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# Building Livable Cities

**Water and Urban Development Sector (WUD)**

**Introduction**

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**VALUE FOR MONEY: DRIVING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

# Sector Challenges

## Rapid urbanization and livability

- 56% of population in cities by 2030
- 600 million live in informal settlements in Asia
- Cities generate about 70% of total GHG emissions

## Service gaps

- 220 million people lack access to basic water supply
- 520 million lack access to basic sanitation
- 80% of wastewater discharged untreated
- 1.5 billion tons of municipal waste generated per year by 2030

## Climate resilience and capacity

- 40% of disasters triggered by natural hazards occur in the region
- Limited capacity and resources of local governments and utilities
- Operational sustainability of urban services



# Sector Priorities

## Making Asia and the Pacific More Livable, Water Secure, and Resilient

### Water Sector Directional Guide

#### Impact

Advancing a Water Secure and Resilient  
Asia and the Pacific

#### Outcome

- A. People and systems with strengthened resilience
- B. Communities and marginalized groups with improved access to Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) and raised incomes
- C. More sustainable water, environments, improved water quality and efficient use of water resources
- D. Effective and financially sustainable WSS and improved investor confidence

Source: ADB. 2022. [Strategy 2030 Water Sector Operational Guide](#).

### Urban Sector Directional Guide

#### Impact

Making Cities More Livable

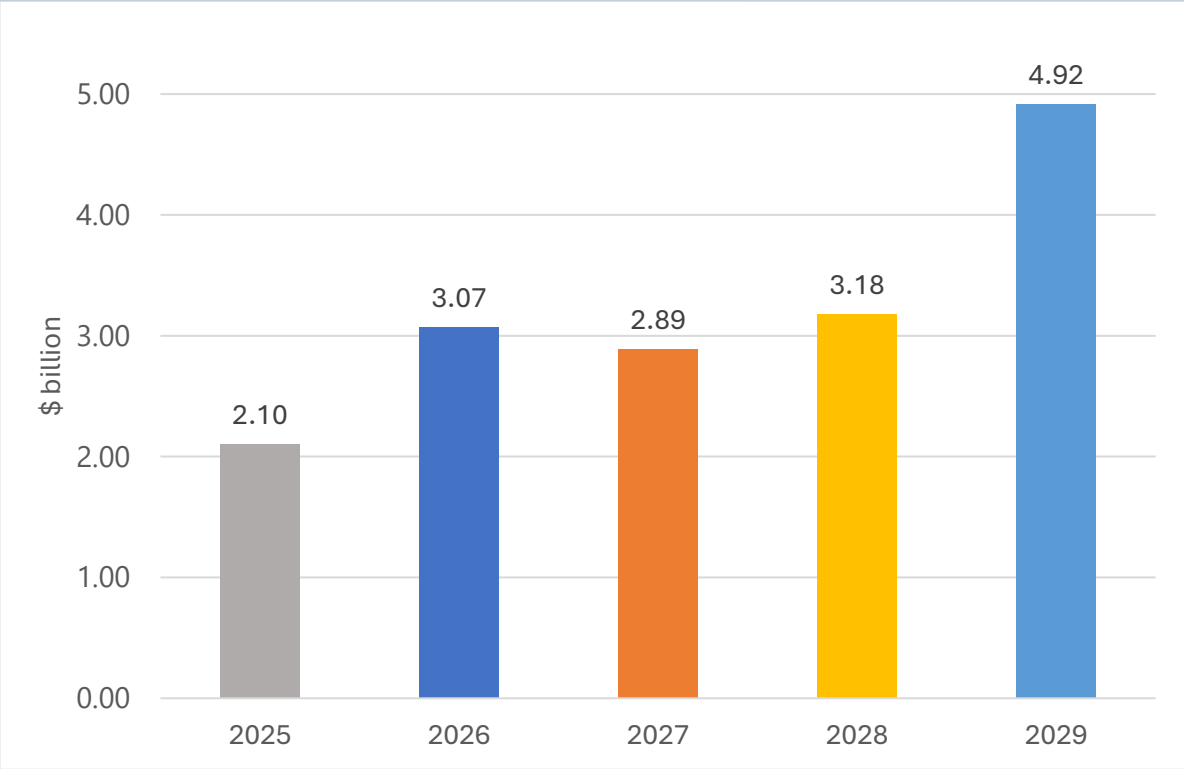
#### Outcome

- A. Improved coverage, quality efficiency, and reliability of services
- B. Strengthened urban planning and financial sustainability of cities
- C. Improved urban environment, climate resilience, and disaster management of cities

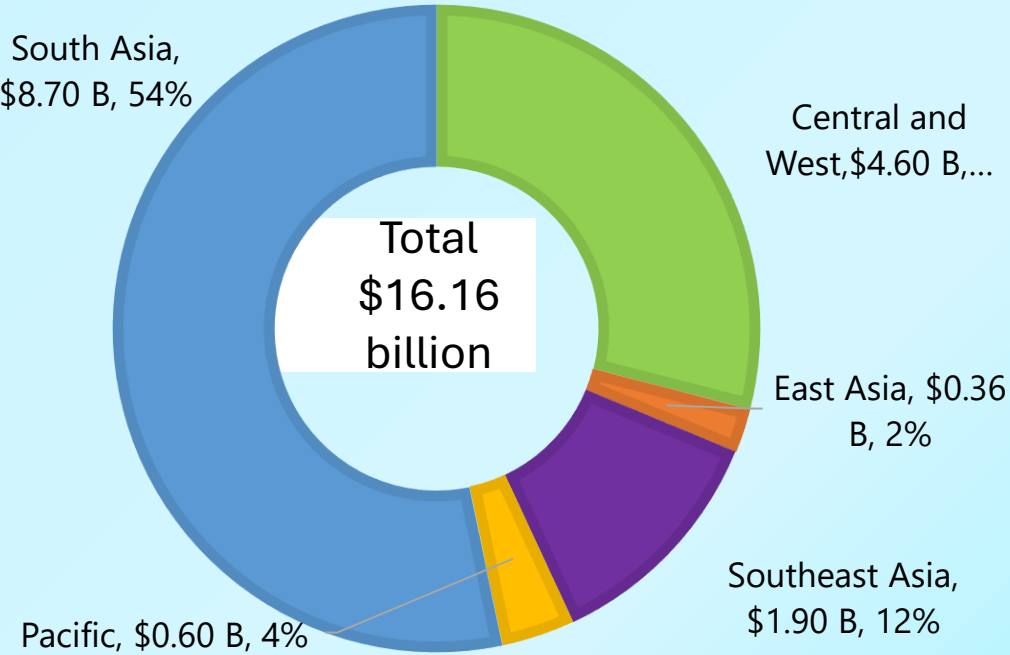
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# How Much We Commit and Where...

