

GWP: A key global asset to accelerate the SDGs

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is positioned to add major value to the 2030 Development Agenda. GWP's unique global network engages in catalytic work for water security (SDG 6) by enabling an integrated water resources management approach (SDG 6.5) through its work connecting multi-stakeholder partnerships and mandated institutions (SDG 17).

Who we are

GWP is a diverse global network of 3,000+ partner organisations from 183 countries covering government, private sector, and civil society. GWP is structured around 13 Regional and 86 Country Water Partnerships.

GWP's vision is *a water secure world*. Our mission is to **advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development**.

Our impact

GWP is catalytic. Since the launch of our current strategy in 2014, **GWP has helped shape more than 120 key water governance outcomes** at the basin, country, regional and local levels. These outcomes include policies and laws, investment plans and strategies, financing, and strengthened institutions. We estimate that the initiatives supported by GWP since 2014 have **influenced water-related investments** of more than €800 million.

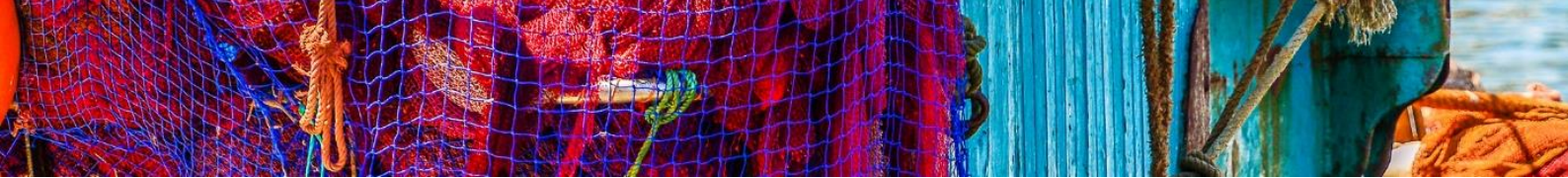
GWP and the SDGs

Water is at the heart of global development. SDG 6, *availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all*, aligns directly with GWP. This goal is inextricably linked to all other SDGs, including poverty reduction, gender equality, sustainable growth, climate, food, energy, health, cities, disaster risk reduction, and ecosystems.

After successfully mobilizing our global network to advocate for a water goal in the 2030 Development Agenda, GWP is now working to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs through our **SDG 6 Support Programme**.

Good water management is about good governance – policies, laws, financing, and institutions that are transparent, inclusive, and integrated across sectors. That's why we advocate for an integrated approach to water resources management (IWRM). The IWRM approach is the focus of a dedicated target in the 2030 Development Agenda - **SDG 6.5**.

Delivering on the SDGs will require coordinated efforts across sectors. GWP's multi-stakeholder platform is uniquely positioned to lead this coordinated effort, **leveraging SDG 17 to facilitate implementation of SDG 6 and achieve the water-related SDG targets**.



SDG 6 Support Programme

Promoting action to achieve the water-related SDGs

The array of actors needed to deliver on the SDGs presents a risk of fragmentation and duplication. Implementation of the SDGs requires coordinated and well-timed action across sectors.

The **SDG 6 Support Programme (SDG6-SP)** is a new and innovative initiative. It facilitates a coordinated approach to the monitoring and implementation of IWRM, which underpins all water-related targets in SDG 6 and beyond. For this reason, the **SDG6-SP leverages SDG-6.5** (IWRM including transboundary water management) **as an entry point to help realize SDG 6 and other water-related targets.**

Coordinated by the **Global Water Partnership in close collaboration with the UN Environment-DHI Centre** and within the framework of UN-Water's GEMI initiative, the SDG6-SP involves a diverse blend of partners representing governments, civil society, and the private sector. In the spirit of SDG 17 on Partnerships for the Goals, the SDG6-SP is built on a flexible approach that combines partners' knowledge, expertise, resources, and networks to advance sustainable development.

The SDG6-SP gives countries a head start in achieving SDG 6 through monitoring and reporting, design, and implementation. The program combines two components:

- **A bottom-up approach** with a set of country-level projects
- **A global approach** with global partner organizations



In collaboration with

UN Environment-DHI Centre
on Water and Environment



The SDG6-SP supports countries across the three stages of SDG implementation:

Stage 1: Baseline monitoring and reporting

National governments face numerous challenges in monitoring and reporting. The SDG6-SP will help governments prepare to properly monitor and report on SDG 6.5 and related targets so that progress can be mapped towards implementation. Activities include:

- Gap analysis of monitoring frameworks
- Strengthening partnerships for monitoring
- Assisting governments to establish country-specific indicators

Stage 2: Designing an SDG response on water

Once baselines have been established, formulating how to make progress towards targets is the next step. The SDG6-SP will utilize GWP's multi-stakeholder platforms that stretch across SDGs to build partnerships and design integrated implementation programmes. Activities include:

- Roadmap development for SDG 6
- Creating national platforms for knowledge exchange about SDG 6 implementation
- Prioritizing actions in SDG implementation programmes

Stage 3: Achieving the SDGs

The SDG6-SP plays a key role in SDG achievement by helping countries prioritise and coordinate implementation efforts (SDG 17, the means of implementation). Activities include:

- Building new and strengthening existing multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Establishing mechanisms of knowledge transfer between countries and regions
- Identifying financing opportunities and preparing countries to access finance



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Country Projects

- GWP is supporting the design and initiation of a first round of country-level projects through the SDG Preparedness Facility (SDG-PF).
 - **Armenia**
 - **Bangladesh**
 - **China**
 - **Ghana**
 - **Honduras**
 - **Hungary**
 - **Indonesia**
 - **Kazakhstan**
 - **Mali**
 - **Moldova**
 - **Uganda**
 - **Vietnam**
- GWP and UNEP-DHI are conducting **SDG 6.5.1 workshops** in 30 additional countries to collect baseline data for SDG 6.5.1 and identify priority points for subsequent IWRM implementation programmes.



Global Support

The global support component consists of activities designed to reinforce **scalability and knowledge exchange**, including creating avenues for South-South collaboration. These activities will generate knowledge products that can be used by stakeholders worldwide as they engage with SDG 6.

Global support consists of **network-wide support** available to all of GWP's Regional Water Partnerships, Country Water Partnerships, and GWP partners. GWP will collaborate with **global partners** and allies, including, among others, **Cap-Net UNDP**, to deliver the following:

- Knowledge exchange and learning mechanisms, including information exchange between countries, regions, and organizations
- Support to project design and resource mobilization at the country level
- Knowledge and capacity building for national institutions
- Development and promotion of innovative tools and solutions

Country Project Highlights

GWP Honduras will create a coordination mechanism through which SDG 6-related ministries can collaborate to mainstream SDG 6 into policies and activities. The project was designed in consultation with the Ministry of Energy, Natural Resources, Environment and Mines (MiAmbiente) and the Ministry of General Coordination of the Government (SCGG).

GWP Hungary will partner with the Ministry of Interior, the General Directorate of Water Management, and the Hungarian Water Utility Association. The project which will include an assessment of needed interventions for SDG 6, which will help assign roles and responsibilities for SDG implementation.

GWP Uganda will support the Ministry of Water and Environment to coordinate the implementation of SDG 6, prepare projects to leverage financial resources, and support the development of public-private partnerships for IWRM and payment for ecosystem services (PES) activities. This project will be carried out in the context of a **Pan-African SDG Support Initiative** in coordination with AMCOW.

GWP's overall program

To realise its vision of a water secure world, GWP supports countries to advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development. This is pursued by promoting IWRM, a cross-sectoral policy approach designed to replace traditional, fragmented sectoral approaches.

GWP's strategic approach

Goal 1: Catalyse change in policies and practice

Goal 2: Generate and communicate knowledge

Goal 3: Strengthen partnerships

GWP's themes

The GWP Strategy organizes its work around themes. These themes provide entry points for the broader GWP agenda of water security and the integrated approach, directly linking the benefits of good water governance (SDG 6.5) to other SDGs.



Climate resilience

GWP's **Water, Climate, and Development Programme (WACDEP)** integrates water security and climate

resilience in development planning processes and helps countries create an enabling environment for water- and resilience-related investments. Since 2014, WACDEP's project preparation and financing capacity has **directly leveraged €19.5 million in water-related resilience investments** through seven projects, with a dozen more in the pipeline.

Urban water management



GWP is active in many countries where rapid urbanization puts water resources under stress. GWP is working with global partners within the context of the UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda to mobilize existing networks to improve urban water management and leverage financing. In partnership with the African Water Facility, GWP is also developing an **Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) Program for Africa**.

Water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus



The *water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus* makes an IWRM approach indispensable. GWP's **WFEE Nexus Initiative** builds on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and on the Water and Food Security and Nutrition work of the UN Committee on World Food Security to promote effective policies and actions for the integrated management of water, energy, food and ecosystems in Africa.

Transboundary water management



GWP promotes transboundary cooperation among River Basin Organizations, Regional Economic Communities, and other cross-border institutions. This includes supporting countries to accede to the UNECE Water Convention on cross-border cooperation as well as capacity building of key institutions through programs such as the **International Water Law Training Program** implemented in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

Gender and youth empowerment



GWP's **Gender Strategy** emphasizes how integrating gender into water management has a cascading impact on development. GWP collaborates with global partners, including UNDP, the World Bank, and the Women for Water Partnership to promote meaningful roles for women across its programmes and the policies it seeks to influence.

GWP is a core founding partner of the **Youth for Water and Climate initiative (#YWC)**. YWC aims to enhance the contributions of youth to the 2030 Agenda by nurturing youth-led initiatives, developing a community of practice, and securing financing for projects.

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