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WASH in the Australian Aid Program

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Presentation overview

- 1. Overview of the Australian Aid Program
- 2. WASH in the Australian Aid Program
- 3. CS WASH Fund
- 4. Australian Water Partnership





1a. Overview of Australian Aid Program: strategic framework





1b. Overview of Australian Aid Program: funding

Aid budget for financial year 2015-16 estimated at \$4.051 billion







2. WASH in the Australian aid program

Policy and Advocacy

 Influencing global debate on WASH, and on macro issues such as SDGs, financing, regulatory systems, private sector engagement and markets

Knowledge and Learning

 Supporting leading research institutions to contribute to global knowledge on WASH

Global Programs

- Strategic engagement with UN and other multilateral organisations: WQP and JMP
- Global programs such as the \$103 million Civil Society WASH Fund

Country and Regional WASH Activities

 Significant WASH country programs include Indonesia, Vietnam, Timor-Leste



Photo: Marcus Howard, DFAT



3a. Civil Society WASH Fund

- AUD 103 million program which supports 13 CSOs to deliver 29 WASH projects in 19 countries across the Pacific, Asia and southern Africa 2018
- Core objective of the Fund is to enhance the health and quality of life of the poor and vulnerable by improving sustainable access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene







Key sector indicator targets for the Fund (to 2018)





MERP Information System, 2015



3b. Civil Society WASH Fund

- Strong focus on good practice, learning & knowledge sharing, gender, sustainability and innovation
- Designed to draw on the **comparative advantages** of CSOs including in:
 - community engagement
 - facilitating behaviour change
 - supporting the poor and most vulnerable
 - innovation and demonstration of new approaches
 - informing policy with grounded local-level experience



3b. Civil Society WASH Fund

• Project Management arrangement





3c. Civil Society WASH Fund

Key strengths of the Fund:

- Modality
- Complements other regional or bilateral WASH investments
- MERP and FM
- Knowledge sharing and learning
 - KALM, the CS WASH Fund website, global and regional learning events, online forums etc
- Sustainability behaviour change, working with local governments, transformation agents and communities
- Innovation

See https://innovationxchange.dfat.gov.au/



4. Australian Water Partnership

- Initial funding \$20m over four years
- Working across the Indo-Pacific region

Three aims:

- Improve access to Australia's water expertise and experience, in public and private sector
- Facilitate partnerships, support technology transfer, provide training and capacity building
- support knowledge sharing and institutional strengthening

http://waterpartnership.org.au/



Themes

- Understanding the water resource base
- River basin planning & water allocations frameworks
- Governance reforms & institutional strengthening
- Managing demand & improving efficiency

Domains

- Water sensitive cities
- Modern irrigations systems
- Catchment and river basin management
- Environmental water quality & quantity



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WASH Conference 2016

WASH Futures: Pathways to universal and sustained water, sanitation and hygiene

The future of action on WASH looks positive – with the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals global agenda maintaining attention on the need for water, sanitation and hygiene for everyone, all the time. But the path to achieving this global agenda requires new ways of thinking. How can all WASH actors - governments, private sectors and civil society - work together to ensure WASH, whether at community-scales or larger institutional-scales, to achieve not only sustained access for everyone, but also health, well-being, environmental and economic outcomes for societies? In May 2016 practitioners and professionals from civil society, governments, private sectors, donors, students and academic institutions, will come together to contribute to the broader international WASH dialogue and share knowledge with the Australian WASH community and partners.

The 5 day program comprises a 2-day conference and 3days of training-workshops, and will focus primarily, but not exclusively, on:

- Improving service levels and service sustainability
- Moving WASH beyond the household
- Integrating hygiene to ensure health outcomes
- WASH + water security

The conference will have a particular focus on the challenges of private sector participation in WASH, and equity, as crosscutting themes.

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