

Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership



AN ACTION-ORIENTED THINK TANK FOR THE WATER SECTOR



The global crisis of water access, quality, and sustainability imperils lives and livelihoods. The Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership (GWSP) – a multi-donor fund within the World Bank – produces cutting-edge research and analytics to create and deliver urgent, practical, and innovative solutions.

Our goal is a water-secure world. We provide our clients with policy advice, technical assistance, and capacity building – and turn this knowledge into action through policy dialogues and lending operations.



We are an action-oriented global think tank focused entirely on the water sector, with a strong emphasis on implementation. We work in partnership with our clients to strengthen water sustainability, institutions, financing, inclusion, and resilience.

TO SUPPORT THE COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, WE HAVE WORKED WITH GOVERNMENTS TO PUT IN PLACE URGENT INTERVENTIONS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT:



1. Households have reliable water to facilitate handwashing.
2. Adequate and well-functioning water, sanitation and hygiene services are available in health care facilities, schools, and priority public spaces.
3. Utilities are supported to provide continuous service.
4. Water services critical to household food security, such as irrigation, are maintained.

OUR PLANET FACES AN ACUTE WATER CRISIS:

2.2 billion people lack reliable access to safely managed drinking water



4.2 billion people live without access to safely managed sanitation



About **60%** of the world's population lives in water-stressed basins



By **2050**, global demand for water will increase by **20-30%**



In heavily polluted areas, declining water quality could reduce economic growth by up to



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Drought affects about **55 million people** annually



Limited water supplies are under increasing pressure from poor management, growing pollution, degraded watersheds, and climate change



The GWSP's world-class analytics inform high-quality policy debates with key government leaders and shape World Bank projects. Our work extends across five thematic areas:



SUSTAINABILITY



INSTITUTIONS



FINANCING



INCLUSION



RESILIENCE

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