



Boosting sustainable development through better water management

SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme

ABOUT THE PARTNERS



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.



The UNEP-DHI Centre on Water and Environment is a UNEP centre of expertise, dedicated to improving the management, development and use of freshwater resources from the local to the global level.



Cap-Net is UNDP's global network for capacity development in sustainable water management within the Global Water and Oceans Governance Support Programme.



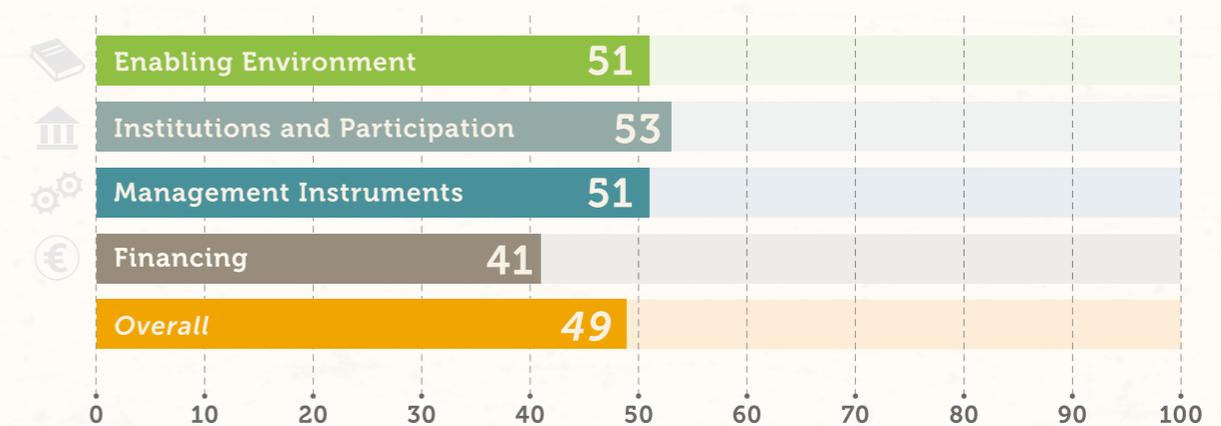
The Global Water Partnership's vision is for a water secure world. Our mission is to advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development.

THE CHALLENGE

By **2050**, more than **5 billion people** could **suffer** from **water scarcity**, threatening 45 percent of the world's economy. The water crisis negatively affects health, hunger, pollution, poverty, economic growth, biodiversity, climate change and much more. Addressing water resources management in an integrated way lies at the heart of finding solutions to today's sustainable development challenges.

However, in 2017 country implementation of SDG indicator 6.5.1 (the degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management) was only at 49% worldwide, and 60% of countries are currently not likely to reach the global target by 2030, pointing to the clear need to ACCELERATE PROGRESS.

Global average implementation of the four main dimensions of IWRM (2017)



Source: UN Environment Programme (2018)

THE SDG 6 IWRM SUPPORT PROGRAMME

This programme assists governments in designing and implementing country-led responses to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicator 6.5.1, the degree of implementation of IWRM, as an entry point to accelerate progress towards the achievement of water-related SDGs and other development goals, in line with countries' national priorities.

Under the guidance of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and coordinated by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) in collaboration with UNEP-DHI Centre and Cap-Net, the Support Programme brings together a unique blend of partners in each country, representing governments, civil society, academia and the private sector, in the spirit of SDG 17 on Partnerships for the Goals.



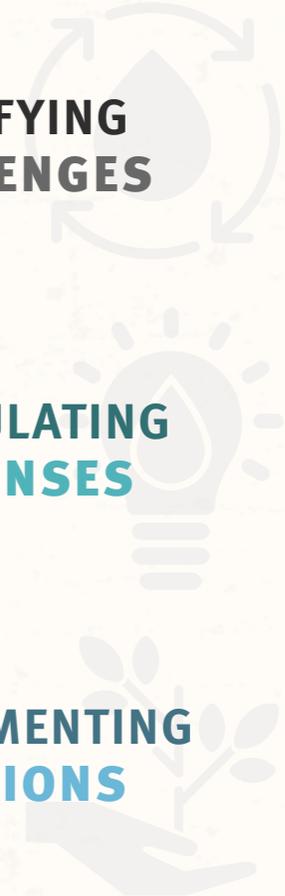
The Support Programme is structured according to the following three stages:



01 IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES

02 FORMULATING RESPONSES

03 IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS



WHERE WE ARE



IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES

Stage 1 aims to strengthen national monitoring and reporting frameworks on SDG 6.5 on IWRM, **identifying critical areas** for attention that hinder **IWRM** at the national level. This is achieved through the completion by national governments every three years of a survey on **SDG** indicator 6.5.1, issued by UNEP as the custodian agency, to allow countries to evaluate their **implementation** of IWRM, in a multi-stakeholder environment, gathering different perspectives to represent the range of water-related challenges and opportunities.



