

Starting a discussion on water

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The 2014 Angolan census (INE, 2016) states that 43.6% of the Angolan population has access to an improved water source. This places Angola as the country with the third-lowest access rate in the world (after Papua New Guinea and Equatorial Guinea).

In rural areas, only 22% of the population uses an improved drinking-water source. Efforts are being made by the government to improve drinking-water access, with considerable investment going into borehole drilling.

However, published information about the geology and hydrogeology of Angola is very limited, with much information dating from colonial times (before 1975).

Given the tremendous need to improve drinking-water access in Angola, Unicef and the Skat Foundation have carried out initiatives in the quest to improve the efficiency and sustainability of groundwater abstractions in rural areas of the country. This includes raising the professionalism of the sector.

Among the activities already carried out are a study on the state of the water-well drilling sector in Angola, a workshop to reflect on the study, and a training course on professional drilling management.



Water-well drilling in Angola (above and below)

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