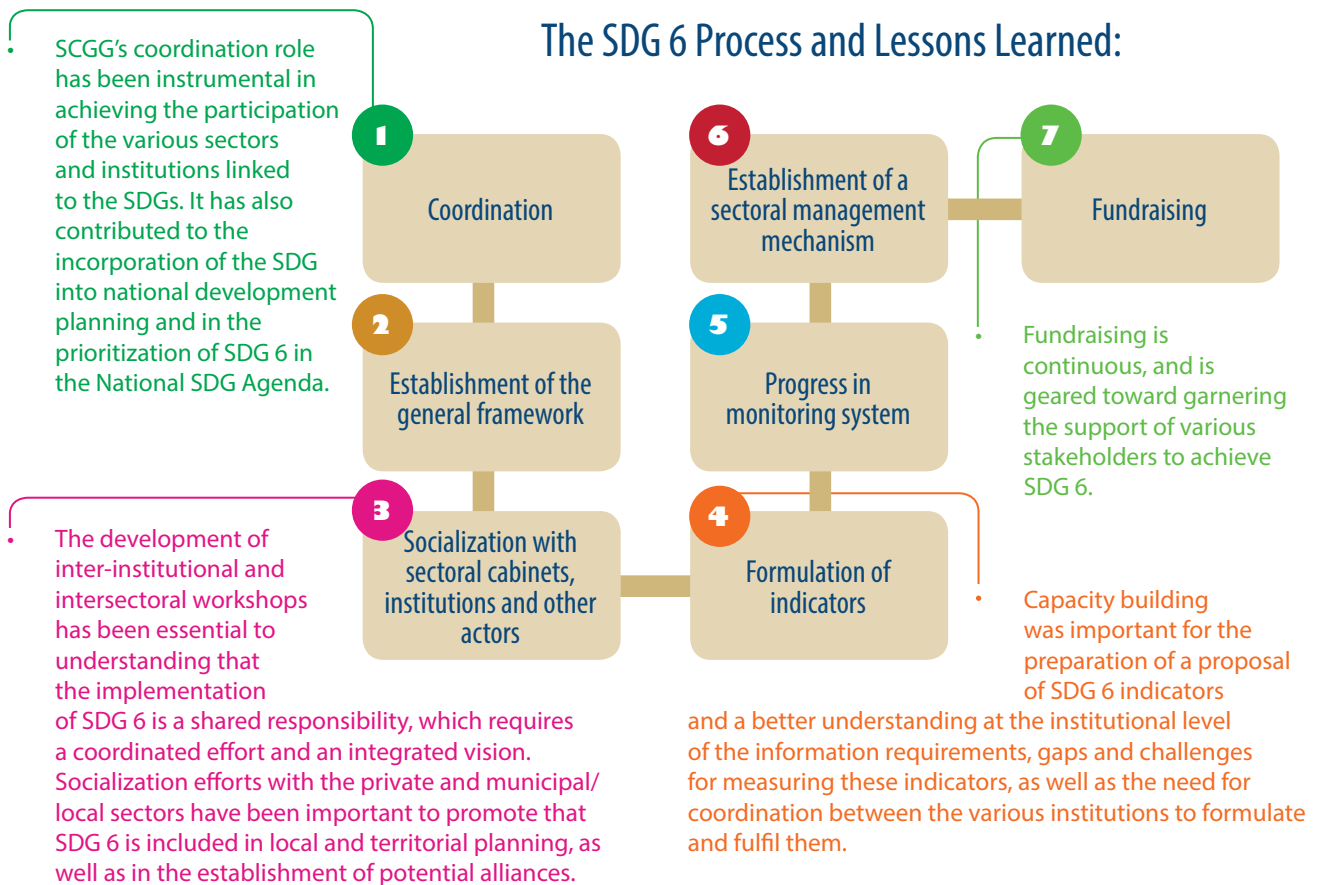


En Route to Implementing SDG 6 in Honduras

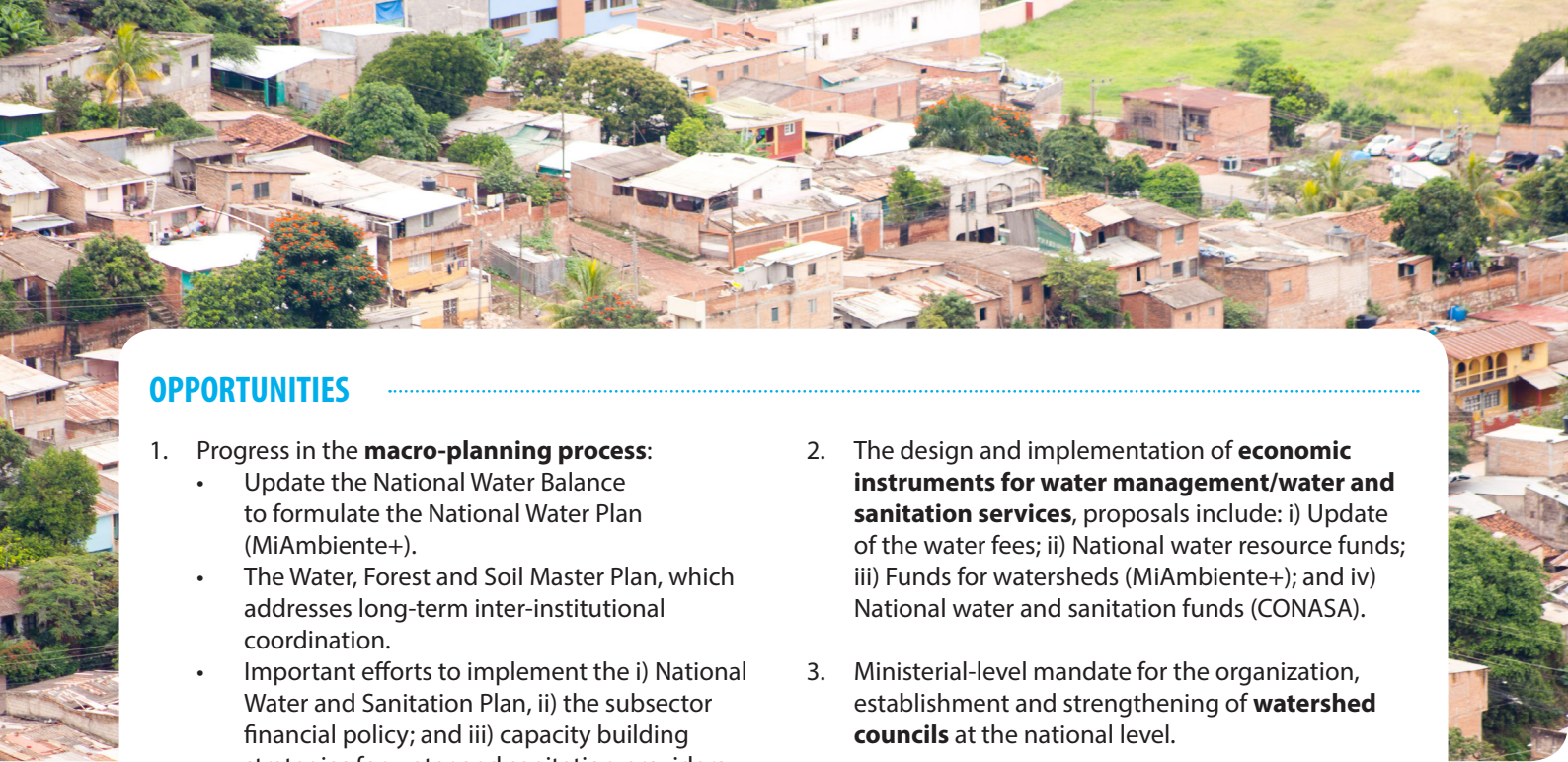


The Government of Honduras is committed to implementing the 2030 Agenda and has established a process to facilitate the participation of government institutions, sectoral cabinets, cooperation agencies, private sector, local government and other actors to implement SDG 6. The approach has been multi-dimensional and participatory, involving all possible stakeholders. The process is led by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MiAmbiente+), the Ministry of General Coordination of the Government (SCGG) and the National Council on Water and Sanitation (CONASA), with support of Global Water Partnership (GWP) Central America.

The SDG 6 Process and Lessons Learned:



SDG Preparedness Facility: GWP is committed to support implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 6, which is dedicated to water and sanitation. To help countries implement the SDGs, GWP set up a SDG Preparedness Facility (SDG-PF). The overall goal of the GWP SDG-PF is to support countries in their commitment to the post-2015 Development Agenda through practical support for a rapid start to implementing SDG 6 and other water-related SDGs. In Central America, GWP has been working with Honduras, with the possibility of working with other countries. The process described in this executive summary is part of the SDG-PF.



OPPORTUNITIES

1. Progress in the **macro-planning process**:
 - Update the National Water Balance to formulate the National Water Plan (MiAmbiente+).
 - The Water, Forest and Soil Master Plan, which addresses long-term inter-institutional coordination.
 - Important efforts to implement the i) National Water and Sanitation Plan, ii) the subsector financial policy; and iii) capacity building strategies for water and sanitation providers (headed by CONASA, ERSAPS AHMON*).
 - The inclusion of the water and sanitation topic as one of the 37 government priorities in the 2018-2022 Government Strategic Plan.
