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## Rethinking water management in the Volta Basin

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#### Key Message

Steady population growth and climate change are currently threatening the ecosystems and livelihoods of people living in the Volta Basin. Evidenced-based investment in rainwater and small reservoirs management could improve the lives of millions of people in the Volta Basin.

## Summary

This piece of writing will provide arguments for an equitable management of water resources. The story (ies) will highlight the population's needs and the resources around the basin and how tapping them can be useful to alleviating poverty. If properly disseminated, the study can contribute to raising public awareness on the protection of water resources and ecosystems which are already threatened by "anarchic" exploitation of resources in the basin. The lessons carried by the story and all information it is based upon can be of relevance to other basins as in most places water reservoirs (dams) are built for electricity while agricultural and other human related aspects remain largely neglected or are given little attention. Small water reservoirs are generally meant for multiple uses but their use still poses some problems of management that need to be addressed.