2025 Project Finance Commitments,  
2026 Targets, and 2027–2029  
(\$ billion)



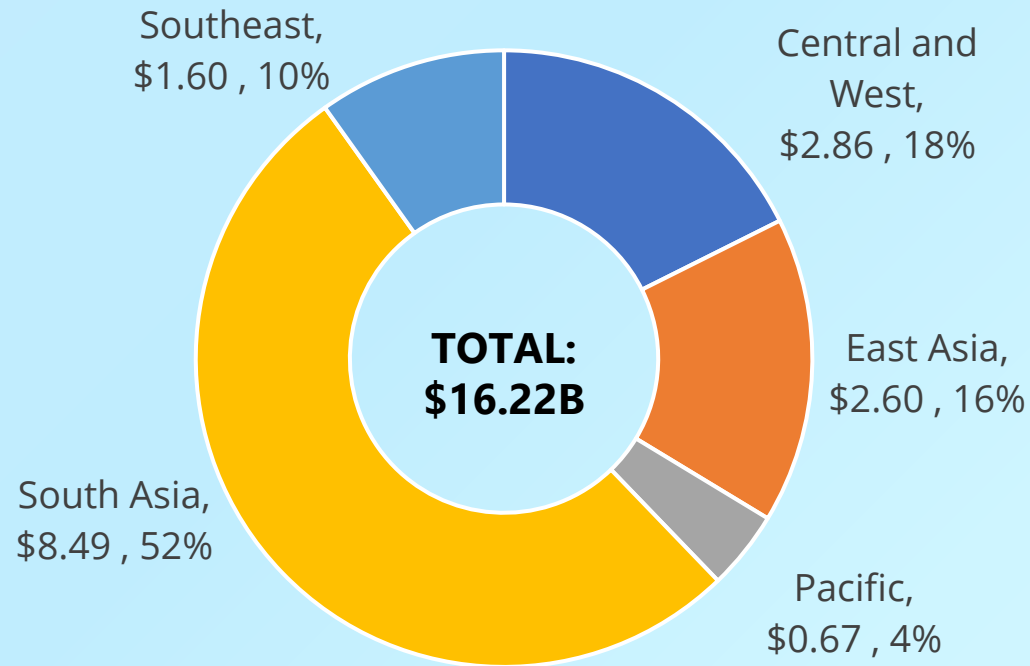
Project Finance Commitments by Region  
(2025–2029)  
(\$ billion)



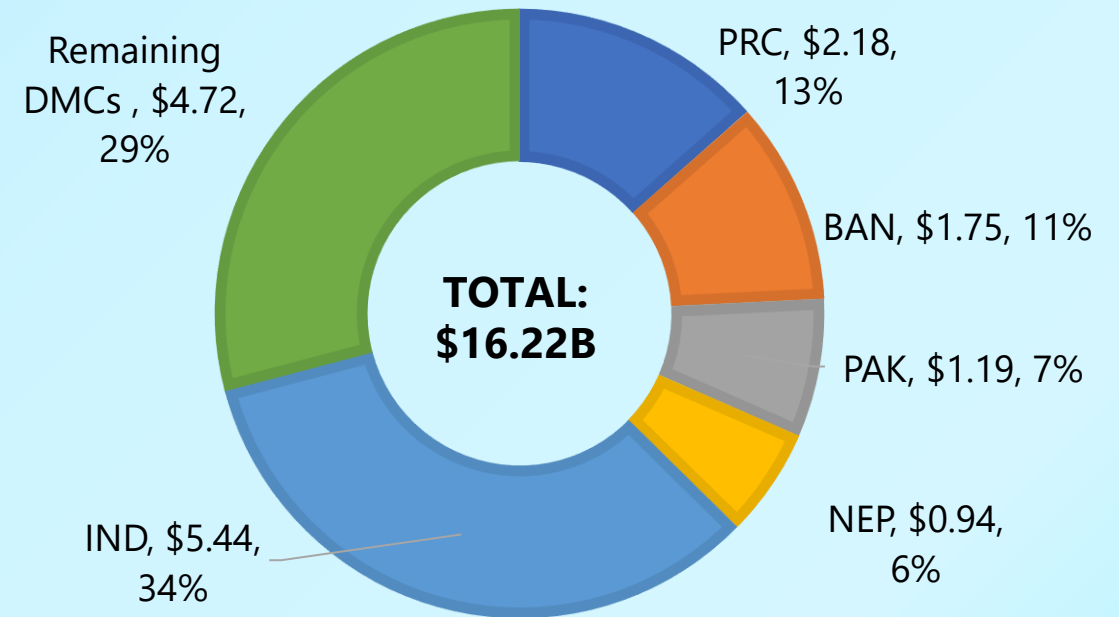
\* Sovereign operation target. Data generated as of 31 July 2026.