2. The design and implementation of **economic instruments for water management/water and sanitation services**, proposals include: i) Update of the water fees; ii) National water resource funds; iii) Funds for watersheds (MiAmbiente+); and iv) National water and sanitation funds (CONASA).
3. Ministerial-level mandate for the organization, establishment and strengthening of **watershed councils** at the national level.
4. Establishment of **public-private partnerships** for the implementation of SDG 6.
5. The prioritization of SDG 6 in the National SDG Agenda, will facilitate the **inclusion of this SDG in planning instruments and national budgets**.

CHALLENGES

- There is a need to formulate a **cooperation agenda** to ensure the implementation of SDG 6, within the framework of the National SDG Agenda.
 - It is necessary to secure **financial and non-financial resources** to achieve SDG 6 targets and fulfil its indicators.
 - The complexity of the Honduran water sector, characterized by the multi-dimensional and multi-target nature of its impact on social, economic and environmental development, requires that important efforts be made to **strengthen the institutional framework** of the water sector, implementing existing regulations and the management instruments established therein.
 - There is an urgent need to **strengthen water information systems**, to monitor compliance with
- SDG 6. The National Water Balance, for example, is necessary to support planning and investments in the sector. This will enable the State to have the capacity to plan and develop its first National Water Plan, and to monitor the progress or challenges in the use of the water resources and support the measurement of SDG 6 indicators.
- The establishment of the **baseline for SDG 6 indicators**, is also urgent, to facilitate the management of technical, human and financial resources for their implementation.
 - There is a need to **align and harmonize efforts** between government, private enterprise, universities and others to overcome fragmentation, contribute to the strengthening of the sector and close the existing investment gaps.

* Acronyms: ERSAPS- Drinking Water and Sanitation Service Regulating Entity; AHMON- Honduran Association of Municipalities.

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