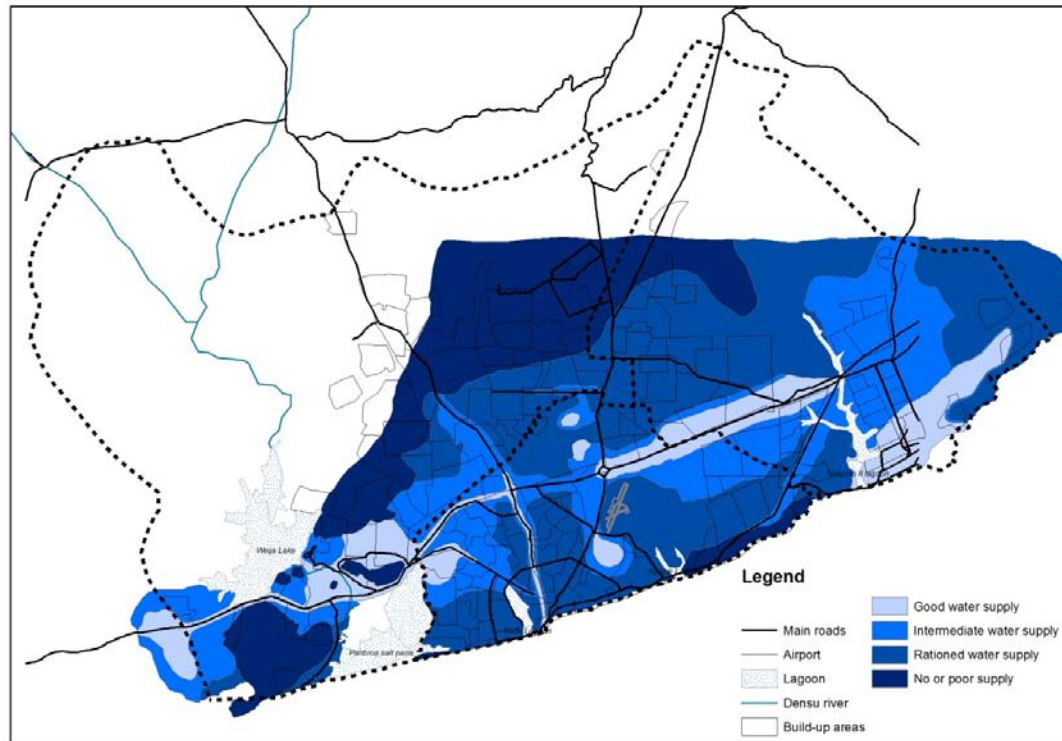


Providing basic sanitation and water to the urban poor in the Greater Accra

Partnership with Cities Alliance

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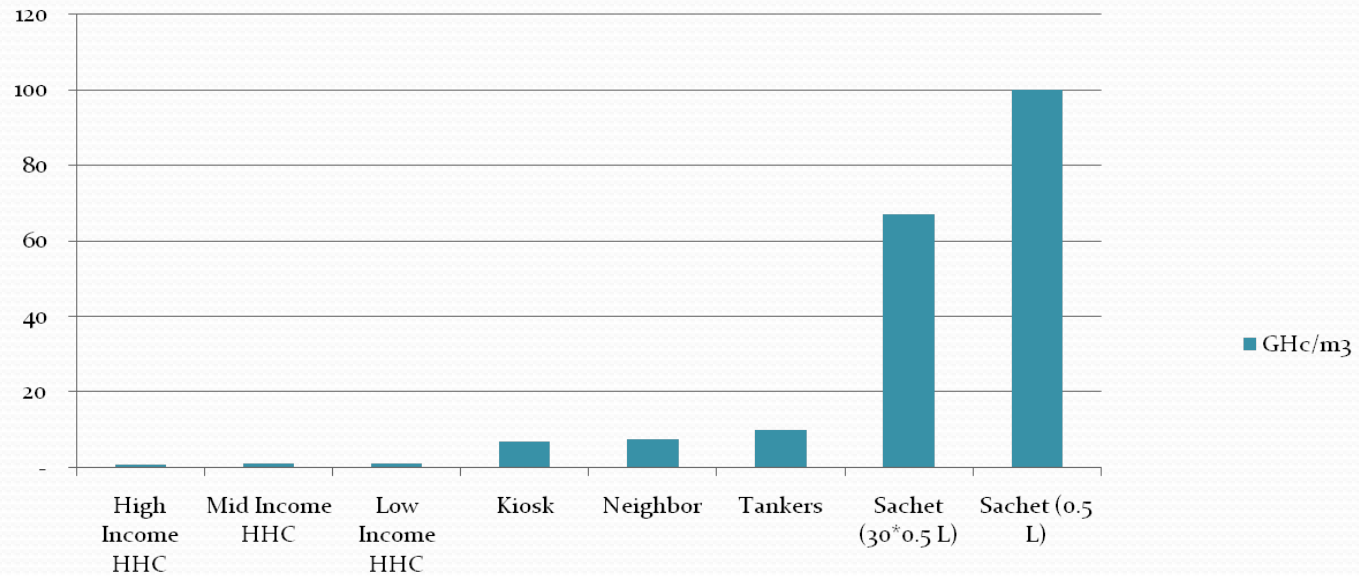
Access to piped water services in the GAMA and level of those services



