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## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF URBAN RAINWATER HARVESTING POTENTIALS: CASE STUDIES OF LISBON (PT), TIJUANA (MX) AND TRONDHEIM (NO)

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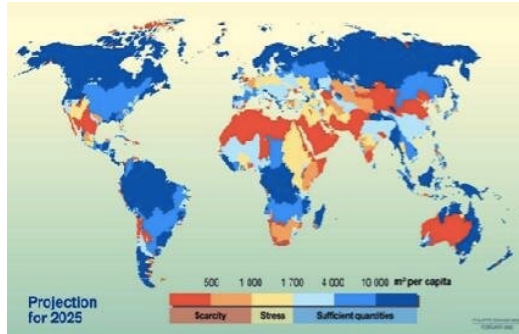
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World water scarcity  
projections for 2025  
Source: Wessman, 2012



# GLOBAL WATER SCARCITY

need for alternate water sources

Flooding Lisbon in 2022  
Source: Portugal News, 2022



# INCREASED VULNERABILITY

cities are increasingly vulnerable to effects of climate change

Flooding in Tijuana in 2023  
Source: LA Times, 2023



# URBAN RESILIENCE

need for improved water resource management

# OBJECTIVES

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This **urban-scale simulation** assesses the **rainwater harvesting potential** of **residential buildings** in Lisbon (Portugal), Tijuana (Mexico) and Trondheim (Norway), considering factors such as climate, building typology and consumption patterns. It includes calculations for **non-potable water savings** and **efficiency of rainwater harvesting systems** across entire urban areas.

O1.

Determine rainwater  
harvesting system efficiency

O2.

Determine urban water  
saving potentials



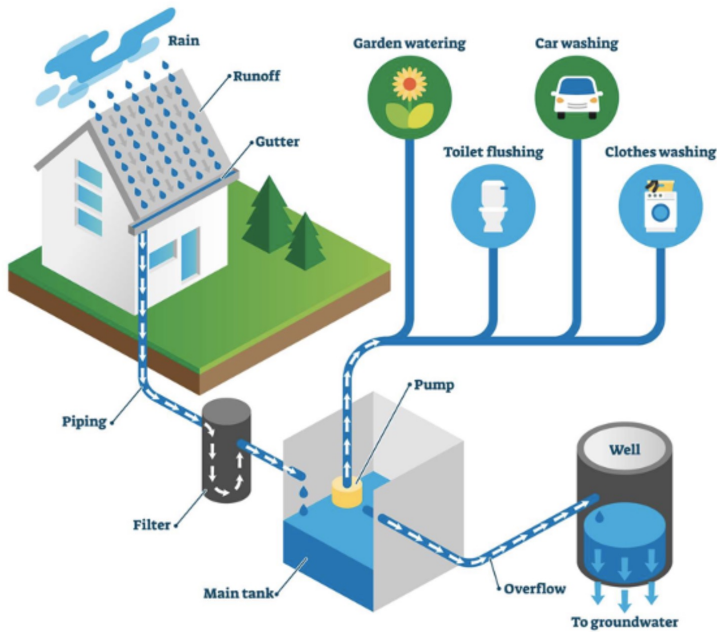
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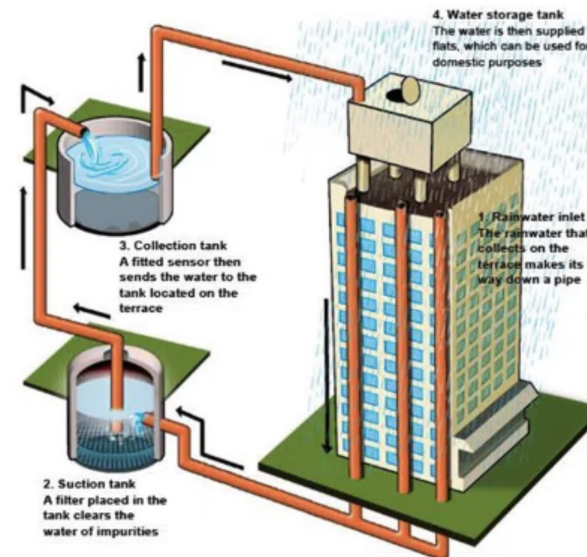


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## RAINWATER HARVESTING



Single- Family Home Harvesting System  
Source: TreeHugger, 2022



Apartment Complex Harvesting System  
Source: N. & S. Associates, n.d.

