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The Civil Society WASH Fund in the Australian Aid Program

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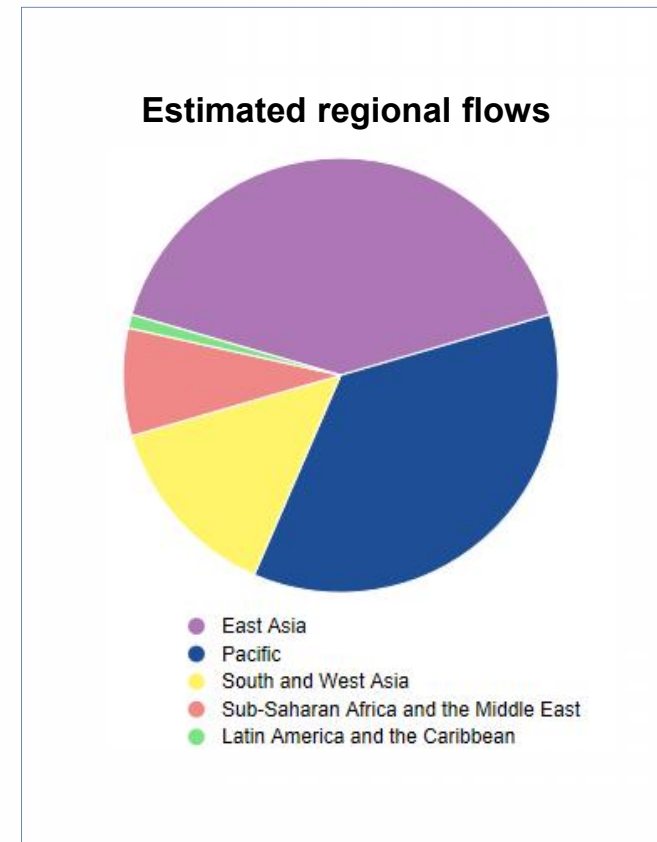
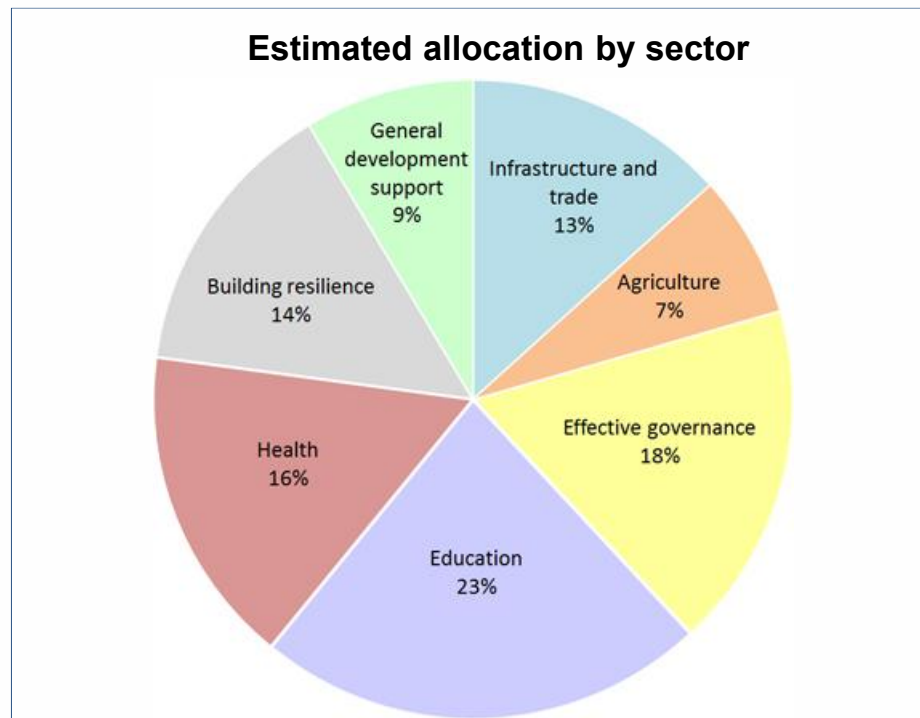


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1a. Overview of Australian Aid Program: funding

Aid expenditure in the current financial year (2014-15) is an estimated \$5.032 billion

