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UNDP WORKS WORLDWIDE IN OVER 90 COUNTRIES IN WATER GOVERNANCE TO SCALE UP WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES FOR THE POOR

Through programmes like MDG GoAL WASH, Cap-Net, the Community Water Initiative, Every Drop Matters, the MDG Spanish Fund, and the Millennium Acceleration Framework, UNDP promotes and facilitates equitable access to water and sanitation services as a fundamental contribution to enhancing human development.

Together with government, civil society, the private sector and other development partners, UNDP supports:

- Coordination of country assistance by UN and other development partners;
- Incorporation of water and sanitation into national development planning;
- Governance and policy reform for enhanced water supply and sanitation access;
- Special attention to fragile states, where water and sanitation challenges are greatest, and UNDP may be one of the few actors present;
- Climate resilient WASH, to ensure services will be sustained in the face of environmental pressure;
- Local delivery of water supply and sanitation services through community-based initiatives;
- NetworkssuchasGlobalWaterSolidarityandSanitation Water for All, mobilising political will and resources into the sector;
- Capacity building of institutions and practitioners.

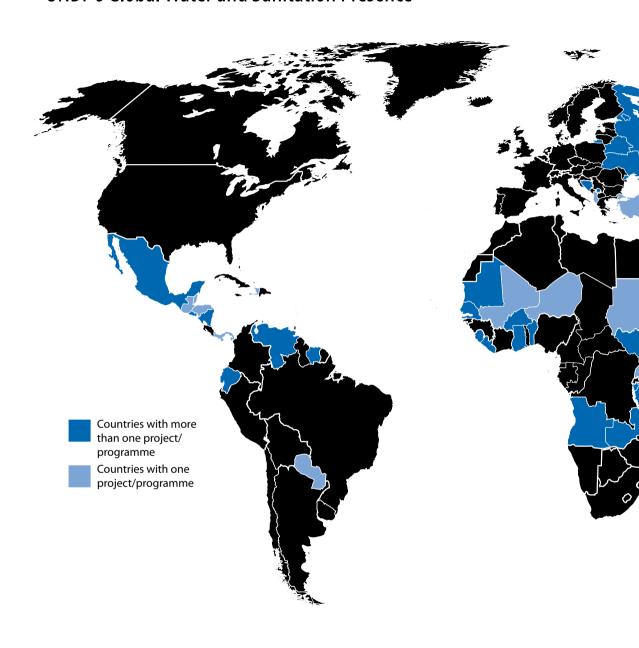
All UNDP's country projects are run by national managers, resident in country, thereby ensuring cultural awareness and local ownership of the development process. With contacts at the highest level in government, UNDP is in a unique position to support the reform process and develop appropriate new WASH policies and plans.

Why water and sanitation matter most for the poor

Sanitation remains one of the two most off-track MDG targets, with almost 2.6 billion people lacking the most basic of facilities. And while the world as a whole may have met the water supply MDG target, there are vast disparities in several regions and in individual countries in all regions. Furthermore, climate change and overabstraction of groundwater resources threaten to reverse this achievement.

Availability of water is certainly a concern for some countries. But the global water and sanitation crisis is mainly rooted in poverty, power and inequality, not in physical availability. This deprivation in access to WASH services overwhelmingly impacts poor people, marginalized communities, and women and children. They are systematically excluded as a result of inequality, unequal power relations and failures of governance. Unless this discrimination ends, WASH services will never reach those most in need. For this reason UNDP promotes access to water and sanitation for life as a basic human need and a fundamental human right.

UNDP's Global Water and Sanitation Presence



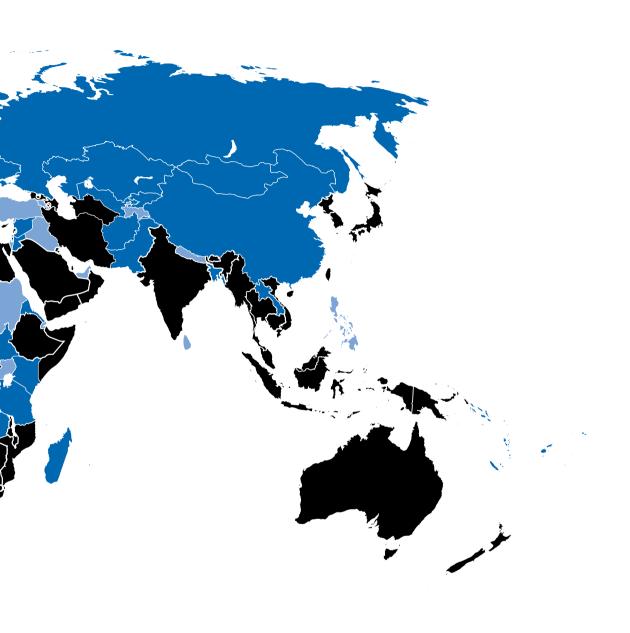
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MDG GOAL WASH