## HARVESTING SYSTEM

rainwater | greywater | green roof | hybrid

## BUILDING USE

residential | commercial | university

## WATER USE

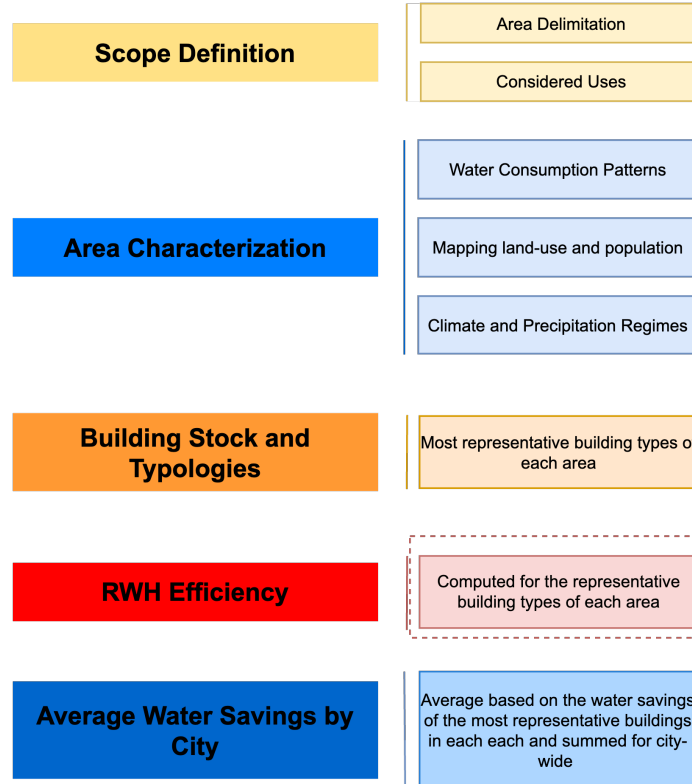
potable | non-potable

## SCALE

building | urban | regional | national

# METHODOLOGY

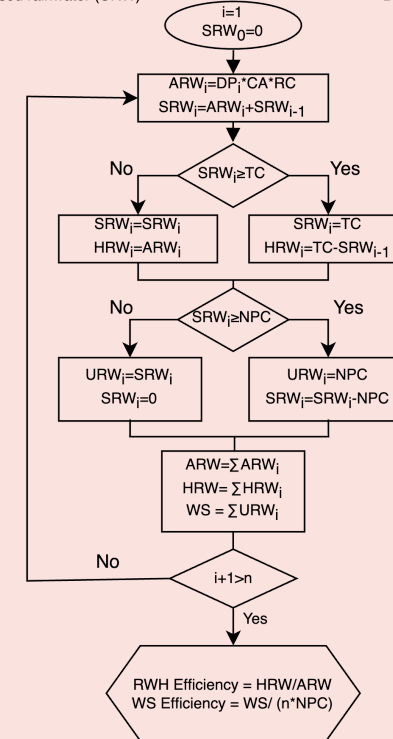
## Urban Rainwater Harvesting Systems



Urban RWH simulation methodology adapted from *Lúcio et al. (2019)*

### Calculating Building RWH Efficiency

Collection area (CA) Tank capacity (TC)  
Runoff coefficient (RC) Water savings (WS)  
Daily precipitation (DP) Daily non-potable consumption (NPC)  
Stored rainwater (SRW) Number of days (n)  
Harvested rainwater (HRW) Available rainwater (ARW)  
Used rainwater (URW) Day (i)