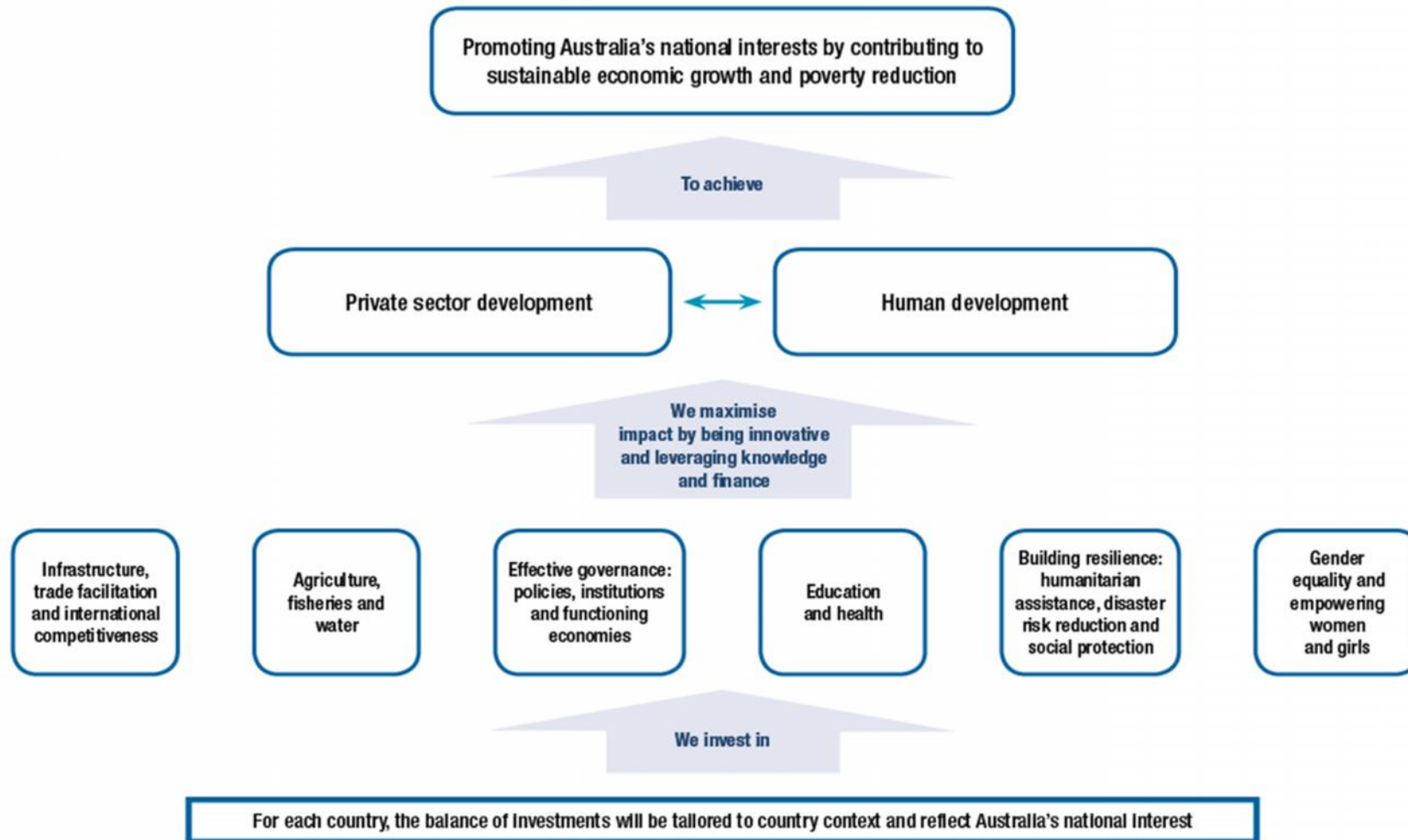


References:

Australia's aid program (<http://aid.dfat.gov.au/aidpolicy/Pages/home.aspx>)
2014-15 Budget Highlights (http://www.dfat.gov.au/dept/budget/2014_2015_highlights/)



