

Representing the rural sector, Maxwell Agbenorhevi presents a case from Ghana of a savings scheme that supports over 400 women in providing water for domestic as well as productive uses. Adopting a broader view of the sector, Alfonso García Salaues argues from the perspective of Bolivia's experience with international co-operation that overseas development assistance should support the social, economic, institutional and political challenges facing the sector, rather than focus on new infrastructure and BOT contracts (build-operate-transfer – one form of private sector management of water infrastructure). Following this argument, Meine Pieter van Dijk finally presents some findings from India, where such strengthening and ownership over financing for the sector has seen preliminary success.

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