RWH and non-potable water savings methodology adapted from *Silva et al. (2015)*

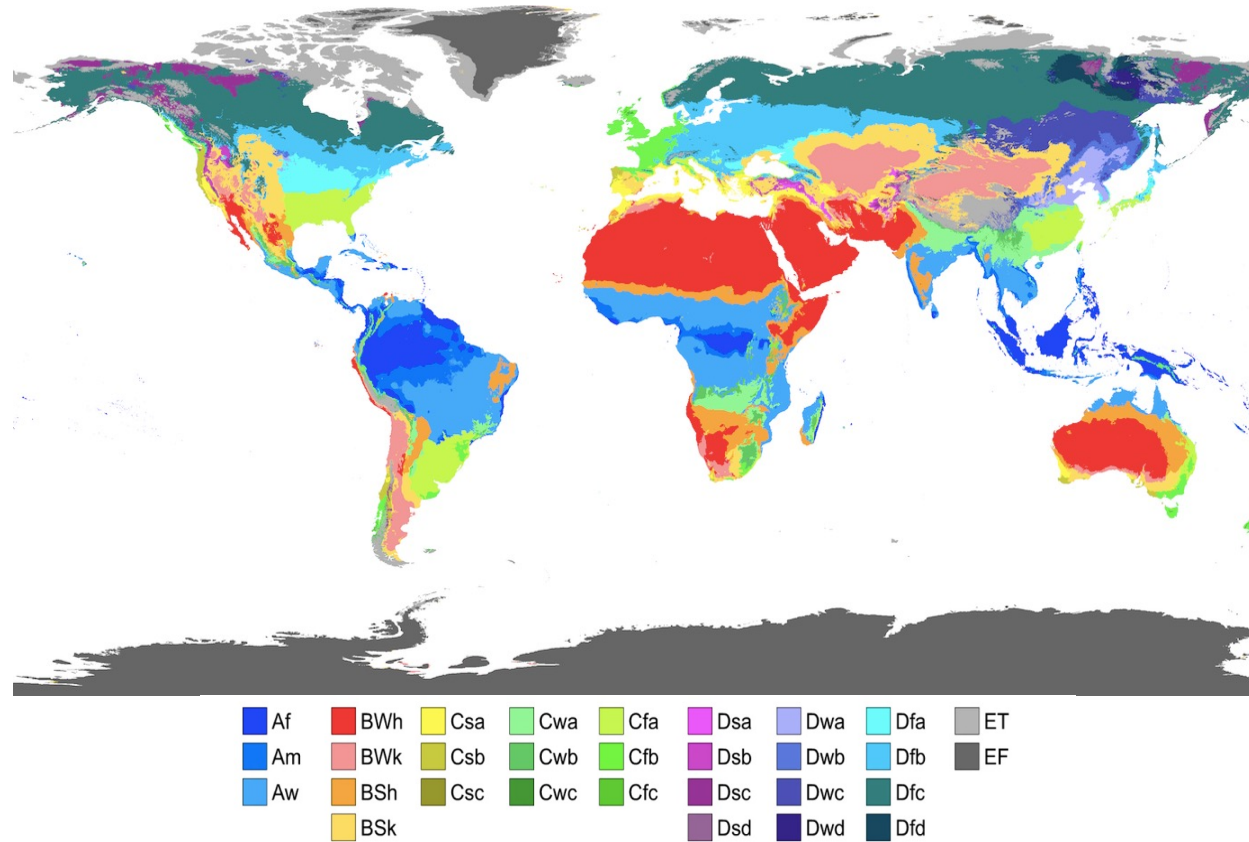
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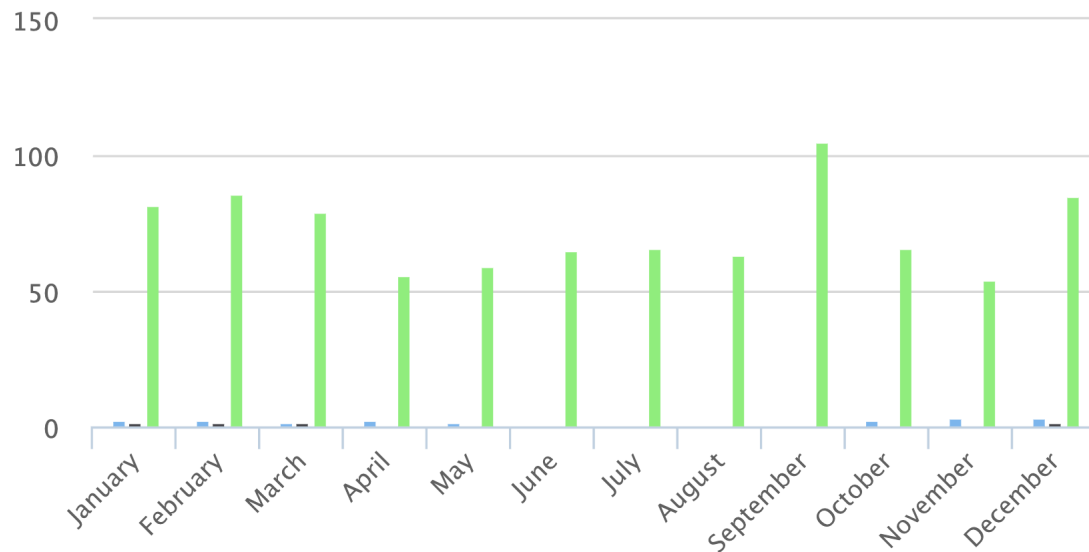


