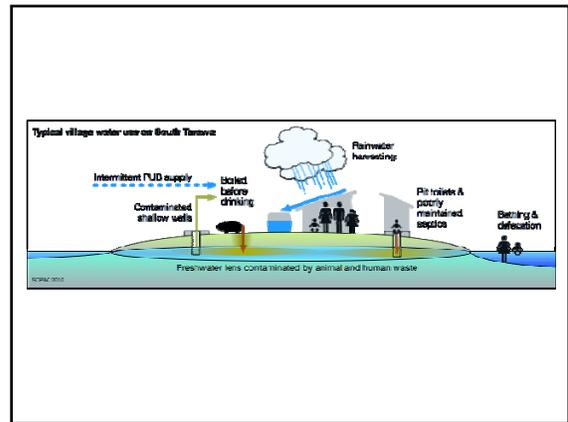




Water Resource Issues in Kiribati

- Water supply issues in Kiribati are amongst the most complex in the world
- Water lens limited and fragile
- Need to consider supply for:
 - more than 160 villages
 - 2 densely populated urban areas, spread over 22 inhabited atolls which span over 3 million km² of the central Pacific.






Pacific IWRM Planning Programme 

The Planning Programme has supported a number of initiatives in Kiribati, namely:

- the finalization of the Water Resources Policy and 10 year Implementation Plan (endorsed by Government)
- Technical Assistance in the development and finalization of the National Sanitation Policy and 10 year Implementation plan
- Support to the National Water and Sanitation Coordination Committee (Kiribati Water Apex Body)
- The Planning Programme over the years has also provided country technical assistance via in country missions and support as and when requested




KEY NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS (2010-2011) 

- Endorsement of key National policies for improved water resources management, ie the National Water Resources and National Sanitation policy and Implementation plans.
- Supporting Publishing the guidelines of the National Sanitation and Water Resource Policies.





CHALLENGES



- Institutionally the NWSCC requires strengthening and capacity building to ensure strong sector leadership
- Outer Islands still require a lot more coordinated and structured support
- Nationally Institutional demarcation of roles and responsibilities is required.

