

DWP Know-How Series

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WATER UTILITY FINANCING IN THE DANUBE REGION

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WBG Scaling up Finance for Water - Strategic Framework



Lessons Learned

What has/ has not worked?

Binding constraints to PSP and PCM, based on past/ongoing initiatives

- Undervaluation of water
- Lack of financially viable service providers
- Absence of enabling conditions
- Social reluctance to PPPs
- Multiple risks and high transaction costs for PPPs

Strategic Directions

Based on lessons learnt, which approaches can be scaled?

- Establishing the enabling conditions for financial sustainability, creditworthiness, and access to financing
- 2. Mobilizing private sector expertise to improve operational efficiency and address climate impacts
- 3. Diversifying and expanding the spectrum of finance solutions

with a cross-cutting theme on **Advancing Climate Outcomes**

WBG Roadmap

Across the strategic directions, what actions need to be taken by WBG and other development partners?

Roadmap focusing on a combination of demand- and supply-side solutions for financing through the following themes:

- Training and Capacity Building
- Analysis and Diagnostics
- Financial Planning
- Turnaround Strategies
- Financing Solutions
- Stakeholder Engagement

WBG Roadmap: 10-Step Engagement

Not sequential	Steps of Engagement	WBG Tools and Instruments
steps! Training and Capacity Building	Building Capacities to Support the Foundations of Creditworthiness	IBNET, Utility Financing and Creditworthiness, Shadow Credit Ratings, Utility of the Future, Citywide Inclusive Sanitation, Utilities for Climate
	Assessing Macro-Fiscal Conditions, Financial Market Maturity, and Investment Climate	SCD, CPF, InfraSAP for Water, CPSD, OECD Scorecard
Analysis & Diagnostics	Aligning Water Security with Climate Goals and Economic Development	CCDRs, CLEAR, Water Security Diagnostics, WICER
	Designing supportive Policies, Institutions and Regulations (PIR)	PIR framework, PER
Financial Planning	Integrating Financial Sustainability Analysis in Sector Planning and in WBG Project Cycle	Financial modeling, financial viability analysis, 3Ts analysis
Turnaround Strategies	Turning Around Technical Efficiency and Operational and Financial Performance of Water Service Providers	Performance improvement plans (Utilities of the Future); PBCs for NRW reduction and energy efficiency, irrigation modernization
	Developing a Pipeline of Bankable Projects	Better data and information, market-making, support for project development, pooling projects to reach economies of scale and reduce viability risks
Financing Solutions	Creating Markets for Local Currency Financing and Mobilizing Domestic Finance	Domestic commercial lending and capital markets
	Mobilizing the Full Suite of Funding and Financing Solutions	Efficient public spending, blended finance, PPP, VGF, commercial debt, microfinance, risk retention instruments, payment- and loan guarantees, WBG Scaling Rewater
StakeholderEngagement	Developing a Coordinated Approach with Stakeholders	2030 WRG multistakeholder platforms, principles of engagement with MDBs, donor roundtables, high-level events

Possible Financing Solutions



Leveraging Concessional Resources

Private Sector Mobilization & PPPs

Non or limited recourse project finance

- Individual projects
- Serves transformational investment needs

SOE/ Public Program Financing Platforms

Corporate or structured finance

- New financing sources e.g., ESG, institutional investors
- Take SOFs and sub-nationals to intl markets through asset recycling and revenue securitization through existing or new financial
- Free up fiscal space
- Domestic/ international debt finance

Risk Mitigation and/or **Sharing Facilities**

Financial Intermediaries

- For small individual projects requiring aggregation
- Serves investment needs at national level intermediaries

...through structures that **blend** various sources of capital for **water and climate-smart projects**

World Bank

Loans

Guarantees

Trust Funds, incl. Climate

- Loan
- Grant
- Guarantees

International Investors

- Commercial banks
- **EM** Eurobond investors
- Reinsurance companies
- **ESG** investors
- Institutional investors
- International DFIs

Local Investors

- Commercial banks
- Institutional investors
- **Domestic DFIs**



Elements to be Supported by Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs) for Financing

Understand funding and financing needs for water and climate goals

Exchange knowledge on scalable solutions

Identify upstream reforms and enabling conditions for PSP

Deliver a **financing framework**

Identify financial tools to reduce lender's risks and borrower's constraints

Design blended finance approaches

Match demand and supply for climate finance and outcomes

Develop **investment strategies** for project design
and viability

Identify concrete programs
and projects to advance MSP
goals



Fast Track Water Security & Adaptation Global Challenge Program

To strengthen water security and related climate adaptation through systems change and targeted investments in water & sanitation, irrigation, water resources management and flood & drought risk reduction.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

