



# Learning Alliance for Sustainable Governance in Integrated Urban Water Management

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# Outline

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# Accra

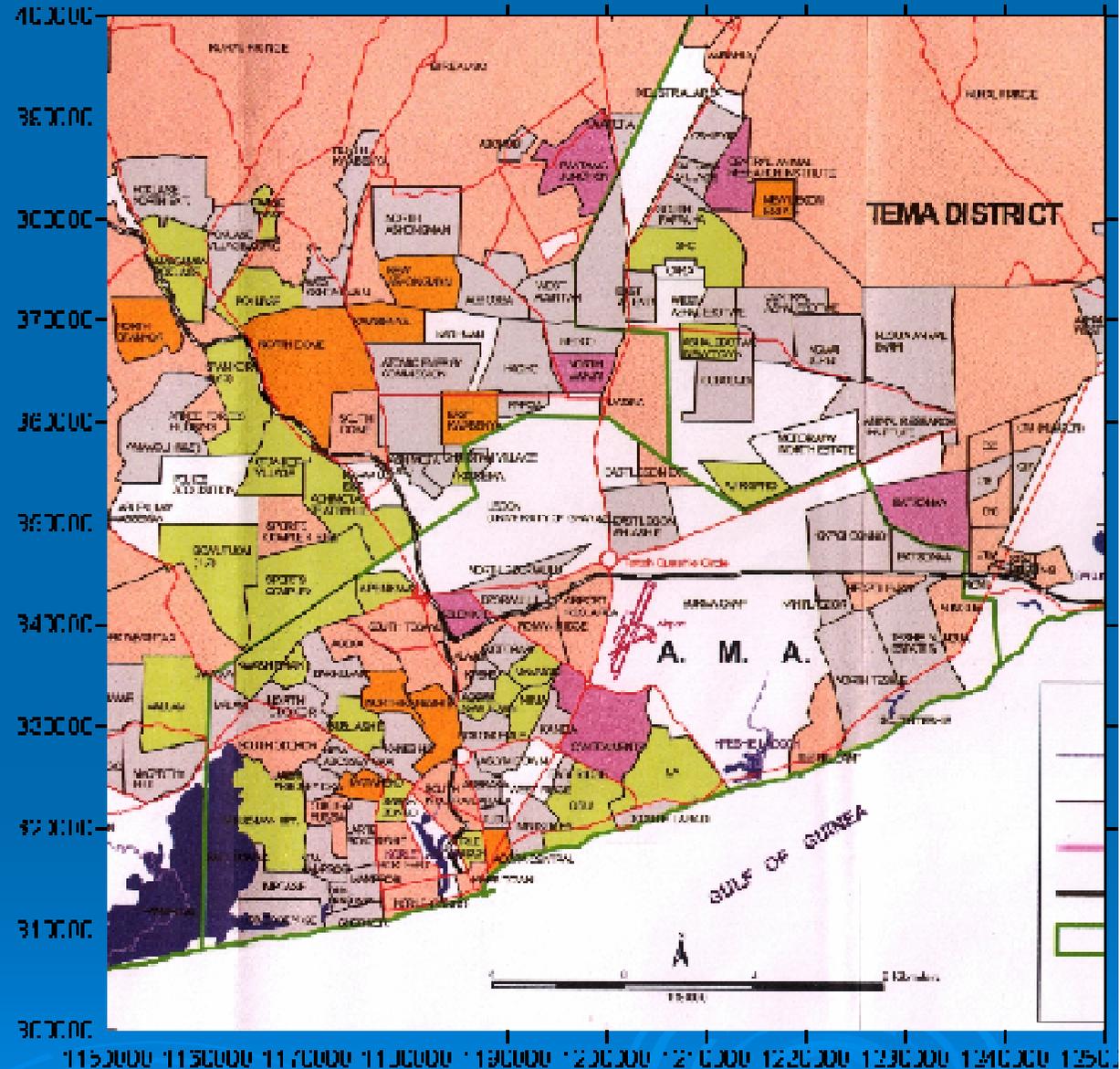
Over 3 million residents

Area: 170 Km<sup>2</sup>

Annual Growth rate – 4.3%

## Challenges

- Rapid Urbanisation
- Urban Sprawl
- Complex Society
- Cross Cutting Issues



# Challenges in Integrated Urban Water Management

Limited Access to Water Supply

Flooding due

- Building in water ways
- Inadequate drainage systems

Poor Sanitation and waste water disposal

Weak Institutional framework

Fragmentation of implementation approaches



# Strategic Directions

Establishment of Water Directorate (2004)

Consolidation of policies on water

- Launching of National Water Policy for Ghana (February, 2008)
- Aligning Implementation Strategies to policy initiatives

Sector harmonisation; Water Sector Group Meetings, Annual GoG/DP Review conferences

Policy support for integrated approach to water management through networks and learning alliances e.g. Joint Monitoring Platform, SWITCH Accra, WASHCost

# Learning Alliance Approach

## Creation of Platforms at different levels

- Sector Harmonisation (National Level)
- Sharing of experiences (Intermediate level/City level -e.g. transfer of lessons from community ownership and management concept to urban settings)
- Breaking of Barriers (through horizontal and vertical interactions)
- Uptake of innovations and research findings (All levels)

# Experiences from Accra

## SWITCH Learning Alliance

- Introduction of LA in Accra to facilitate knowledge sharing and demonstration of research findings
  - Joint visioning and planning
  - Building of networks across Water and Sanitation Initiatives
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- Developing a sense of ownership for a common vision in water and sanitation



# Conclusions

Water and Sanitation Sector is too complex, in order to advance, it necessary for effective collaboration of all stakeholders at policy and implementation levels

LAs serve as a tool for strengthening institutional frameworks

Results and outputs of LA equip decision makers to make informed choices

LAs make sector stakeholders feel responsible for the sector

NGO's need to implement more advocacy programmes to stir up Government response to existing situations

Thank you  
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Merci beaucoup