Present and Future Köppen-Geiger Climate  
Classification Maps

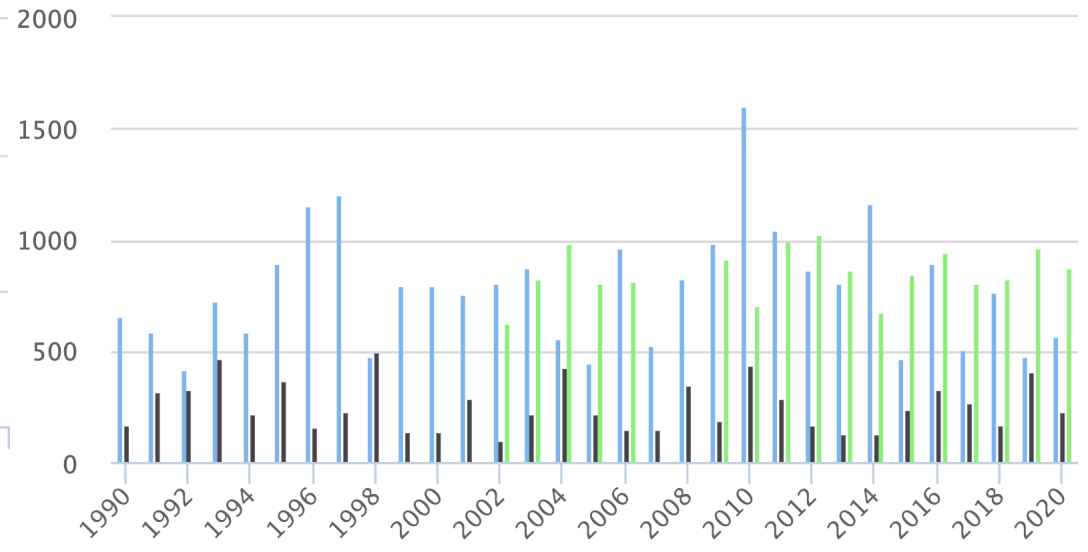
Source: Beck et al., 2018

# PRECIPITATION REGIMES

## Monthly Average Precipitation (mm)



## Yearly Total Precipitation 1990–2020 (mm)



 **Lisbon**  **Tijuana**  **Trondheim**



# DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMPTION

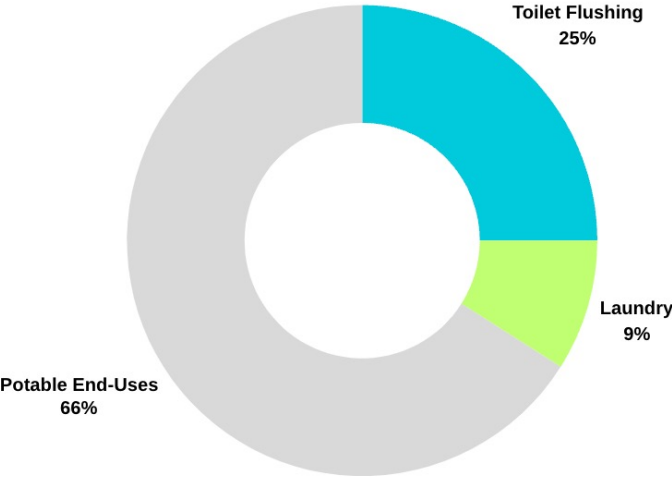
CONSUMPTION	LISBON	TIJUANA★	TRONDHEIM
TOTAL DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION (M3)	0.149	0.144	0.157
NON-POTABLE CONSUMPTION (M3)	0.051	0.098	0.054
NON-POTABLE FRACTION	34%	68%	31%
TOILET FLUSHING	24.7%	40%	21%
LAUNDRY	9.3%	24%	10%
HOUSEKEEPING	-	4%	-

