



Water *Forward*

FOR PEOPLE FOR FOOD FOR PLANET

DRIVING JOBS AND PROSPERITY



Business as usual not an option?



3.4 billion

of people lacking safely managed sanitation



4 billion

of people experiencing water scarcity



2.1 billion

of people lacking safe drinking water



6.5 billion

of people who can't be fed sustainably in 2050 with current agri-water management practices

> \$1 trillion

per year needed to deliver sustainable water management globally



Global Investment Inadequate to Meet Water SDGs

...and Private Spending is a Drop in the Bucket *

Water **Financing Needs**

\$6.7 trillion

by 2030

\$22.6 trillion

by 2050

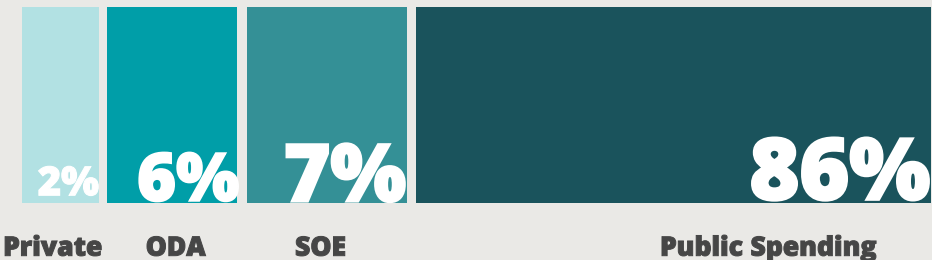
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Annual Spending in the Water Sector

Public spending constitutes largest share of spending in the water sector – a mere **0.5% GDP** on average

Private spending makes up roughly **2%**.

US\$ 164.6 billion



Only 1.2% government budget is for water; compared to 4-5% for energy or transport sector vs 60% for human development



Water Forward is a new global coalition that brings together governments, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and philanthropies, with each contributing its comparative advantage, whether reforms, financing, or delivery.

It aligns all partners behind government-led Water Compacts: government-owned action plans that connect policy reform, institutional strengthening, and investment planning in one coordinated framework



MISSION

To deliver water security for **over 1 billion people by 2030** under three pillars:



Water for People

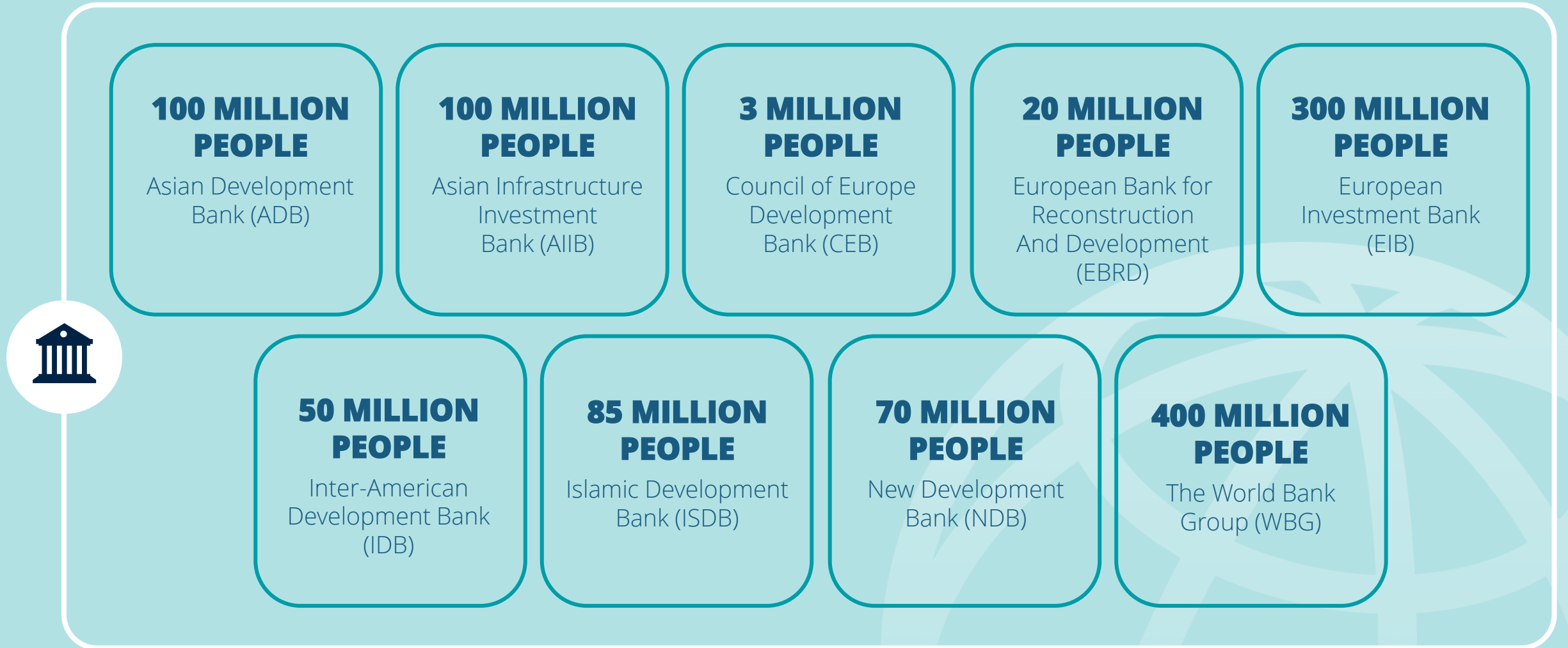


Water for Food



Water for Planet

Financing Partners: MDBs Commitments to Deliver Reliable Water at Scale



How Partners Will Work Together

Partners **ALIGN** around government priorities and reform aimed to increase efficiency and effectiveness of investments

More Water for the **Money**

Partners **MOBILIZE** public and private financing in support of government commitment

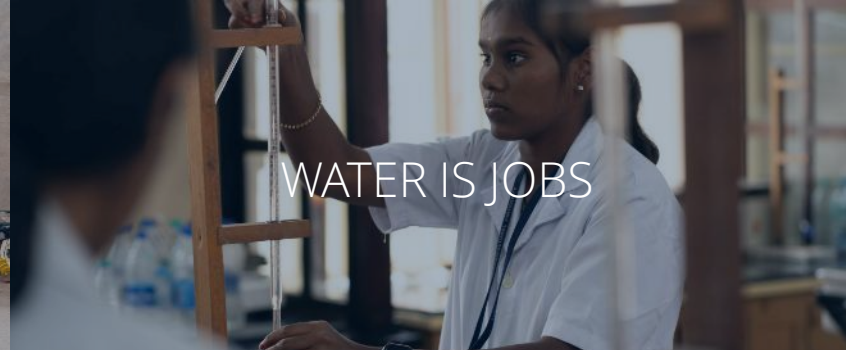
More Money for **Water**

Enable collective action to **SCALE results**

Water Security for More **People**



WATER IS LIFE



WATER IS JOBS



WATER IS RESILIENCE

Water Forward unites partners, solutions, and finance to ensure water security for generations

JOIN US

Together, the public and private sectors, supporting countries accelerate and scale up access to water security



For more information on how to join, contact **waterforward@worldbank.org**