

Contribute to a water secure world through ,equitable and efficient management and sustainable use of water‘



Theme

Water Resource Management

Region

Global

Partners

2,800 spread over 13 GWP Regions of intervention

Background information

Stress on global water resources is an important issue in terms of long term sustainability. There is a growing demand for sustainable development and management of water resources support.

Project objectives

GWP's vision is for a water secure world. Its mission is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels.

Beneficiaries

Water Users, Water Basin Organisations, Governments, Civil Society, Academic Sector etc.

Budget

Total: CHF 10,000,000/year
SDC contribution: CHF 2,000,000

Duration

January 2009 – December 2013

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GWP's global strategy 2009-2013 argues that sustainable development will not be achieved without a water secure world. A water secure world is a world where every person has enough safe, affordable water to lead a clean, healthy and productive life. It is a world where communities are protected from floods, droughts, landslides, erosion and water-borne diseases. A water secure world reduces poverty, advances education, and increases living standards.

GWP displays its activities through a network of over 2,800 Partner organisations in 164 countries. The network has 81 Country Water Partnerships and 13 Regional Water Partnerships.

Water resources management and development, and the integrated approach to it, is a cross-sector discipline. Whether it is food security, poverty reduction, economic growth, energy production, or human health — water is a common denominator. In order to address the various sectors and water-related issues, GWP is moving forward with programmes in five priority thematic areas:

Water Financing

Considerable work has been done by the joint EUWI-FWP/GWP initiative. In addition, GWP is spearheading the High Level Panel on "the economics of water security" in coordination with the OECD.

Transboundary Water Resources Management

States must cooperate to manage water in a mutually beneficial manner. GWP works with various regional transboundary and economic development organisations to ensure that shared waters become a force for regional economic development.

Adapting to Climate Change

GWP is implementing various projects under a Water and Climate Programme including the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) in Africa, similar regional initiatives in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe, global activities in association with the WMO on Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) and the Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM), and a programme on good water governance of in a number of river deltas.

Water and Food Security

GWP participates in the Committee on Food Security, has a MoU with FAO, and is supporting the design/implementation of a global IFAD-funded project on water/food security and integrated land and water resources management. In addition, GWP cooperates with the Challenge Programme on Water and Food, and is planning joint activities with the International Land Coalition.

Urbanisation

Given the trends in urbanisation, there is growing pressure on the availability of water resources both in quantity and quality that calls for a change in the way water resources management is done. GWP is committed to developing *Urban Water Partnerships* and providing technical resources for this area.

Dealing with these global water issues requires commitment at the highest political level. GWP sees its role as having the technical expertise and convening power to bring together diverse stakeholders who can contribute to the social and political change processes that bring changes to the way water is managed.



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IWRM and its Relations to Sub-sectors



Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources in order to maximise economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems and the environment.

IWRM is a cross-sectoral policy approach, designed to replace the traditional, fragmented sectoral approach to water resources and management that has led to poor services and unsustainable resource use. IWRM is based on the understanding that water resources are an integral component of the ecosystem, a natural resource, and a social and economic good.

GWP is committed to helping countries implement this approach to sustainable water management.

The SDC contribution is a core contribution looking at strengthening GWP operational and strategic operations in the field of policy influence, knowledge management and sharing and efficient implementation of flagships projects in the five priority thematic areas of GWP.

Additional information:

www.sdc-water.ch

www.gwp.org

www.gwptoolbox.org