

Financing equitable access to water and sanitation

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Financing equity in WASH: examples from Africa

Subsidized water and sanitation programs

- Free household latrines for rural dwellers
- Government-led subsidized urban water and sanitation facilities: river blindness programmes,
- MDGs WASH funds

Large scale Pan Africa WASH programs

- RWSSI
- KAP
- 2M4M initiative

Microcredit for WASH

- Water for African Cities Sanitation microcredit for urban slums
- Micro credit driven Motor park pay per use public facilities

WASH Financing by special funds

WASH Microfinance Facility

WASH Input Credit Fund

WASH Financing Trust Fund

WASH Emergency Revolving Fund

WASH Common Vision Fund

Opportunities for innovative financing for WASH

- **Water Banks** – based on domestic resource mobilization (i.e., pension funds, insurance companies) using repayable finance to bridge the financing gap (Netherlands example);
- **A Blue Fund** – Potentially a regionally or globally coordinated initiative to attract and channel funding to the sector;
- **Other mechanisms** include using (i) blended funding, (ii) commercial financing, (iii) private equity, (iv) public financing, and (v) special taxes such as sanitation tax and use of 1% of taxes for WASH;

Opportunities for innovative financing for WASH

- **National Water/WASH Financing Facility** – Domestic resource mobilization mechanism for the WASH sector with characteristics of pooled investment projects, good governance framework and opportunity for blending private capital with public funding to promote pro-poor policies.
- The role of **extractive industries and private sector** to support the water and sanitation sector needs to be better formulated



Thank you