



# **FINANCING THE URBAN POOR SODECI'S EXPERIENCE IN COTE D'IVOIRE**

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# Cote d'Ivoire – the context

- ❖ National Population – 17 million
- ❖ Urban Population – 50 % of total
- ❖ Population of Abidjan – 3 million
- ❖ Population in informal / illegal settlement in Abidjan- 20% of total



# Brief History of SODECI

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- Established in 1959
- Management Contract in Abidjan only from 1959 to 1967
- Management Contract all urban centers from 1973 to 1987
- Lease / Concession Contract since 1987



# Key Indicators - Abidjan

- Coverage is – 82 %
- Unaccounted 16 %
- Collection ration 95 % (not included Government)
- Number of connections 235 483  
(total 465 600 Dec 1999)
- Block tariff with social block for first 18 cubic meters



# Policy Framework

- Objective: to achieve 100% coverage through house connections
  - Cornerstones
    - Minimize costs through unified tariff all urban centers
    - Financial autonomy and sustainability
      - Water and sanitation fund / development fund
      - Tariff is based on full cost recovery
      - Cost efficiency through economies of scale



# Key Approaches — Serving the Poor

- Increase access to house connections in planned areas through « social connections »
- Increase access to potable water through public vending machines designed and installed by SODECI ( Yacoli )
- Authorize vending from private connections in unplanned ( and illegal ) areas



# Social Connection Policy

- Features of Social Connection Policy
  - Subsidize connection through elimination of deposit fee ( 549 US \$)
  - Meter / pipe size restricted to 15mm
  - Less than 5 taps per bdwelling



# Social Connection Policy- ctd

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# Public i ci Yacoli



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*small scale private operator*

# Public Vending Machines Ctd





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*installed in nearest legal settlement*

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**electricity than water connections**

**more**



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- **Review and revise current arrangements supported by WSP-WCA**
  - **Focus on: How to better serve the poorest segments of population given existing policy framework.**



Prix moyen de vente: 323,5 f/m<sup>3</sup>  
(0.47 US \$)

Rémunération concessionnaire:  
182,6 f/m<sup>3</sup>: 0,27 US \$

Fonds de développement:  
76,55 f/m<sup>3</sup>: 0,11 US\$

Surtaxe FNE :  
44 f/m<sup>3</sup>: 0,06 US\$