MONTHS	TOTAL CONSUMPTION	NON-POTABLE CONSUMPTION
MAR, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, OCT, NOV	0.144	0.098
JULY, AUG, SEPT	0.154	0.105
DEC, JAN, FEB	0.138	0.094

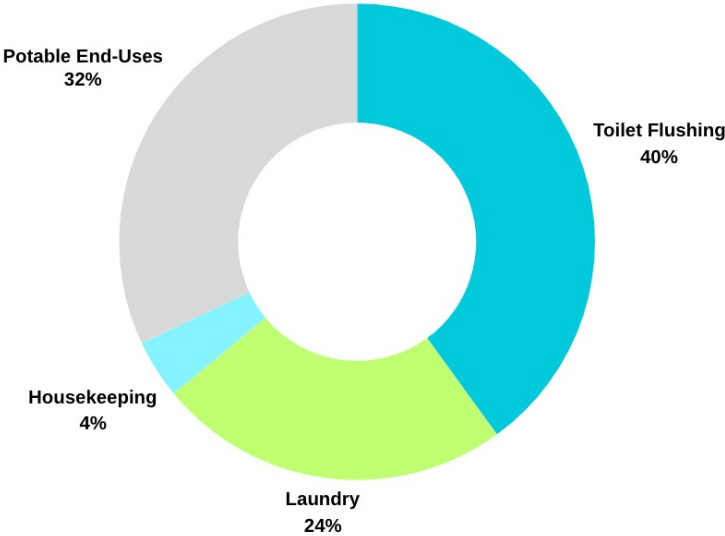
★ Tijuana has variable consumption

# WATER END-USE DISTRIBUTION

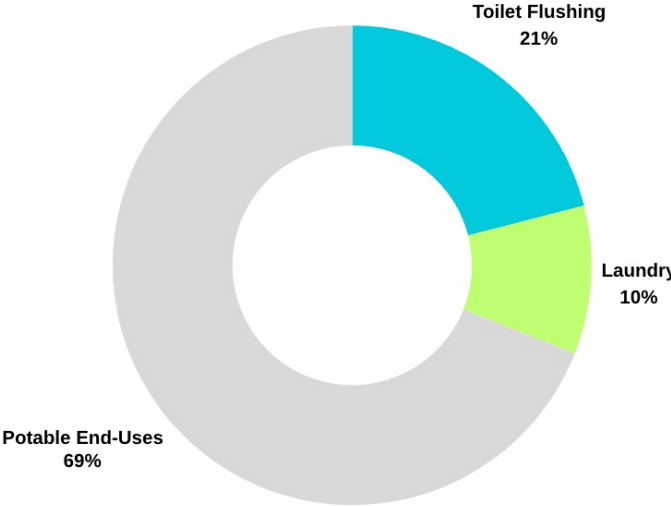
## Lisbon



## Tijuana

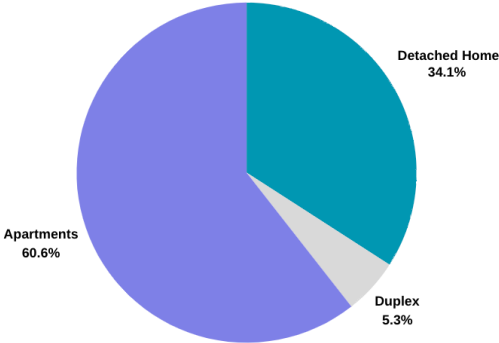


