



WATER  
PARTNERSHIP  
PROGRAM

## A Partnership for Improved Water Resources Management and Water Service Delivery



# About the WPP

The Water Partnership Program (WPP) is a multi-donor initiative launched by the World Bank in 2008. The program is a consolidation and an evolution of the Bank-Netherlands Water Partnership in Water Supply and Sanitation (BNWP) and the Bank-Netherlands Water Partnership Program in Water Resources (BNWPP). By addressing the water sector as a whole and by reinforcing the actions of all participating donors, the WPP provides improved realignment and restructuring through a multi-donor trust fund. The Program is administered by the World Bank's Water Anchor Unit (ETWWA) of the Department of Energy, Transport and Water (ETW), with oversight from the Water Sector Board.

The WPP's goal is to enhance the World Bank's efforts in reducing poverty through two overarching objectives:

1.

The sponsorship and mainstreaming of pragmatic and principled approaches for water resources management and development; and

2.

The improvement of the quality and effectiveness of water service delivery.

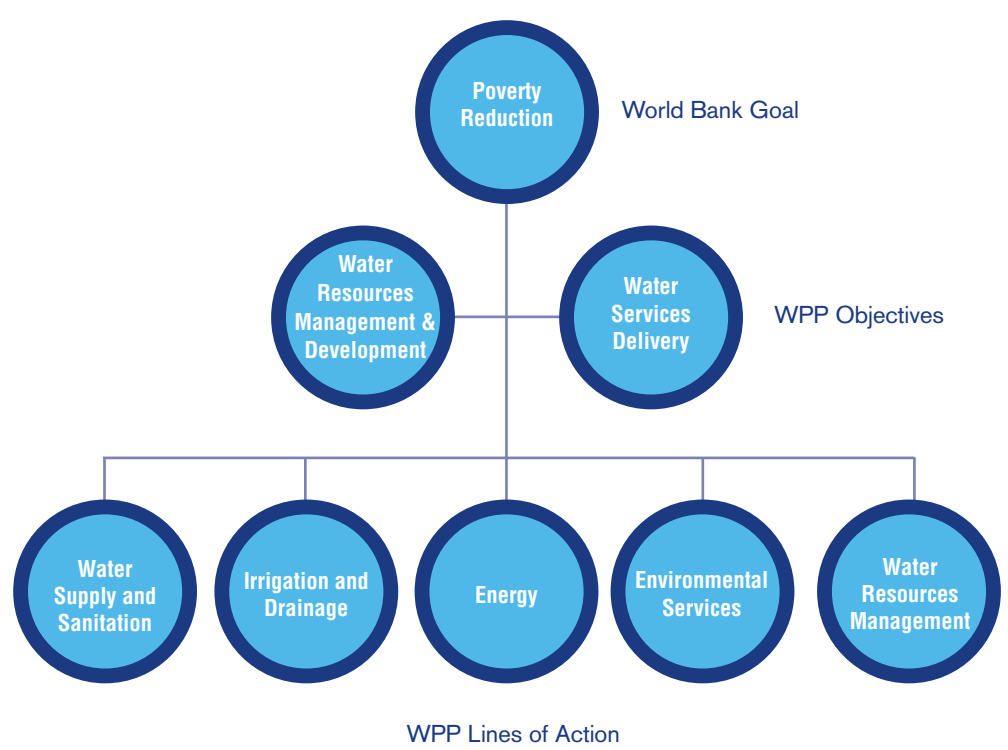
The WPP strategic framework is anchored on the principles of the Bank's Business Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation and the Water Resources Sector Strategy. These principles together with the specific priorities of the Bank's operational regions, guide the WPP's development objectives:

- **Water Resources Management (WRM) and Development.** WPP focuses on addressing cross-cutting issues such as Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and climate change, and approaches for WRM in the four water sub-sectors identified in the WRM Strategy; and
- **Water Service Delivery.** WPP supports the expansion and improvement of social and productive water services in the four water sub-sectors identified in the WRM strategy.





The WPP finances activities in the following lines of action: Water Supply and Sanitation, Irrigation and Drainage, Energy, Environmental Services, and Water Resources Management.



## WPP Enhances World Bank Projects and Lending

WPP seeks to enhance World Bank assistance in the water sector in two ways: by enabling the World Bank and client governments to generate and explore new opportunities for projects; and at the project level, by enhancing the quality of World Bank water-related operations through incremental expert support and applied global knowledge.

The types of World Bank-executed activities sponsored by WPP can be categorized as follows:

- a. assistance to lending, supervision of projects, and strategic and analytical work;
- b. knowledge creation and management; and
- c. capacity building, outreach and monitoring.

All proposals for WPP funding are evaluated based on the following: a) contribution to World Bank strategies and donor priorities; b) enhancing the impact of World Bank activities; and c) value for money.

**a) Contribution to World Bank strategies and donor priorities.** Proposals should address issues highlighted in World Bank strategies and other coordinated development efforts, including but not limited to the Water Resources Management Strategy, the Business Strategy on Water Supply and Sanitation, the Clean Energy Investment Framework, the Millennium Development Goals, the Hydropower Business Plan, and the World Bank's climate change and agricultural water management programs.

**b) Enhancing the impact of World Bank activities.** Proposals should demonstrate that they would enhance the impact of World Bank operations by: (i) **leveraging direct, innovative support for World Bank operations (downstream activities)** that are directly involved in instituting and implementing water management and/or water services in client countries; and/or (ii) **developing and mainstreaming new knowledge (upstream activities)** by testing, evaluating, and disseminating new approaches and innovations for future projects and/or by supporting the development of strategic work (i.e. institutional strengthening, policy reform and strategic planning).