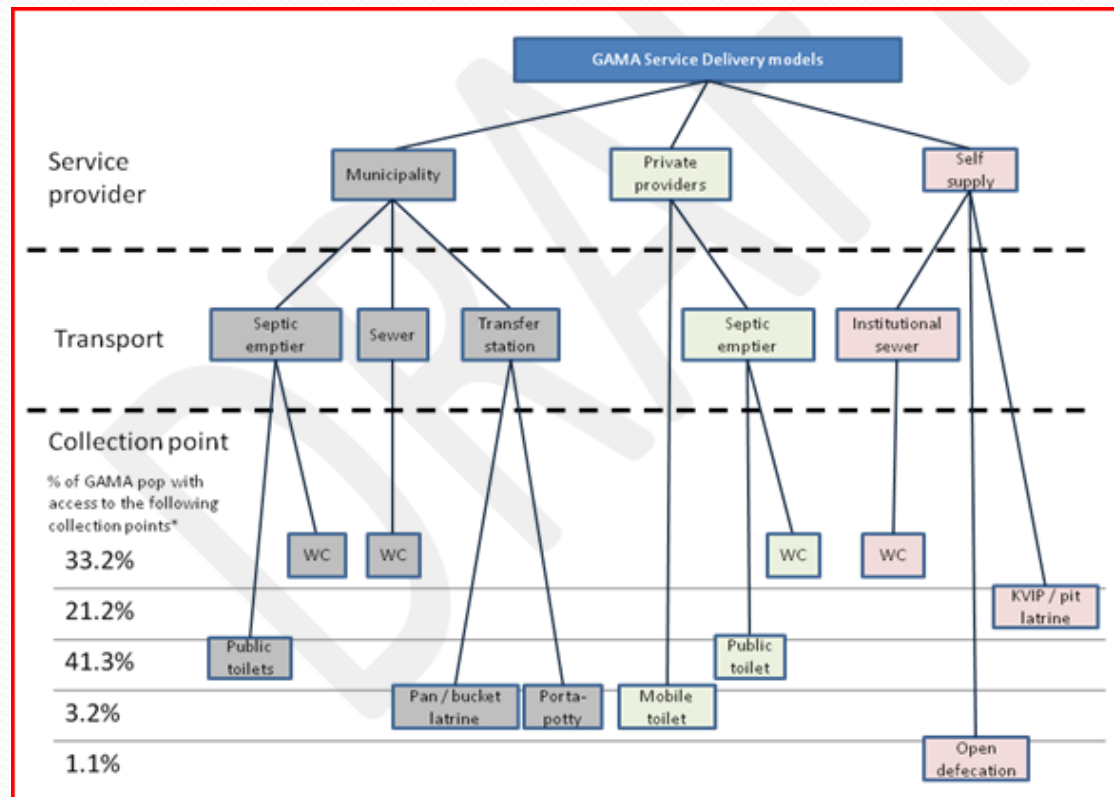
Source: SWITCH – RIDA Report 2011 (Graphic based on 2008 data from AVRL)

Regressive pricing of water versus level of services. Who benefit from subsidies?

Tariff/price (GHc/m³)



Access to sanitation facilities or services in the GAMA



Source: SWITCH – RIDA Draft Report (Graphic based on 2008 data from GSS)

Proposed Sanitation and Water Project for the GAMA

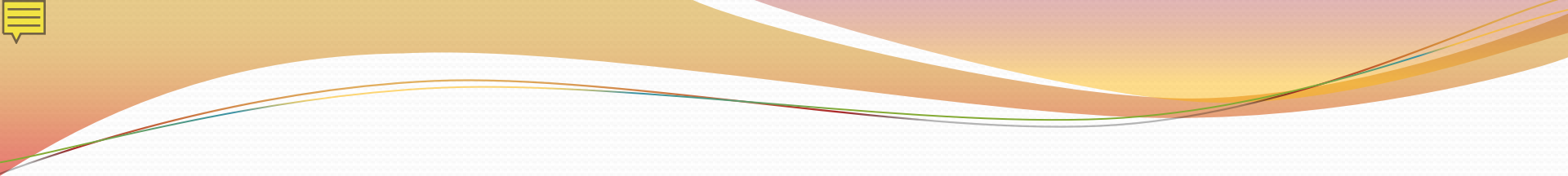
- **Key Project Development Objective (PDO)**
 - Increase access to safe water and improved sanitation to low income people in the GAMA
- **Challenges to achieve PDO**
 - What type of water access? Standpipe, yard-tap, household connection?
 - No nearby water main to tap to – either inexistent or unreliable
 - Lack of toilet facilities & hard to provide them (land, cost, culture..)
 - No (or inadequate) facilities to properly treat/dispose wastewater and/or septic sludge
 - Lack of institutional capacity to plan, implement and manage, especially sanitation
 - Lack of or inadequate pro-poor culture and policies



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- **Facilitate/support extensive consultation w/ low income communities to:**
 - Understand basic service needs and community characteristics
 - Select most appropriate type(s) of basic services to meet above
 - Involve community in design and implementation to promote ownership
 - Involve community in management/oversight to promote sustainability
- **Facilitate dialogue for necessary policy changes to:**
 - Develop a better tariff and subsidy strategy that help the real poor
 - Promote integrated approach to planning, implementation and management of basic services in metropolitan areas, such as GAMA , and the necessary institutional restructuring
 - Improve oversight of services and enforce compliance w/ performance



Why should we work in the greater Accra or in Ghana? Opportunities

- Political Will to improve water and sanitation in Ghana in general and in Accra in particular
- Availability of public funds (or at least commitment...), especially for sanitation
- A number of good solutions have been successfully tested by some of CA Partners and can now be scaled-up
- Possibility of financing TA and investments with support from Development Partners that are interested in Ghana and act in a coordinated manner
- Strong community organization culture that can be educated to be part of the solution and have a bigger role in social accountability
- Availability of a good number of capable Civil Society Organizations involved in the sector