

GRIPP – Groundwater Solutions Initiative for Policy and Practice

GRIPP is a global initiative, started in 2016 by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI).

The mission and objective of GRIPP are (see also Box 1):

Securing groundwater resources for livelihoods, food security, climate resilience and economic growth while sustaining the resource for future generations

Box 1. GRIPP in nutshell

GRIPP is designed to co-develop solutions to the challenges of sustainable groundwater development. GRIPP aims to strengthen, expand and connect current groundwater-related initiatives by forging new partnerships, sharing solutions, scaling-up successes and filling in knowledge gaps. The initiative is targeted at the groundwater-dependent, food-producing regions of the world, particularly in low income and emerging economies. Through dynamic partnerships, it informs, promotes and adapts tested technologies and innovative policy and institutional approaches, in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals related to climate resilience, food security, livelihoods and sustainable water management.

GRIPP responds to a present need for bringing multi-disciplinary and a critical mass of knowledge and teams together to facilitate, inform and enhance sustainable groundwater management. It acts as a facilitated platform to:

- Creating long-term partnerships
- Sharing transferable solutions
- Scaling up success
- Filling knowledge gaps

GRIPP is a voluntary network of partners, organizations and individuals that have an interest in and subscribe to the GRIPP mission. GRIPP is presently supported by IWMI. It does not have a legal status.

GRIPP is led by a Coordinator and supported by a Secretary. Presently, Karen Grothe Villholth (kvillholth@cgiar.org) is the Coordinator and Chris Patacsil (c.patacsil@cgiar.org) acts as Secretary.

Membership is open and free, and subject to the approval by the GRIPP Coordinator.

The partnership consists of **strategic** and **implementing** partners, distinguished by their primary ways of operating. Implementing partners typically have certain technology or interventions that are part of support to groundwater development and management, while strategic partners typically are

research and/or policy oriented and/or support financial resourcing to GRIPP that have broad thematic and geographic coverage.

The roles of GRIPP partners involve:

- Promoting GRIPP mission
- Sharing lessons and news related to GRIPP mission
- Support coordination and implementation of joint activities and projects
- Contributing to GRIPP information products and website
- Attend and contribute to GRIPP partnership meetings

The GRIPP Coordinator coordinates initiatives and meetings to represent GRIPP and stimulates the expansion and consolidation of the partnership. GRIPP partnership meetings will be held twice a year, subject to funding available.

GRIPP currently counts on 11 partners (Box 2). With the present level of interest expressed for the initiative, it is foreseen that GRIPP will further expand and slightly formalize a core group of partners to lead in organizing and coordinating activities.

Box 2. GRIPP Partners

Strategic Partners:

- International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (<http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/>)
- International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) under the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (<http://www.un-igrac.org>)
- International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) (<https://iah.org/>)
- CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) (<https://wle.cgiar.org>)
- CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets (PIM) (<https://pim.cgiar.org>)
- Water for Food Robert B. Daugherty Institute (<http://waterforfood.nebraska.edu>)
- MetaMeta (<http://metameta.nl>)

Implementing Partners:

- KickStart International, (<http://kickstart.org>)
- Smart Water Metering Inc. (<http://smart-water-metering.com>)
- African Groundwater Network (<http://www.agw-net.org>)

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