

## Accelerating progress towards water security

Since 2017, the [SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme](#) has been assisting countries to strengthen their water management in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Support Programme's entry point is SDG indicator 6.5.1 – the degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). We assist the monitoring of that indicator, and support countries to use it as input to design, and access implementation support for, strategic actions that accelerate progress towards the achievement of their water- and climate-related targets.

The Support Programme is operated under the guidance of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and coordinated by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) in collaboration with the UNEP-DHI Centre on Water and Environment and UNDP Cap-Net. It acts in support of the UN System-wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation. The Support Programme is actively seeking new partners willing to engage in facilitating quantifiable, cost-effective and impactful results at the country level. **Let us know how you would like to collaborate to this shared objective!**

The Support Programme operates through three stages, achieving the following direct results:

**Stage 1 – Identifying challenges:** Assisting UN Member States to monitor progress on SDG 6.5.1, bringing together diverse stakeholders to agree upon the country's main water- and climate-related challenges. **Results:** 88 countries directly assisted (2017-2023), as a contribution to [191 countries that have reported on SDG 6.5.1](#).

**Stage 2 – Formulate responses:** Assisting countries in formulating multi-stakeholder action and investment plans to address their identified challenges, based on their needs, ambitions, priorities and capacities. **Results:** 20 countries assisted so far to develop Action Plans, containing over 320 actions identified, garnering diverse financial commitments. **Outlook:** 20-25 countries further to be assisted over 2024-2026.

**Stage 3 – Access implementation support:** Assist countries in accessing technical and/or financial support to fully implement the identified solutions, contributing to the achievement of progress towards their water- and climate-related goals, including those under SDG 6. **Results:** 16 countries assisted so far to implement prioritised actions. **Outlook:** 10 further countries to be assisted over 2024-2026.

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Assists governments and other stakeholders in



Assisting countries to identify the country's main water and climate-related challenges by bringing together stakeholders to monitor progress towards SDG 6.5.1



Assisting countries and stakeholders to develop Water and Climate Investment Programmes to address the identified challenges



Accessing implementation support for the Investment Programmes