1b. Overview of Australian Aid Program: strategic framework

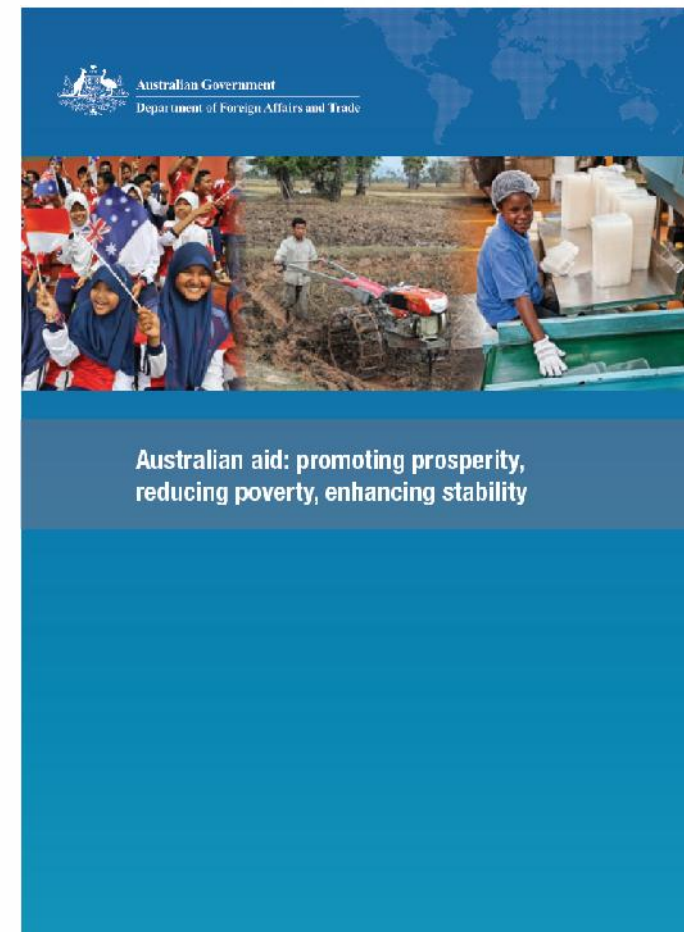




1c. Overview of Australian Aid Program: strategic performance targets

1. Promoting prosperity
2. Engaging the private sector
3. Reducing poverty
4. Empowering women and girls
5. Focusing on the Indo-Pacific region
6. Delivering on commitments
7. Working with the most effective partners
8. Ensuring value for money
9. Increasing consolidation
10. Combatting corruption

<http://dfat.gov.au/aid/Pages/australias-aid-program.aspx>





2. WASH in the Australian aid program

Policy and Advocacy

- Influencing global debate on WASH, and on macro issues such as post-2015 SDGs, financing, regulatory systems, private sector engagement and markets
- Supporting global action to improve progress on the MDG targets

Knowledge and Learning

- Supporting leading research institutions to contribute to global knowledge on WASH

Global Programs

- Strategic engagement with UN and multilateral organisations
- Global programs such as the Civil Society WASH Fund

