



Global Water Solidarity

Promoting local action and
territorial approach
to improve water supplies and
sanitation

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By 2030, nearly half the world's population could face water scarcity

More than 780 million people still lack access to safe drinking water

2.5 billion people live without improved sanitation

The Global Water Solidarity platform is a key messenger for local voices in the post-2015 development agenda

Water is a local issue

Local authorities and communities need
to be empowered to manage water
supplies effectively

Global solidarity leads to international cooperation

Netherlands (Motje Koppenjan)

Spain (Canon del agua)

France (Oudin-Santini)

Switzerland, Italy and Belgium



Legislative frameworks allowing local authorities and water suppliers to allocate solidarity funds



International cooperation on water and sanitation

Global Water Solidarity is a new approach for improving water supply and sanitation

Decentralized water solidarity means people working together to solve problems of water supply and sanitation

Decentralized water solidarity works in many directions:

- Between North and South
- Among countries in the South
- Between local governments and communities
- Among states in a catchment

Global Water Solidarity: local action

A photograph of a rural village scene. In the foreground, there is a stone-lined well or water source. Several people are gathered around it, some holding yellow plastic jugs. A man in a white shirt is standing near a woman in a yellow headscarf. In the background, there are simple mud-brick buildings, a white car, and a donkey. The overall atmosphere is one of daily life in a rural setting.

Global Water Solidarity is an institutional platform for decentralized water solidarity

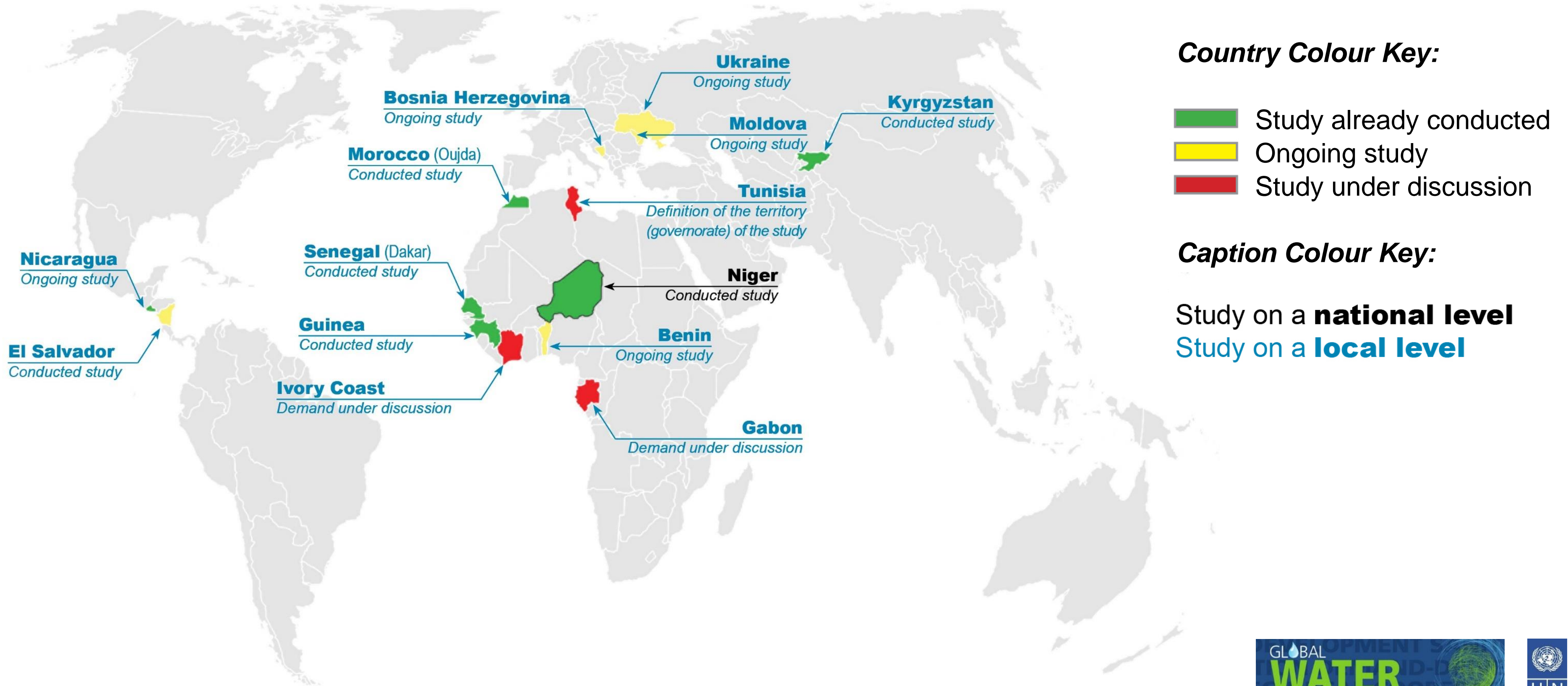
Global Water Solidarity links local stakeholders and actions in water and sanitation to other development sectors, global policy and funds

GWS promotes integrated and

participatory operations with aim to:

- Strengthen operational capacity for water and sanitation management at the local level
- Match financial partners and resources to the local needs identified
- Help provide universal and sustainable access to water and sanitation in specific regions through the global promotion of decentralized water solidarity

Global Water Solidarity works with partners in Central America, the Mediterranean, Africa and the Commonwealth of Independent States



Country Colour Key:

- Study already conducted
- Ongoing study
- Study under discussion

Caption Colour Key:

- Study on a **national level**
- Study on a **local level**

Global Water Solidarity: global action

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In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub, Global Water Solidarity follows the principles of:

**Universality, Subsidiarity, Harmonization,
Mutual accountability, Leverage,
Institutional, environmental and financial
sustainability**

In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub,
Global Water Solidarity:

Globally promotes decentralized
water solidarity

In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub,
Global Water Solidarity:

Represents more than 100 members
in all major global events relating to
water and sanitation

In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub,
Global Water Solidarity:

Has produced 'Practice Guidelines'
for decentralized cooperation in
water and sanitation





Provides a virtual community of practice for the exchange of information and knowledge

Thanks to all our partners





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nouvelles opportunités locales et
régionales des leviers pour une
sécurité des institutions locales &
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l'innovation.



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