Water Integrity

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Corruption in Water: a Global Problem

20-40% of water sector finances are lost to dishonest practices (World Bank) Recent scandals in water sector in Kenya, South Africa, Benin, Lesotho, Malawi, Brazil (among others)





Improved governance and anti-corruption measures can win back an estimated US\$ 75 billion for global investment in water services and infrastructure annually (WIGO, 2016).

Typical water types cases: bribery, collusion, water thefts, procurement and fraud in implementation (e.g drilling)



Example: Story of Sustainability and Functionality of services

1/3 of rural water points are estimated to be broken at any given time in SubSaharan Africa

> First 5 years, after installation, around 30% of water points become nonfunctional.

> > After 15 years, 2 out of 3 water points in SubSahran Africa is estimated not to be working.

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Water integrity: Raising the stakes!

- Improved water governance and integrity is even more important when water is at high stake and funding is scarce
- For example MENA-region:
- One of the world's most water scarce regions / high vulnerability to CC impacts
- Ongoing conflicts/post-conflicts in the region (emergency and relief interventions)
- Patronage and clientelism
- Investment needs are high



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Water Integrity Assessments MENA

- 'New' (and sensitive) topic in water circles
- No baseline data on integrity (lack of research) levels but anecdotal evidence suggests that integrity is a big problem
- Lack of transparency and access to water information
- Poor internal and external accountability mechanisms
- Governance based on patronage, nepotism and favoring of ruling elites
- Excessive regulations and barriers for innovation and private sector
- Undermines implementation of law, rules and regulations
- Water integrity risks exist at multiple levels, which needs to be openly acknowledged and addressed in water reforms and broader public sector eform



Water Integrity: Bottom Line

- Developing countries and emerging economies suffer from a high level of corruption that slows their overall development (dis-encourages investments, poor public services, drives water over-abstraction, dis-encourages equity, accountability, rule of law....).
- Corruption thus makes these societies worse off and lowers the living standards of most of their populations.
- Improved integrity is one pathway to improved water security



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