PROFILE OF SOUM PROVINCE

Geography

Located in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso
Area: 12 222 km²
Number of Communes 9 rural and 1 urban (Djibo)
Number of Villages: 182
Number of WA-WASH intervention villages: 43 (see map)
Number of households: 60 519
Number of inhabitant (2010): 389 839

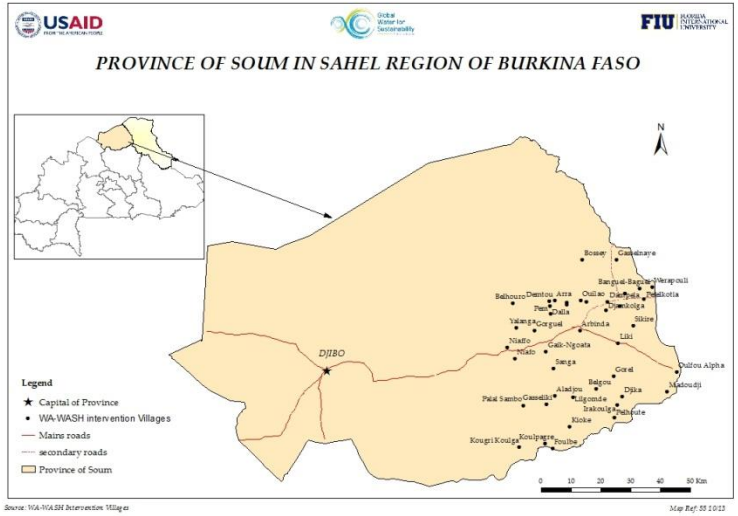
Access to water[1]

Number of Modern wells: 68
Number of functioning boreholes: 555
Number of functioning public taps and autonomous water towers: 16
Percentage of rural population haven access to potable source of water: 40.68%

[1]**According to the norms in use in Burkina, having access to drinking water in rural area is based on the following criteria**:

- A modern well (Mw) for 300 persons
- A borehole (Bh) for 300 persons
- A public tap (Pt) for 500 persons
- An autonomous water tower (Awt) for 500 persons
- Less than 1000 meters between the households and the Bh and Mw
- Less than 500 meters between the households and the Pt and Awt
- Less than 1000µS/cm of conductivity in the water
- Less than 50 mg/l of nitrate content in the water
- Traditional wells, non-functioning modern wells, modern wells older than 30 years, boreholes in schools and heath care facilities are not included in the access rate calculation.

Source: Annuaire statistique 2010 de l'eau potable et de l'assainissement des eaux uses et excréta (02/2012)



Access to sanitation[2]

Percentage of households practicing open defecation: 83%
Proportion of households using enhanced latrines: 13%
Proportion of households with enhanced bathrooms: 4.7%
Rate of household's access to family sanitation: 2.2%

[2]**According to the Ministry of Agriculture and water resources of Burkina the following means**:

- Enhanced latrine and bathroom refer to: a facility designed with hygiene conditions that prevent humans, animals or insects to get in contact with human excreta. These facilities include VIP latrine, EoSan latrine, toilet with flushing system, toilet with double pits.
- A Household is considered to have access to a family sanitation when it is using an enhanced latrine whether sharing it with other households on not, as far as the number of people sharing the latrine does not exceed 10.

Source: Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'hydraulique, Monographie régionale Sahel (11/2011)