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

- 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

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Public Vending Machines Ctd

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— meter installed in nearest legal settlement

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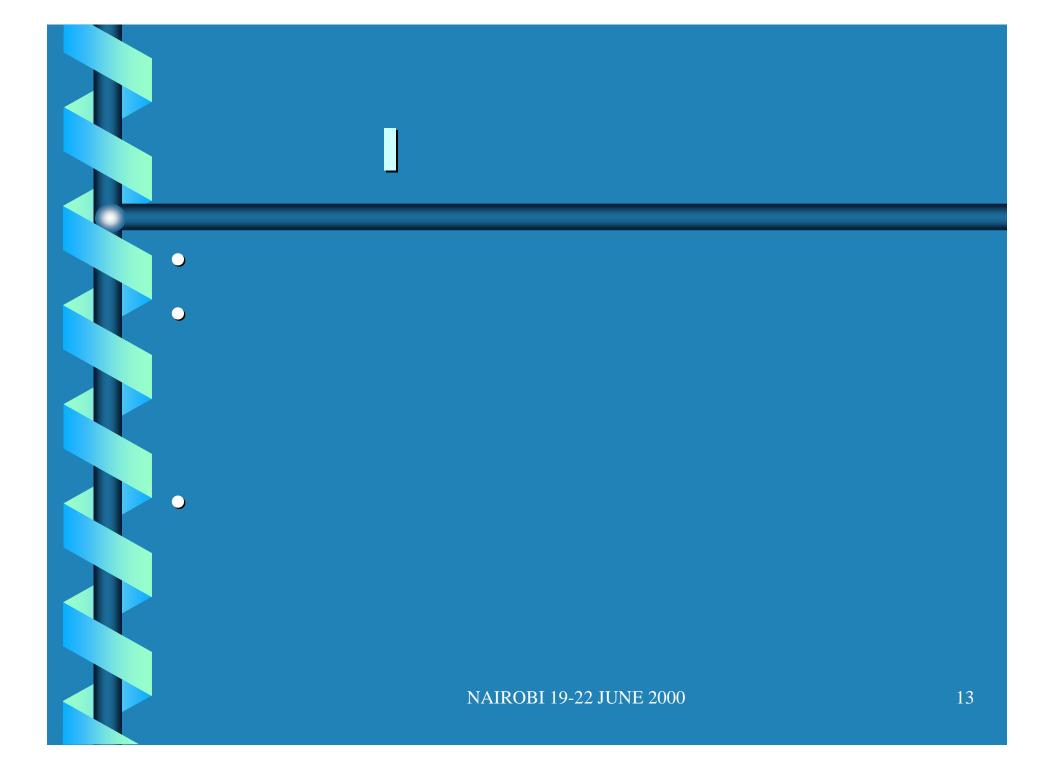
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- Review and revise current arrangments supported by WSP-WCA
 - Focus on: How to better serve the poorest segments of population given existing policy framework.

Prix moyen de vente: 323,5 f/m3 (0.47 US \$)

Rémunération concessionnaire: 182,6 f/m3: 0,27 US \$

Fonds de développement: 76,55 f/m3: 0,11 US\$

Surtaxe FNE:

44 f/m3: 0,06 US\$