Country and Regional WASH Activities

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



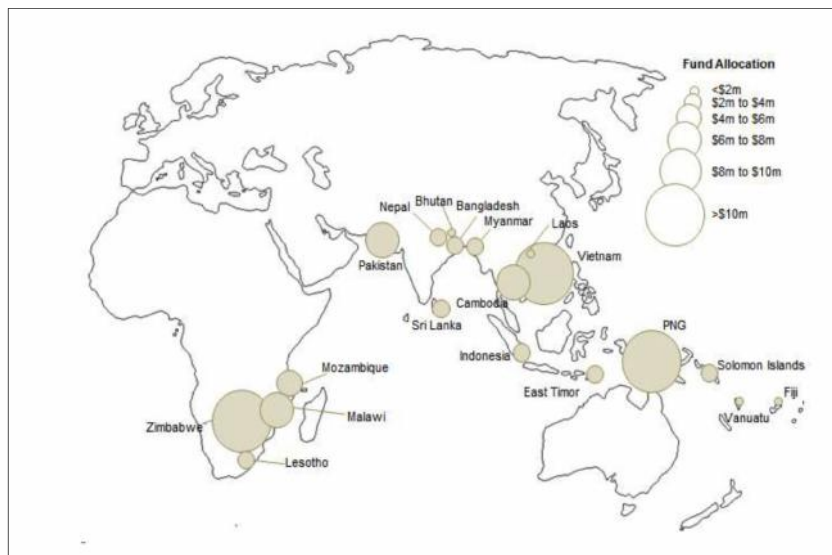
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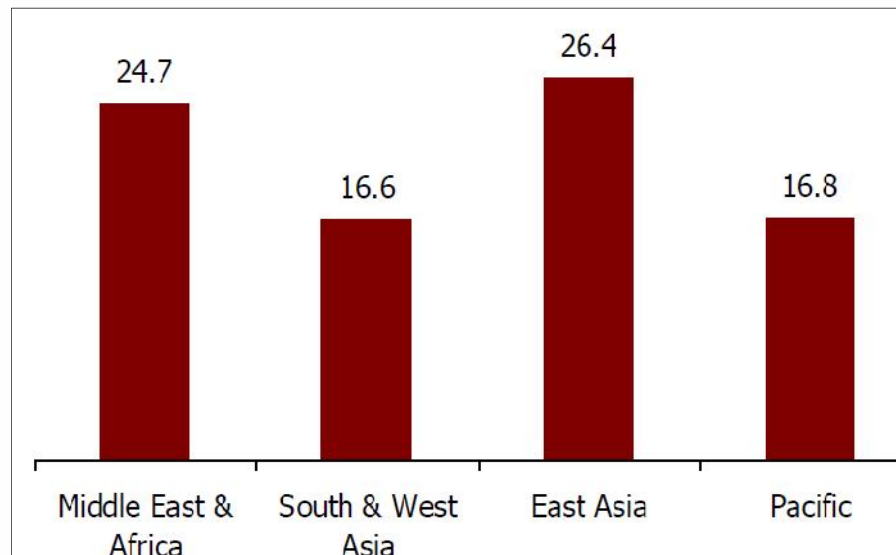
3a. Civil Society WASH Fund

- AUD 103 million program which supports 13 CSOs to deliver 29 WASH projects in 19 countries across the Pacific, Asia and southern Africa 2018
- Builds on the achievements and lessons learnt from the first iteration of the Fund which operated from 2010-12
- **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

Funds allocated by country (MERP Information System, 2015)

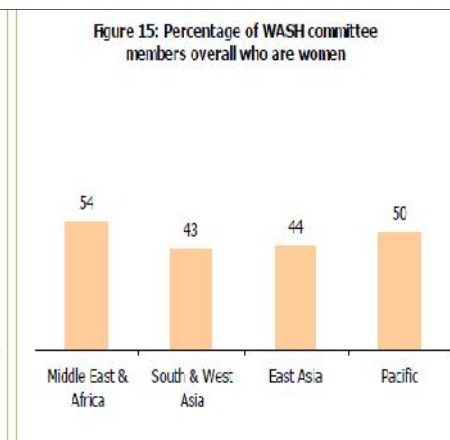
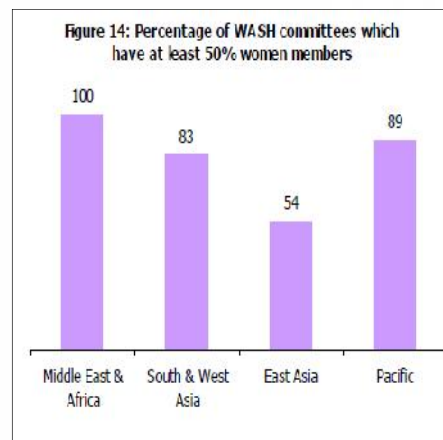
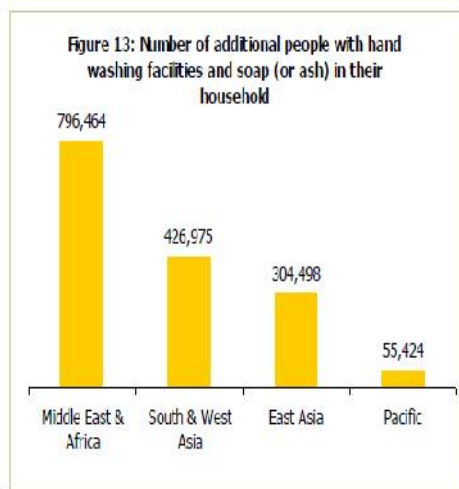
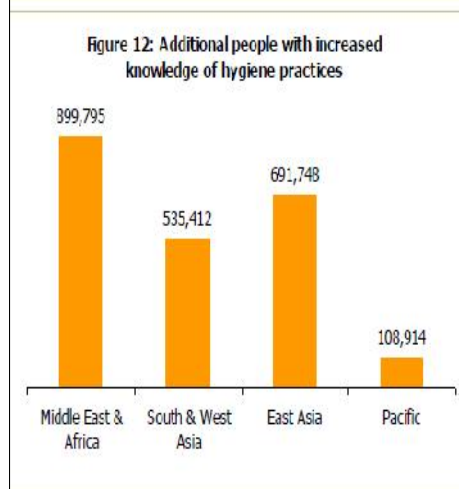
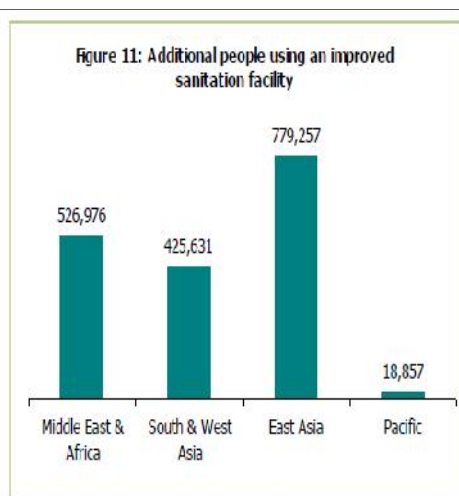
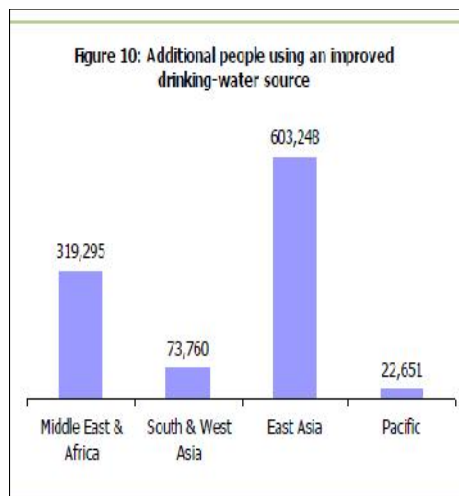


