to water governance





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National and local policy frameworks



National level

- Dedicated national water and sanitation policy indicating goals duties and resources
- Recognition of the UN right to Water and Sanitation



Local level

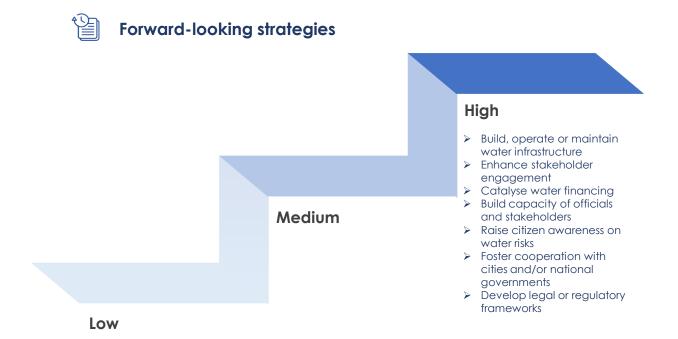
- Existence of a dedicated water and sanitation policy
- Minimum amount of water guaranteed to the population
- Social measures on water and/or sanitation for vulnerable categories



Transparency and accountability mechanisms



- Clear procurement processes
- Annual budget auditing of water and sanitation services
- Annual disclosure of financial information of water and sanitation services
- Clear budget transparency rules
- Anti-bribery management systems
- Whistle-blower protection policies
- Institutional anti-corruption plans
- Clear and mandatory processes to prevent potential conflicts of interest



City comment

In Al-Hoceima, water is managed at the local level through the water branch of the National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water. In this context, a desalination plant was installed near Sfiha beach in the municipality of Ajdir, around 5 km from Al-Hoceima. This project will strengthen drinking water supply capacity for the entire province. There is also a project to build the "wadi Rhiss" dam, which is part of the government's efforts to deal with the water shortage in the province. This dam is double the capacity of the old Abdelkarim Elkhattabi dam. It will secure the provision of drinking water provision to the town of Al-Hoceima and neighbouring towns, as well as protect certain areas against flooding.