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Mobilising for a water secure world



GWP at a glance – our global impact in some numbers.

A global asset

GWP is a global network of partner organisations working in water management, organised into **77** national and **13** regional chapters. In many countries, GWP's partner platforms serve as key forums that bring together diverse perspectives—government, NGOs, private sector, and academia—to collaborate on pressing water challenges. The GWP network is supported by the intergovernmental organisation GWPO (currently headquartered in Sweden), which ensures cohesion across the chapters. The decentralised organisational model of GWP provides strong anchoring on the ground. The central IGO hub provides economies of scale and efficient sharing of knowledge and experience.

A trusted partner for countries

Established in **1996**, with Sweden as a founding supporter, GWP has led transformative efforts to address water challenges at global, regional, national, and local levels for nearly **30 years**. GWP has provided the technical foundation for more integrated water management, supporting water sector reforms in over **90 countries** and **25 transboundary basins**. GWP's on-the-ground partners have assisted in drafting and adopting numerous national water policies, water laws, plans, strategies, as well as the related investments. Since 2014, GWP has directly supported the mobilisation of **€235 million in investments** for better water management.

In **Africa**, these investments contributed to the preparation of water investment

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programmes as part of the [Continental Africa Water Investment Programme \(AIP\)](#), under the African Union, whose secretariat GWP was entrusted to host. These investment programmes have gained the highest level of political ownership, and in **Zambia and Tanzania**, the governments announced domestic resources investments of **1 billion USD and 6.45 billion USD**, respectively, to implement the programmes.

A pragmatic change agent guided by principles

Water is essential for human health and all life, and it connects all economic sectors. GWP's multi-faceted network is designed to address sector-specific challenges while maintaining an integrated approach. The GWP partners have supported the design and implementation of over **200 water management tools** across sectors impacted by or impacting water. These include gender-responsive local climate adaptation plans in **Nepal**, flood risk maps in the **Dominican Republic**, tariff guidance for water supply and sanitation in **Nicaragua**, and the "Drought Watch" initiative in **Eastern Europe**, which offers preventive measures for agriculture, forestry, and urban landscapes.

As part of its integrated approach, GWP is a long-term and key connector between water and climate issues. It has facilitated the integration of climate

aspects into water investments in **45 countries**.

Working closely with [WMO](#), GWP brings hands-on expertise in flood and drought management. For instance, in the **Volta Basin** and its six countries, where weather, climate, and hydrological services were improved to provide early warnings for at least **23 million people**.

An efficient relay for international initiatives

GWP's long-term presence on the ground, embedded within national institutions, offers a powerful and effective entry point for international initiatives aiming to address all water-related issues. This includes identifying the value of water within national economies. For instance, **GWP supported the Tanzanian Ministry of Water** in assessing the hidden value of water across three key sectors: agriculture, manufacturing, and mining ([report published in 2024](#)).

When the Sustainable Development Goals were being shaped, GWP played a pivotal role in advocating for **SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation**, securing a target for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). Since 2017, GWP has led the facilitation of national multi-stakeholder consultations in **88 countries**, tracking progress on IWRM implementation as part of its programme with the [United Nations Environment Programme](#).