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MDG GoAL WASH aims to accelerate achievement of the water and sanitation MDGs through strategically targeted interventions that strengthen governance of the water and sanitation sectors at appropriate levels. Specifically, MDG GoAL WASH focuses on:

- Countries with low water and sanitation coverage projected not to achieve the water, sanitation or both MDGs.
- Identifying gaps, needs, constraints and opportunities in national water and sanitation plans, strategies and capacities.
- Governance reform, leadership and policy advocacy.
- Incorporation of water and sanitation into national MDG and related poverty reduction strategies;
- Close coordination with governments and key development partners active in water and sanitation at country level.
- Fragile states where the needs are greatest and where UNDP is one of the few actors present in

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Highlights of the MDG GoAL WASH programme

- In El Salvador a Water and Sanitation Policy has been developed for approval by the Council of Ministers. A new water law has also been developed and is ready to be presented to the Legislative Assembly.
- In Madgascar, water point mapping has been completed across three large rural regions to identify MDG needs and sustain services.
- In Tajikistan more than 1,500 residents got improved access to safe drinking water, and more than 2,000 obtained improved sanitation, through a Human Rights Based Approach programme making local utilities responsive to MDG needs.
- In Mongolia a national database of water and sanitation has been established at the National Statistical Office which will collect information on water supply and sanitation via the Internet.
- In Liberia a sector coordination forum has been established, the National Water Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion Committee, to drive implementation of the Liberia WASH Compact.















Established 2008 Countries Bosnia and Herzegovina, Djibouti, El Salvador, Laos, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Paraguay, Tajikistan, South Sudan **Donors** Sida, Basque Water Agency Focus areas Governance and institutionalreform, decentralisation and regulation, Human Rights Based Approaches to WASH, capacity building Featured project Liberia Water governance in Liberia had Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion and underfunded WASH services. been fragmented between numer-Committee, comprised of senior tech-The WSSC will also work with issues

Water governance in Liberia had been fragmented between numerous line ministries and state actors, frustrating the sectors' recovery after years of conflict. Not one of these ministries had a specific budget for WASH activities. Coordination was weak and project activity frequently random and duplicated.

UNDP has supported the Government of Liberia in overcoming these significant challenges. MDG GoAL WASH played a leading role supporting a Joint Donor Mission in 2011 and mobilising support for the Liberia WASH Compact – signed by the President in January 2012. UNDP has helped establish the National Water

Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion Committee, comprised of senior technical staff from relevant ministries, UN agencies, civil society and the private sector. It is chaired by the Ministry of Public Works and is now institutionalised and highly effective.

UNDP is now focusing on supporting the development of Liberia's WASH Sector regulation by making the country's regulator, the Water Supply and Sanitation Commission (WSSC), operational. The WSSC will address several important issues. It will work withdeveloping standardstoregulate the WASH sector. Current standards are limited and often non-existent, resulting in poor service, unpaid bills

and underfunded WASH services. The WSSC will also work with issues such as licenses for water and sanitation supply, and coordinating service standards to monitor and regulate service delivery. Water laws need to be developed as there are competing users for water.

UNDP GoAL WASH also provides general support to governance of the WASH sector in Liberia. Key in this is supporting the development of appropriate funding mechanisms for the sector and advocating for separate water and sanitation budget lines in the national budget.

FVFRY DROP MATTERS

www.everydropmatters.org







Every Drop Matters (EDM) is a partnership initiative of the UNDP and The Coca Cola Company committed to identifying and supporting innovative, community based solutions to the water and sanitation related Millennium Development Goals.

Supporting a diverse range of activities, the programme is active in 18 countries throughout Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and Asia Pacific. Projects focus on increasing access to safe drinking water and sanitation, promoting responsible water resource management via outreach and awareness, and also adapting to climate change through inclusive community based approaches. Through small to medium sized sustainable water supply, sanitation and climate change projects, and in partnership with NGOs, CBO's and local communities, EDM has positively impacted on the lives of more than 800,000 individuals throughout the world.

Highlights of the EDM programme

- 67,000 people in Bostandyk, Almaty Kazakhstan received waste separation containers.
- 1,500 inhabitants of Kok-Ozek near Almaty, Kazakhstan now enjoy direct access to safe drinking water through the new pipeline network built in their village.
- Over 15,000 inhabitants of the Saray Municipality in Ankara, Turkey now enjoy safe drinking water provided by the new pipeline. As a result, the city saves over 50,000 tons of water which was wasted due to leakage.
- EDM supported over 20 communities in Ukraine rehabilitate natural springs in collaboration with civil societies, local administrations and community groups.
- As a result of FDM activities, communities around

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