

BANKABLE WATER SOLUTIONS

How water stewardship is catalyzing bankable projects and blended finance in Asia

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Problem.



There is a large need for Freshwater projects, but more funding is required



Provides financial opportunity for companies and investors

1. Includes wastewater treatment facilities and water supply systems. Real need likely to be larger due to need in industrial and agricultural improvements related to freshwater as well as investment in ecosystem conservation

2. Estimated Freshwater related portion of aid and philanthropy (of \$1T total); shown ratio as for ODA (~5%)

3. Investment in water related projects, excluding Hydropower

Source: OECD, GWI, Hudson Institute



Solution.



Major Global Investor Pools





Global Equity Market \$42T Global Public Debt

\$6,6T Sovereign Wealth Funds \$4.2T Private Capital





Leveraging Capital

Funds



WWF



Global supply chain players

• Working with players which want to "green" their supply chain

We find projects through various sources

Governments and

local authorities

• Supporting entities to improve freshwater governance structures

WWF's network in the field in key basins

• Supporting entities to improve freshwater governance structures



Basin finance: constellation of different bankable projects



WWF is setting up four ways to support identified projects





Snapshot of the Pipeline



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Example.



Cleaner textile dying in Kanpur, India



Context

- Cleaning Kanpur is key to saving river dolphins in Ganges
- Textile manufacturing threatens the clean water supply to key ecosystems
- Textile dyers want to improve footprint, but don't know how



Key to success

- Show business case with a pilot in the basin
- Involve global brands to raise awareness
- Provide grants to do feasibility study and link to potential financiers



Results and next steps

- Initial dyers expressed interest to participate
- First transactions expected over the coming months
- Blueprint created to replicate model in more companies, basins, and industries



What is needed?



Blended Finance

Needed to address the investment gap for water by:

- Involving global brands to invest and/or buy
- Different dimensions: time & space
- Using public and philanthropic sources to de-risk
- Catalysing early phase and junior debt/equity at the project level
- Leveraging other investments & regulation at the basin level



Grants

Used to build basin-wide programs

- Increase the pipeline of possible projects
- Pre-feasibility studies and proof of concepts
- Link to potential financiers





Bankable Water Solutions

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