PILLAR 1

Achieve universal access to safe drinking water & sanitation

PILLAR 2

Scale up Climate
Resilient Irrigation to increase food production and improve water productivity

PILLAR 3

Reduce impacts of floods and droughts and increase sustainably managed water resources

Private sector support and commercial financing

US\$6.7 trillion needed by 2030 and US\$22.6 trillion by 2050

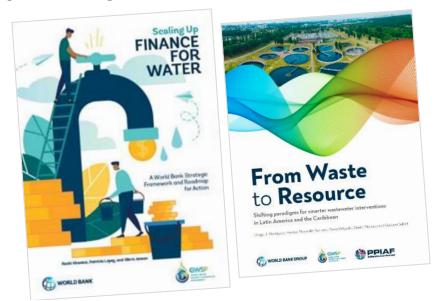


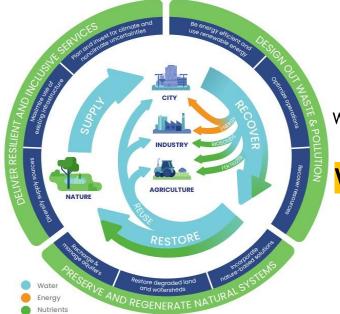
Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation - a key priority for the Water Sector

- Negative impacts of Climate Change
 are primarily perceived through changes in the water
 cycle and disproportionately affect the poor;
- Investments in wastewater treatment infrastructure yield significant mitigation benefits
- Wastewater reuse is great adaptation mechanisms instrumental to achieve water security in conditions of water scarcity



Renewed interest in the water sector in wastewater reuse (and desalination) from a circular economy, adaptation and sustainability Perspective





WICER Initiative

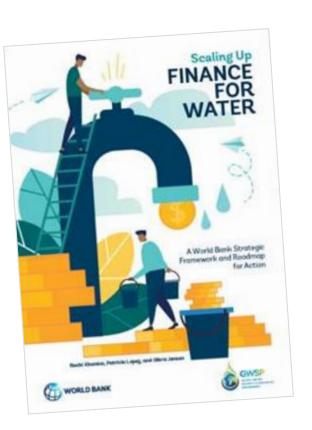
Water in the circular economy

WB Desalination
Community of
Practice

Large flows of public, concessional, and private capital are necessary to offset decades of underinvestment and address present and future challenges

• It is important to facilitate the participation of the private sector not only from the perspective of capital mobilization but also from the standpoint of risk allocation





Affordable tariffs are essential

Blended Climate Financing





Climate Mitigation goals (BB1)

Desalination projects are

not universally aligned

They need to go through specific assessment but usually Paris Aligned



Climate Finance



Typical angle for Adaptation:

Adding a new source of fresh water in water scarce areas

Typical angle for Mitigation:

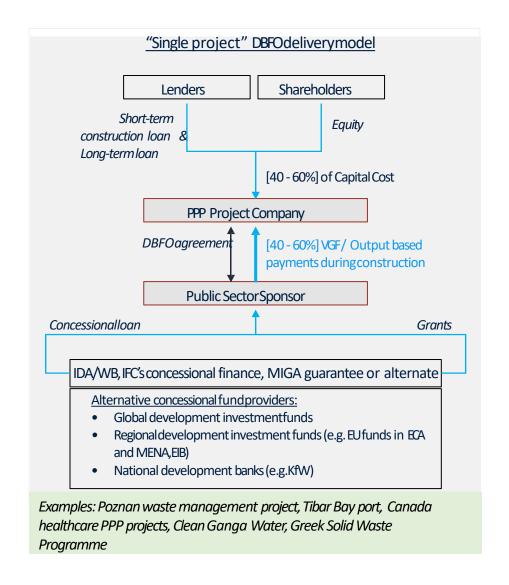
Replacement of tanker use

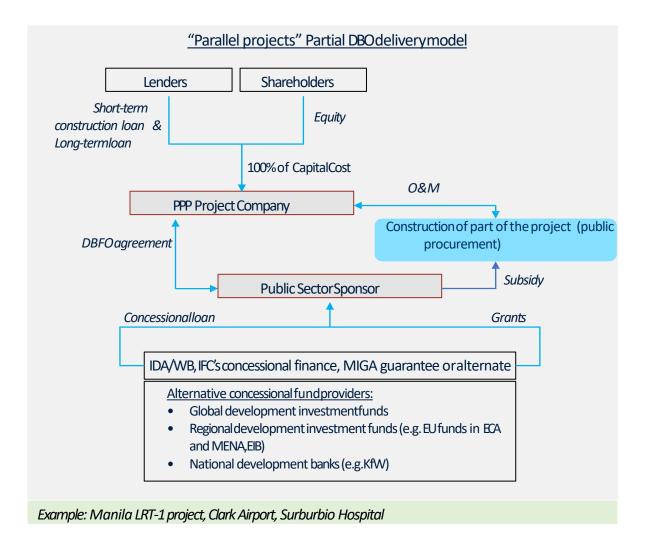
Use of Renewable Energy



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Hybrid (Public-Private) Financing









