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Water and Urban Development - Context

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64% of people in Asia and the Pacific will be living in cities by 2050.

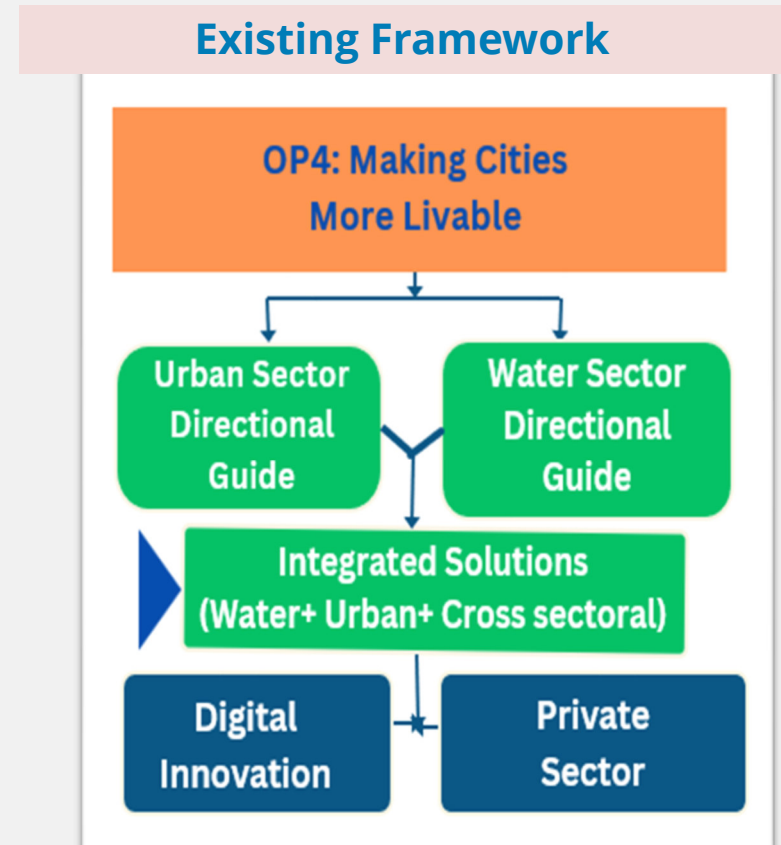
Urban infrastructure and service deficits

Cities generate 80% of GDPs & 70% of GHGs.

Cities suffer most from climate change and disasters: floods, droughts, heatwaves.

