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Abstract

Improving existing drinking water supply services in developing countries depends crucially on available financial resources. Cost recovery rates of these services are typically low, while demand for more reliable services is high and rapidly growing. Most stated preference-based demand studies in the developing world apply the contingent

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the poorest part of the city with the lowest service levels value the improvement of

water quality most. As expected, also averting behaviour and expenditures play an important role.

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Notes

¹ Birr is Ethiopia's national currency. At the time of the study, 1 Birr was equal to approximately 0.06 USD.

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