Scaling ReWater

A Programmatic Approach to Developing Sustainable Wastewater Treatment and Water Reuse Infrastructure for Water Security and Climate Change Resilience

A World Bank Group initiative to scale-up sustainable wastewater treatment and water reuse infrastructure in emerging economies through unlocking public and private finance using blended financing models

Scaling Rewater Programmatic Approach

STEPS 1-4

8-12 months

Program/Project preparation and design



STEPS 5-6

18-24 months **Bidding process** preparation **Tender Process & Award Financial Close**

POLICY, REGULATORY AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

- Assessment of policy, regulatory and institutional aspects related to national desalination/reuse markets
- Assessment of national PPP frameworks
- Identification of reforms or measures required

SCREENING AND IDENTIFICATION

- Water security diagnostics and identification of opportunities
- Value for money analysis
- Affordability and financial viability analysis
- Identification of viability gap funding and concessional financing opportunities (including climate financing, green and ESG instruments)
- Market sounding
- Stakeholder engagement

PROGRAM PREPARATION, **DESIGN AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURING**

- Detailed technical, economic. environmental & social, financial, legal and institutional due diligence
- Financing plan, including concessional and climate financing and credit enhancement mechanisms
- Capacity building for project development
- Suitable sites investigation and site preparation including environmental and social standards/criteria

MOBILISATION OF HYBRID **FINANCING & CREDIT ENHACEMENT**

 Mobilization of concessional financing and de-risking instruments

TENDERING PROCESS

- Adjustment of tender and concession templates to program/project specificities
- Preparation of indicative financing terms
- -Market promotion
- Request for qualification
- Bidder consultation
- Request for proposals
- Proposal review
- Signing of project documents

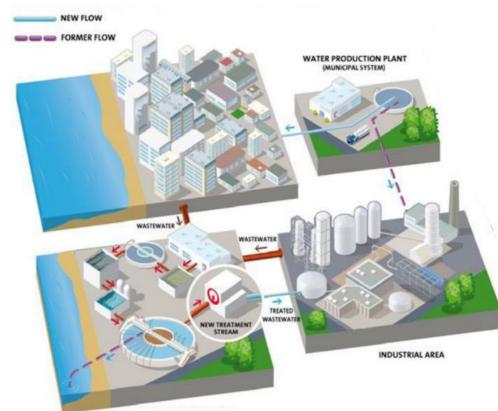
FINANCIAL CLOSURE

- Finalization of EPC and O&M contracts
- Approval of Final project documents
- Finalization of financing documentation

Industrial Reuse in Durban, South Africa

- Durban, the third largest city in the country, was facing a severe challenge of limited water availability and also wastewater treatment capacity (1998)
- PPP contract (BOOT), with a duration of 20 years*
- Project objective: treat and reuse approximately 48 billion m³ of municipal wastewater for direct reuse in industrial processes.
- Municipality sells wastewater treatment to the concessionaire

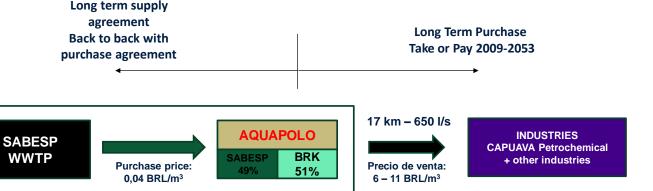




Brazil: São Paulo - Aquapolo B2B

- Aquapolo is the largest industrial wastewater reuse project in South America.
- It is located next to the ABC Wastewater Treatment Plant (PTAR) of Sabesp which transports 650 I/sec of effluent to Aquapolo
- Subsequently, the effluent is treated according to the standards required by the buyers of the ABC petrochemical complex and delivered to them through a 17 km pipeline
- Sabesp is paid for the supply of part of the treated primary effluent, which would otherwise be discharged into the river
- The project has secured a long-term effluent supply contract reflecting the long-term treated water purchase agreement





Tubería construida por SABESP Operada por Aguapolo