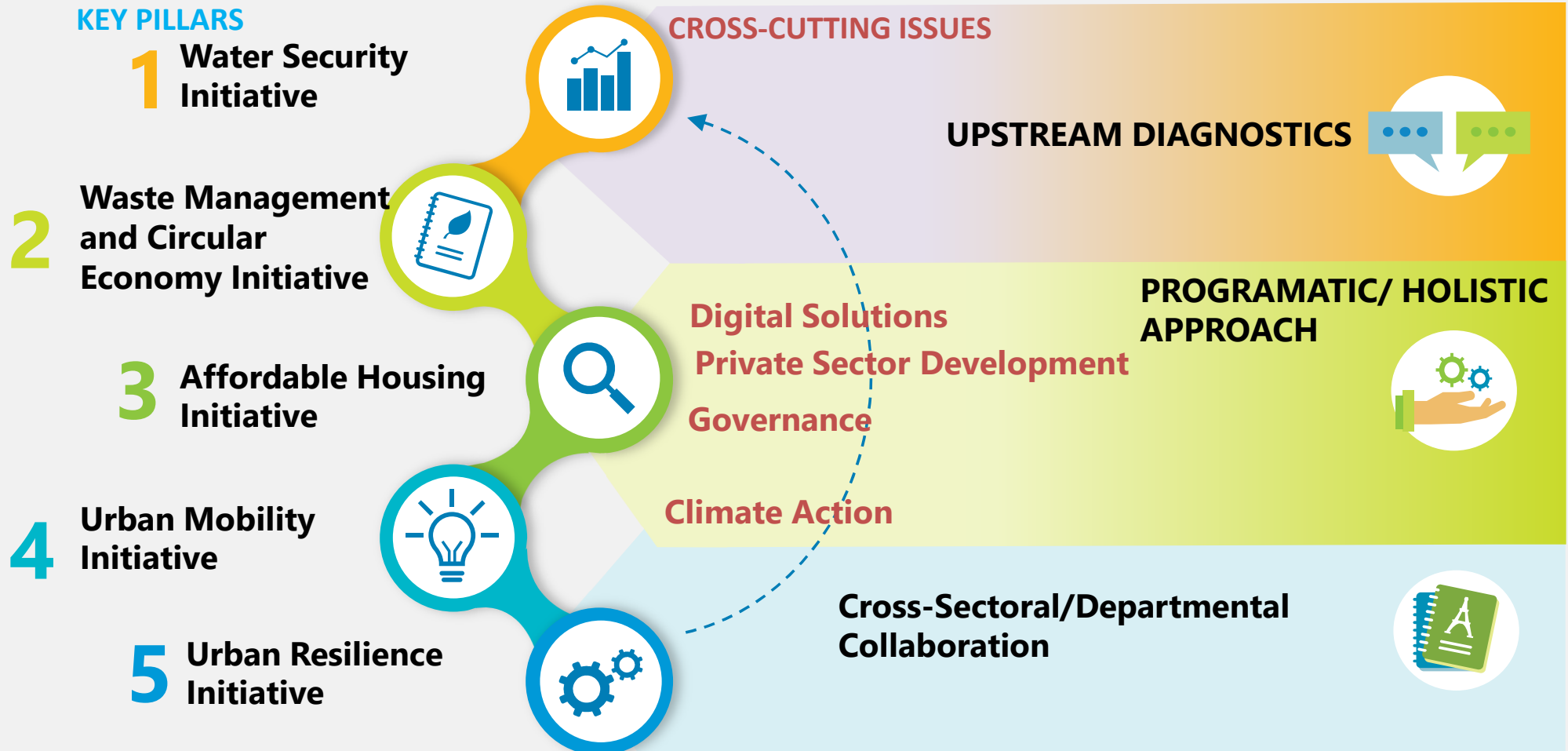
Water and air pollution

Informal settlements are increasing.





Urban Transformation: Pillars, Enablers, and Strategic Approaches





Bangladesh: WUD Context

Urban population has grown rapidly, reaching 68 million in 2023 and is expected to make up 60% by 2050.

Only 33% of urban households had piped water in 2022, and most cities lack centralized sewer systems

Basic urban services like drainage, transport, and solid waste management are severely lacking, with many urban poor living in hazard-prone areas with inadequate infrastructure.

There is a significant housing deficit—estimated at 6 million units.

Urban local bodies face technical and financial capacity challenges, and limited private sector participation.





Bangladesh: CPS Alignment

Main pillars of support under CPS (2021-2025) are (i) water supply and sanitation, and (ii) other urban infrastructure;

ADB's Bangladesh WUD operation is fully aligned with the operational priority (OP) 4 under ADB's Strategy 2030;

ADB will be providing support to WASAs, city corporations, and *pourashavas* in addition to working with Local Government Engineering Department and/or Department of Public Health Engineering.

ADB's WUD operation in Bangladesh is fully aligned with country's strategic context: Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP) 2100, Bangladesh Perspective Plan 2041, National Adaptation Plan 2023–2050, etc.





ADB's Future Support: Water Supply and Sanitation

ADB will help improving water security through expanding water supply and implementing safe, sustainable sanitation solutions in cities and pourashavas.

City-wide inclusive sanitation approaches will ensure all human waste is safely managed and no one is left behind.

Support will focus on building sewerage systems, strengthening institutions, regulations, and capacity for effective sanitation services.

Climate change impacts will be considered and integrated into project design for water and sanitation infrastructure.

ADB will enhance project bankability to attract private sector participation and investment.





ADB's Future Support: Urban Infrastructure and Housing

ADB will support municipalities in enhancing urban planning and developing resilient, and integrated infrastructure,

ADB will prioritize investments in climate-prone regions and economic corridors.

Priorities include solid waste management (especially plastics), housing, and air quality improvements,

ADB will keep providing support to displaced persons from Myanmar and host communities improvement through collaboration with development partners.





ADB's Future Support: Cross-cutting Theme



Municipal
Revenue
Augmentation



Policy Reforms
and Capacity
Building



Digital/High
Technologies



Gender
Development



WUD Pipeline Projects

Title of the project	Executing agency	Indicative value (million \$)
2026: Firm Pipeline		
Cluster Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project	DPHE	150.0
Narayanganj Green and Resilient Urban Development Project (with TA)	NCC	115.8
2026: Standby Pipeline		
Dhaka Sewerage System Development Project	DWASA	300.0



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