WHERE WE NEED TO GO

FORMULATING RESPONSES

Having identified key national challenges to IWRM, Stage 2 aims to facilitate a **government-led multi-stakeholder process** to formulate and prioritise relevant responses. The result is an **IWRM Action Plan** and **road map** to systematically guide the implementation of solutions to the country's priority IWRM challenges.



GETTING THERE



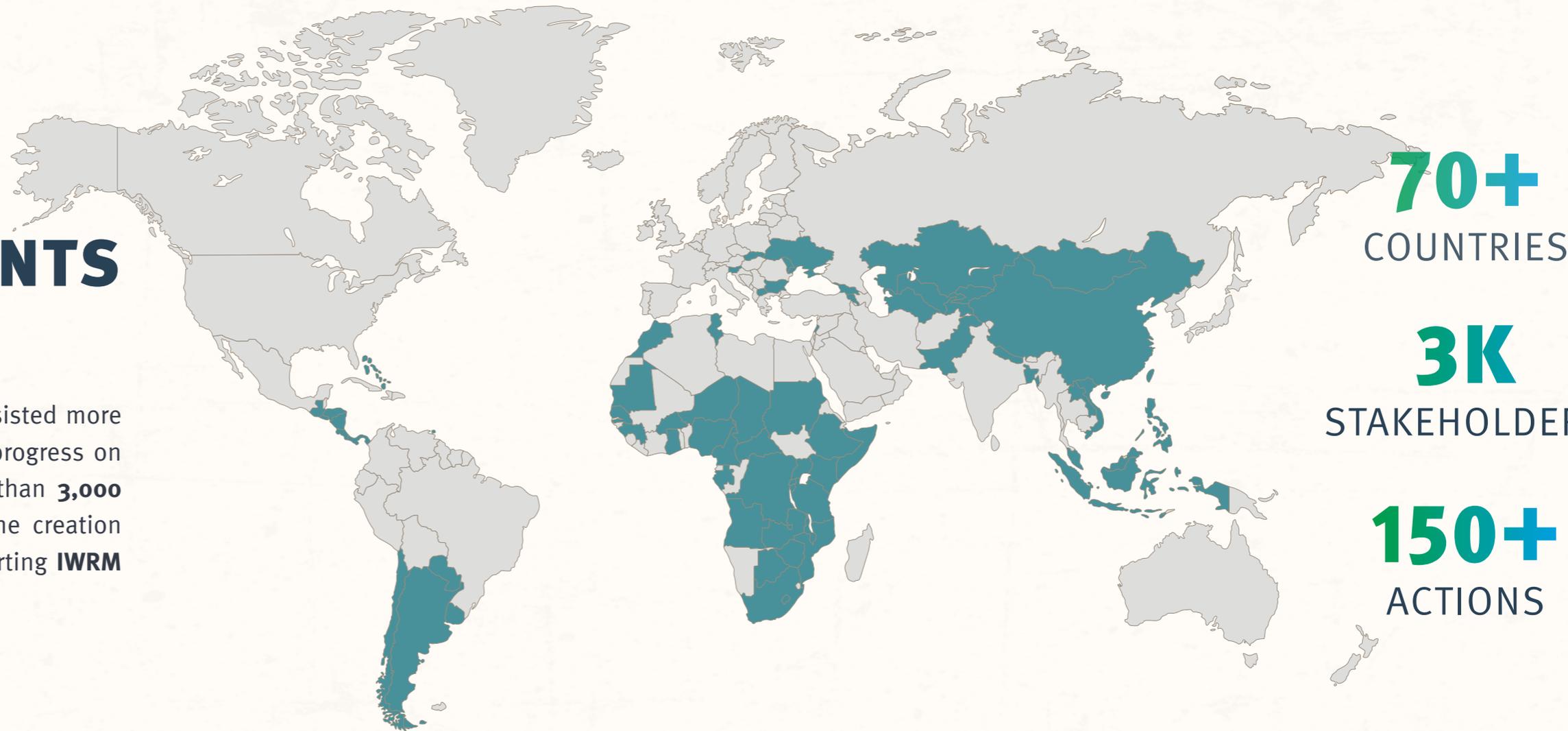
IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

In Stage 3, the Support Programme assists countries in implementing the **IWRM actions** aimed at achieving SDG 6 and other water-related goals through a series of transformative actions which help countries to advance in a measurable way towards their **SDG targets**, and which together constitute an attractive water security **investment portfolio**.



THE ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

The Support Programme has assisted more than **70 countries** in reporting progress on **IWRM**, bringing together more than **3,000 stakeholders**, and facilitating the creation of **150+** concrete **actions** supporting **IWRM** implementation in **10 countries**.



70+
COUNTRIES

3K
STAKEHOLDERS

150+
ACTIONS



By **2025**, we plan to support the creation of IWRM action plans in at least **40 countries** and develop funding schemes to support the implementation of IWRM solutions globally.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

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Find out more about how to contribute to the Support Programme on www.gwp.org/en/sdg6support/ or sdg6iwrmsp@gwp.org.

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