## Trondheim

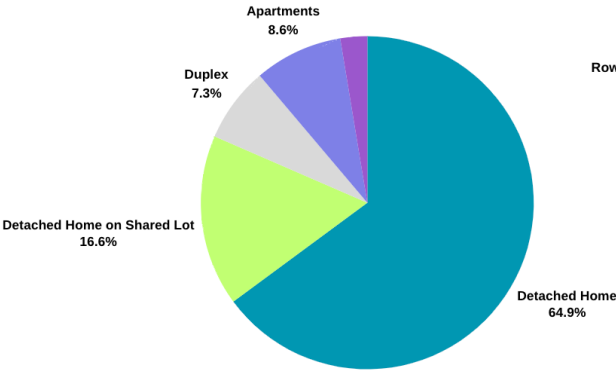


# BUILDING TYPOLOGIES

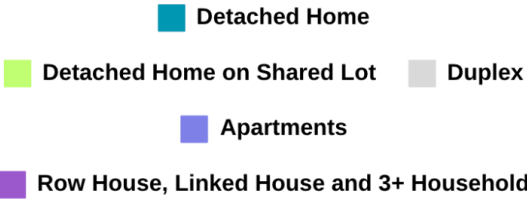
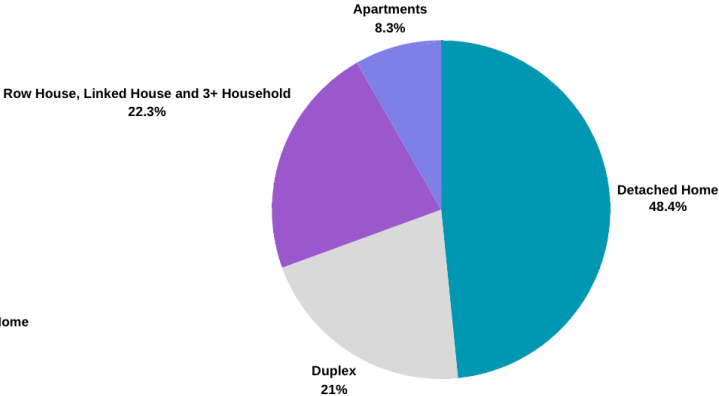
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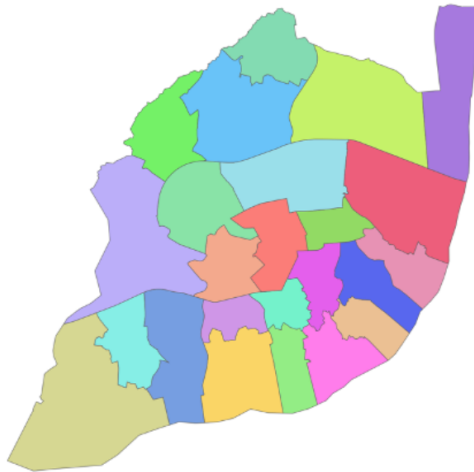
# Urban Zones

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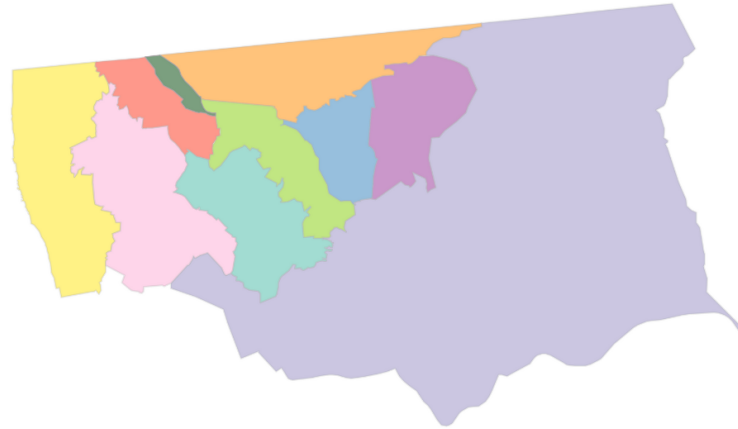
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## Lisbon



