# Global Water Security & Sanitation Partnership (GWSP)

# Accelerating solutions to achieve SDG 6 by 2030

**Region**
Global

**Partners**
World Bank Global Water Practice, Sweden/SIDA, The Netherlands/DGIS, Australia/DFAT, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Swiss State Secretariat of Economic Affairs/SECO, Denmark, and Austria.

**Background information**
Most donor support for the water sector in many countries focuses on indi- vidual subsectors, and has not addressed the broader challenges of water as set out in SDG 6 for sustainab- le development to support households, agriculture, manufacturing, job creati- on, and the environment

**Project objectives**
Solve complex water and sanitation challenges by helping governments achieve SDG 6 and other water- related SDGs through global knowledge and partnerships as well as country level support that leverages WBG financial instruments.

**Beneficiaries**
Governments, citizens, academic sector, civil soci- ety, private sector.

**Costs & Duration**
SDC: 17.5 mio. USD
Total: 380 mio. USD (2025)
2022 – 2030 (2 phases)

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**The Global Water Goal SDG 6 requires an integrated approach to reflect a "Water writ large" agenda**

Water touches nearly every aspect of deve- lopment. It drives economic growth, supports healthy ecosystems and is fundamental for life. However, this critical resource can harm as well as help. Water-related hazards such as floods, storms, and droughts are responsible for 9 out of 10 natural disasters. Climate change is expected to increase this risk and place even greater stress on scarce water supplies. In addition, increasing global water pollution from various sources is another challenge, which needs to be addressed. New challenges and new contexts require new responses. That is why the World Bank, together with its partners, has launched a new partnership for a water-secure world, the GWSP. Building on a nearly half-century of collaboration driven by the Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP), the Water Partnership Programme (WPP) and others, the GWSP has consolidated the work and influence of those long-standing trust funds into one cohesive programme. The GWSP aims to provide action equal to the ambition articulated within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**A Global Trust Fund to Advance Knowledge and Building Capacity at Scale around SDG 6**

The Global Water Security and Sanitation Part- nership (GWSP) of the World Bank Water Global Practice is a trust-fund-based global partnership with the objective to address the water and sani- tation challenge in an integrated manner, as set out in the global water goal (SDG 6). This support will advance innovative global knowledge production and exchange as well as build capacity through country-level support across regions with a focus on the population excluded the most from water investments and services (with a focus on women through a gender strategy and additional gender- related key performance indicators).

With its portfolio of water investments and water experts, the World Bank is uniquely positioned to lead these efforts, by developing and sharing global knowledge while also amplifying the impact of the World Bank Group financial instruments through technical assistance on the ground across regions.

The GWSP primarily focuses on advancing know- ledge and building capacity. It supports client governments to achieve the water-related SDGs through the generation of innovative global know- ledge and the provision of country-level support, while leveraging World Bank Group financial instruments and promoting global dialogue and advocacy with key partners and clients to increase reach and impact. This partnership provides new opportunities to test and scale-up innovations, build country capacity where needed and influence country demand and World Bank operations.

- Water Supply and Sanitation.
- Agricultural Water Management.
- Water Security/Resources Management, Transboundary Water Cooperation.
- Water, Economy, and Climate Change.

GWSP's intervention strategy is built on a "Knowledge into Implementation" model, which ensures that global knowledge, analytics, and technical assistance directly inform country-level operations, policy reforms, and investments. The strategy is structured around three entry points (Knowledge mobilisation, Long-term country engagement, Just-in-Time technical assistance) and five priority themes (sustainability, inclusion, institutions, financing, resilience), all aligned with the WSIP's scalable solutions and the Water Forward coalition.

GWSP influence on global World Bank lending translates into lending projects in Africa, Middle East & North Africa, Europe & Central Asia, South Asia, East Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Additional information:
https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/global-water-security-sanitation-partnership

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