



Participants or customers in water governance? Community-public partnerships for peri-urban water supply.

ı

Author(s)

Adams, Ellis Adjei Zulu, Leo Charles

Description / Abstract

This paper examines the performance of water user associations (WUAs) and the role of actors, power relations, socio-institutional dynamics, and context in supplying water to poor urban and peri-urban neighborhoods of Malawi's two major cities. Using a preliminary survey, key-informant interviews, focus groups, secondary data, and insights from the community-based natural resources management (CBNRM) literature and common-pool resources (CPR) theory, it argues that while a business-based WUA model can enhance water supply and access, the urban/peri-urban and historical context alters the nature of water and social actors and power relations involved, causing tradeoffs between water-supply and social goals of ownership, participation, and empowerment. The ensuing tradeoffs demonstrate that water supply to the urban/peri-urban landscape through community-based initiatives require flexibility in CBNRM expectations.

Publication year

2015

Country

<u>Malawi</u>

Region

<u>Africa</u>

Publisher

Geoforum

Keywords

<u>Water User Associations Decentralisation Community-based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) peri-urban</u>

Thematic Tagging

<u>Urban Water services</u> Language English <u>View resource</u>

Related IWRM Tools



Tool

Community-based water supply and management organisations

B2.03

Source URL: https://beta.toolbox.venthic.com/resource/participants-or-customers-water-governance-community-public-partnerships-peri-urban-water