



## We help governments advance water management to reach the 2030 goals

### What we do

Since 2017, the [SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme](#) (SP) has been assisting UN Member States to strengthen their water management in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), working towards SDG target 6.5 on water management. The entry point is the monitoring of progress on SDG indicator 6.5.1 – the degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) – in order to design and implement country-led actions to accelerate progress towards the achievement of water-related SDGs and other goals. The SP does so through three stages, and has so far achieved the following results:

- **Stage 1 – Identifying challenges:** Assisting UN Member States to monitor progress on SDG 6.5.1 every three years, by bringing together stakeholders to agree upon the country's main water resources management challenges.

**Results:** 72 countries assisted with multi-stakeholder consultations across 2017 and 2020 reporting rounds; more than 60 countries being supported in 2023. [186 countries have reported on SDG 6.5.1](#) to date, with a similar number expected for 2023.

- **Stage 2 – Formulate responses:** Assist countries in formulating appropriate multi-stakeholder action plans to address identified challenges, based on their needs, ambitions, priorities and capacities, which typically take the form of IWRM Action Plans.

**Results:** 20 countries have been supported to develop IWRM Action Plans so far, with almost 300 actions identified to date, garnering diverse financial commitments. 25 further countries are planned to be supported for 2023-2026.

- **Stage 3 – Implement solutions:** Support countries in implementing identified solutions aiming to achieve progress towards SDG 6 and other water-related goals, accessing greater funding amounts.

**Results:** 16 countries have been assisted to implement actions, with 10 more planned for 2023-2026.

#### Impact story Panama

Panama is a successful example of a country that underwent all 3 support stages. With an investment of approximately EUR 40,000 to assist the country in monitoring, action planning and pilot activities over three years, the SP was able to leverage a commitment of \$3.36 million from the national budget of Panama for IWRM-related actions, towards a 14 million USD plan. Find out more [here](#).

Between 2017 and 2020, global progress on SDG 6.5.1 increased from 49% to 54%. **The current rate of progress would need to at least double** for the world to meet the 2030 goal. To increase the impact and reach of its activities, the SP is therefore **actively seeking new partners**, whose objectives align with those of the SP, and who could achieve them more effectively in partnership.

## Who we are

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 and UNDP Cap-Net, the SP brings together a diverse blend of partners, representing governments, civil society, academia and the private sector. The programme is co-hosted by GWP and UNEP-DHI. For more information on how it is governed, visit our [website](#).

## Increase your impact to achieve SDG 6 by 2030 – Join us as a partner!

We offer different partner models to interested organizations.

- **Core partners:** Focusing on the ‘core’ activities, core partners adhere to the vision and mission of the SP and aim to support its overall objectives. They should ideally contribute to the Support Programme in a way that can be monetised to the value of a minimum of 100,000 Euros per year on average to support countries in their monitoring and IWRM action planning processes. Core partners collectively form a “steering committee” for the Support Programme, which meets 2-3 times a year, in-person or online, to review overall progress of the SP activities and provide strategic direction. Current core partners are UNEP, GWP and UNEP-DHI.
- **Collaborating partners:** Focusing on specific collaboration schemes to advance their own work and the SP’s objectives in tandem. Collaborating partners usually focus on Stages 2 and/or 3 of the SP, or on specific services to the SP, throughout all Stages. They can have a thematic focus to help advance countries on a particular water-related issue (e.g. food security, climate change, gender etc.) and/or have a regional focus. They may also focus on a specific set of activities, such as capacity development, legal advice, financial planning, etc. They provide targeted technical and/or financial support to specific countries and/or regions for the implementation of specific activities, or for the preparation of project/programme proposals, most commonly identified in Stage 2. Collaborating partners collectively form an Advisory Board for the SP, which meets at least once a year. The only current collaborating partner is UNDP Cap-Net, but we are involved in conversations with further potential collaborating partners.
- **Financial partners:** Supporting the SP’s overall objectives and activities, financial partners contribute to the SP through a one-time or sustained financial contribution, which allows it to achieve its significant impacts. The SP ensures accountability and strategic alignment by providing the possibility to participate in the Steering Committee upon request, ensuring that financial partners have the level of information they need on strategic discussions, as well as regular progress reporting.

## What are the benefits of becoming a partner?

Advantages for organisations to partner with the SP:

- Access to ready-made entry points for aligning their activities with a global mandate and diverse areas of expertise, to provide demand-driven support to countries based on their requests, in the context of collective action
- Access to a proven but flexible methodology that can easily be applied in multiple contexts, including access to a ready-made network of collaborating partners
- Potential for scalability of actions (approaches employed in one country can be replicated elsewhere, nationally, regionally and globally)
- Possibility of matching funding from Support Programme partners in a context of resource efficiency.
- Visibility at key events, on the website and relevant publications

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