Investment by region (MERP Information System, 2015)





Key sector indicator targets for the Fund (to 2018)

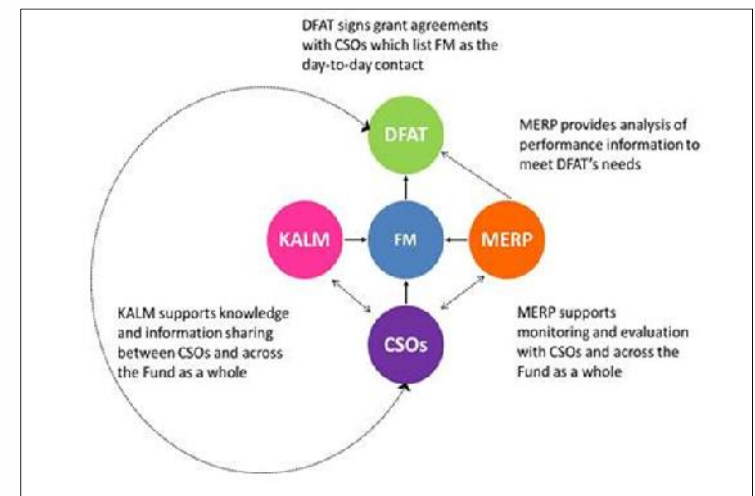


MERP Information System, 2015



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
- Project Management arrangement:
 - Fund Management Facility in GRM
 - Monitoring, Evaluation and Review Panel
 - DFAT WASH Section





3c. Civil Society WASH Fund

Key strengths of the Fund:

- The modality is unusual in the aid program which typically delivers country or regional programs from posts
- This approach supports projects that complement other regional or bilateral WASH investments in the aid program
- The MERP and FM are key features ensuring the effectiveness of the Fund
 - Combined they ensure robust oversight and M&E systems for all Fund activities which support high quality programming
- The focus on and investment in knowledge sharing and learning
 - The KALM, the CS WASH Fund website, global and regional learning events, online forums etc
 - All support improved programming and extend the benefits derived from the Fund into the broader WASH sector
- Sustainability, including a focus on behaviour change, working with local governments, transformation agents and communities
- Innovation: <https://innovationxchange.dfat.gov.au/>
 - As part of Fund programming and the Impact and Innovation Fund grants



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