**c) Value for money.** The relative impact potential of activities must be weighed to select those with the highest value for money. The following criteria are considered so as to maximize the value of projects funded: (i) *Targeting* by focusing on interventions that have the greatest impact on poverty reduction, fostering participation of women and/or supporting governments

that are proponents of reforms and invest their own resources - WPP gives priority funding to those projects that specifically contribute to the World Bank's work in poverty, gender, sub-Saharan Africa and downstream activities; (ii) *efficient implementation* by adopting the lowest cost strategies consistent with appropriate standards of quality; (iii) *internal soundness*, ensuring that the relationship between inputs, activities, outputs and objectives is clearly described and the inputs correspond to proposed outputs; (iv) *additionality*, ensuring that proposed activities build on lessons learned from earlier and ongoing work; and (v) *aid effectiveness and harmonization*, as outlined in the Paris Declaration, proposed activities should be aligned and harmonized with the efforts of other donors and organizations so as to avoid overlap and use resources in a complementary way. Additionally, they should be results-oriented and show accountability in the use of the fund's resources.





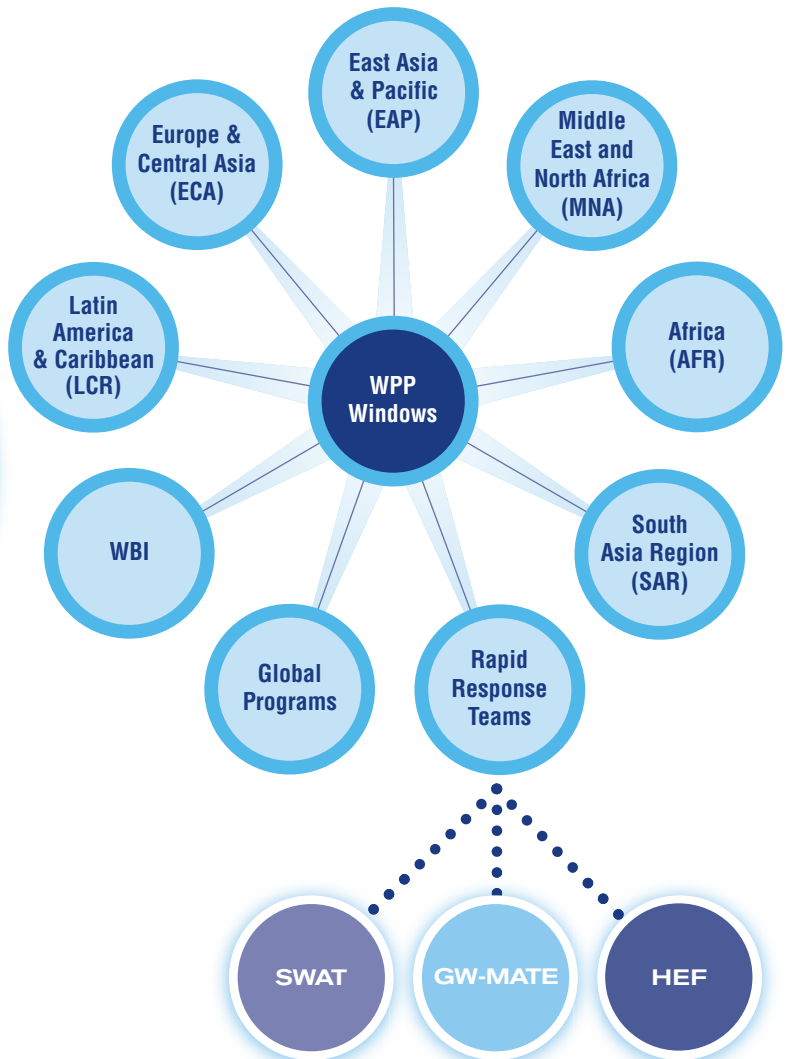
# WPP Funding Structure

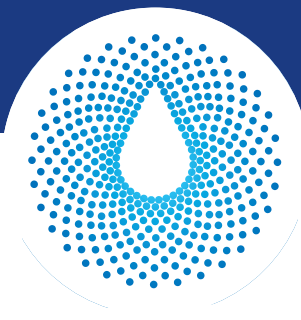
WPP channels financial resources through six Regional Windows - Africa, East Asia & Pacific, Europe & Central Asia, Latin America & Caribbean, Middle East & North Africa and South Asia.

An additional Global Projects Window is designed to enhance World Bank operations by promoting innovative ideas across regions. This window systematically harvests and analyzes positive project experiences in an effort to disseminate knowledge on global themes and emerging issues.

WPP also supports three Rapid Response Teams - The Sanitation, Hygiene and Wastewater Support Service (SWAT), The Groundwater Management Advisory Team (GW-MATE) and The Hydrology Expert Facility (HEF). These teams stand ready to provide just-in-time advice to World Bank Task Managers on request.

Additional WPP support to WBI will ensure that cross-cutting training is appropriately designed and implemented.





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# How to Apply for WPP Funding

Applications for WPP funding may be submitted by World Bank Task Managers with trust fund accreditation.

There are different operational modalities to apply for WPP funding: Regional Work Plans, Emerging Priorities, and support through the three Rapid Response Teams. These modalities reflect the consolidation of BNWP and BNWPP's structure, by utilizing BNWP's work plans as the default modality and BNWPP's rolling demand for activities that are determined to be emerging priorities. Access to assistance from Rapid Response Teams will continue to follow existing procedures, with approvals occurring on a rolling basis.

For more detailed information, to contact the WPP Coordination Team, or to apply for funding, please visit our website [www.worldbank.org/water/wpp](http://www.worldbank.org/water/wpp)