24 Zones

## Tijuana



10 Zones

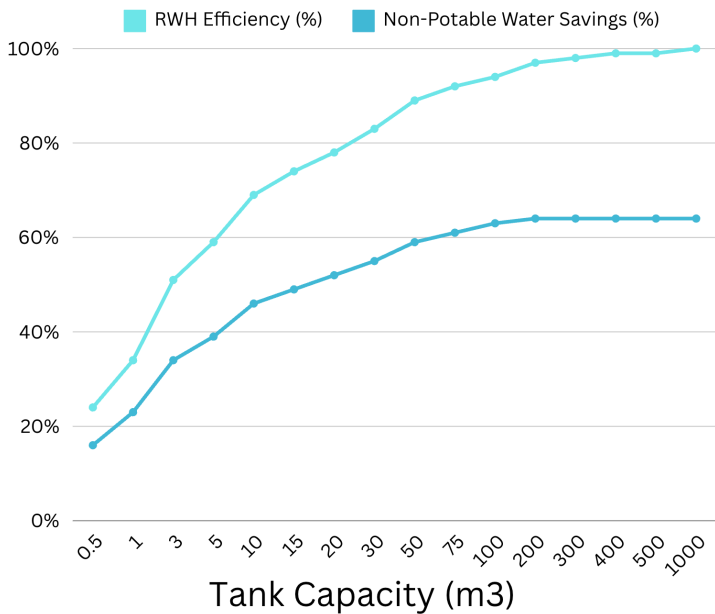
## Trondheim



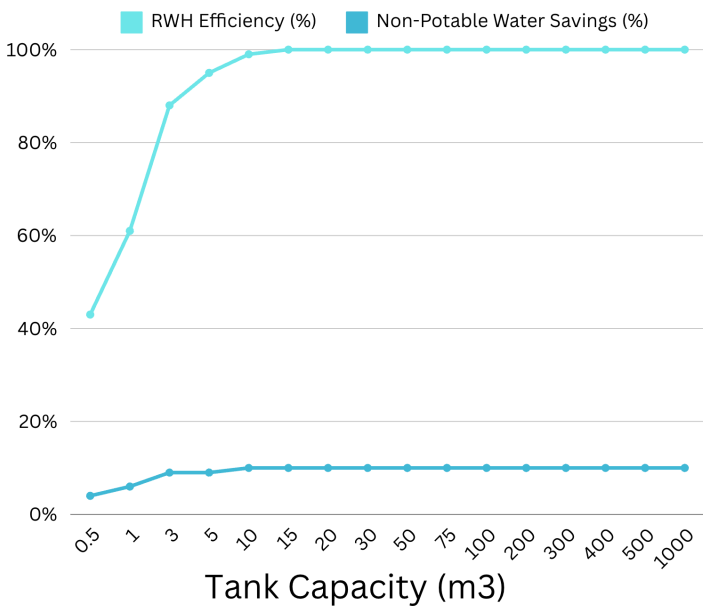
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# TANK CAPACITY

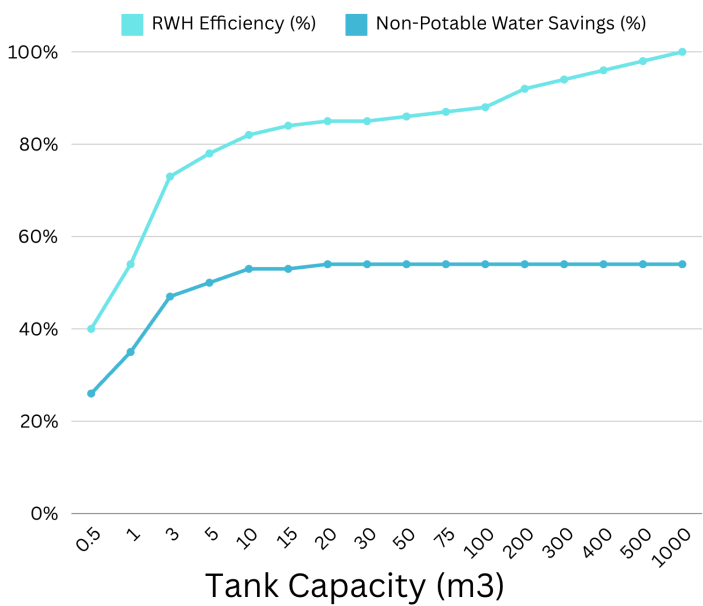
## Lisbon



## Tijuana



## Trondheim





# RESULTS

RESULTS	LISBON	TIJUANA	TRONDHEIM
RAINWATER HARVESTING EFFICIENCY	97%	100%	85%
WATER SAVINGS POTENTIAL	64%	10%	54%
OPTIMAL TANK CAPACITY (M3)	200	15	20
MOST EFFICIENT BUILDING TYPOLOGY	LOW-RISE APARTMENT COMPLEX	DETACHED HOME	DUPLEX
TOTAL HARVESTED WATER (M3)	37,897.06	2,029.94	4,878.95

# EVERY BIT COUNTS.

**EFFICIENCY** how can we make these systems more efficient?

**CLIMATE CHANGE** what is the impact of changing precipitation regimes?

**SNOWMELT** how does snowmelt effect efficiency?

**DATA** more data leads to greater accuracy!

**INTEGRATION** how do we integrate harvesting systems into our cities?

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