# Active Sovereign Portfolio

## Regional Breakdown (\$ billion)



## Top 5 Countries Portfolio (\$ billion)



💡 **Top 5 Development Member Countries represent over 70% of the WUD portfolio.**

Note: Excluding (i) all partial cofinancing from AFD, AIIB and OFID; and including committed projects (signed)  
BAN= Bangladesh, IND= India, NEP= Nepal, PAK=Pakistan, PRC=Peoples Republic of China  
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# ADB Support on Water and Urban Development Sector

Amount in \$ million

| SUBSECTOR                                                      | Year            |                 |                 |                 |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                                                                | 2023            | 2024            | 2025            | Total           | % of Total  |
| <b>Water Supply</b>                                            | 407.35          | 571.69          | 663.25          | 1,642.30        | <b>24%</b>  |
| <b>Sewerage</b>                                                | 139.82          | 227.01          | 229.22          | 596.05          | <b>9%</b>   |
| <b>Sanitation</b>                                              | 198.25          | 381.74          | 11.72           | 591.71          | <b>9%</b>   |
| <b>Flood Protection</b>                                        | 175.31          | 173.90          | 362.42          | 711.63          | <b>10%</b>  |
| <b>Solid Waste Management</b>                                  | 105.71          | 382.59          | 6.00            | 494.30          | <b>7%</b>   |
| Housing                                                        | -               | 17.92           | -               | 17.92           | 0.3%        |
| Slum Development                                               | 30.00           | 7.00            | -               | 37.00           | 1%          |
| Renovation & Protection of Cultural Heritage                   | 23.00           | 91.00           | -               | 114.00          | 2%          |
| Other Urban Services                                           | 214.49          | 737.32          | 339.11          | 1,290.91        | 19%         |
| <b>Urban Policy, Institutional, &amp; Capacity Development</b> | 567.39          | 678.03          | 205.19          | 1,450.61        | <b>21%</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                   | <b>1,861.31</b> | <b>3,268.21</b> | <b>1,816.90</b> | <b>6,946.43</b> | <b>100%</b> |

NOTE: The numbers are for water and urban infrastructure and other services (WUS) used in ADB's sector classification system. These are different from the commitments of the Water and Urban Development Sector Office.

# Water and Urban Development Subsectors, Approach, and Priorities

## WATER SUPPLY



1. End to End Solutions
2. Non-revenue water
3. Efficiency/O&M
4. Household Connections
5. Pipeline Installation Technology
6. Digitalization

## SANITATION and STORMWATER



1. End to End Solutions
2. New treatment technologies
3. Climate Resilience
4. Sewer Connection and Reuses of Treated Wastewater
5. Pipeline Installation Technology
6. Digitalization

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



1. Integrated Approach
2. Circularity (recycling)
3. Behavioral change
4. Policy Support
5. O&M and Partnership
6. Digitalization

## INCLUSIVE URBAN PLANNING



1. Urban Planning
2. Policy Support
3. Urban Master Plan
4. Multi-sectoral Approach
5. Digitalization

# Water and Urban Development Emerging Area



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING



MUNICIPAL/SUBNATIONAL FINANCE  
SUB SOVEREIGN AND NON-  
SOVEREIGN FINANCING

# Sector Strategic Approaches



**Support for balanced and resilient urban development** (water supply, sanitation, circular economy, housing, tourism, transit-oriented development, pollution, disaster and climate resilience). Basic service delivery and capacity building for urban governance and strengthen the institutional readiness where needed.



**Focus on integrated solutions and innovations:** ADB facilitates integrated multi-sectoral solutions approach and harnessing technology and digital tools.



**Leveraging regional and global partnerships:** ADB facilitates partnerships to mobilize knowledge, finance, and innovation for sustainable urban development (e.g., via trust funds and technical assistance)



**Expanding solutions through the private sector:** Mobilizing private capital remains an important priority. Works closely with other ADB departments to develop enabling ecosystem and attract private capital for investments through viable projects and in line with the government priorities.

# Capacity Building and Partnerships

- Strengthening sector institutions through peer-to-peer learning
- Leveraging strategic partnerships to build the next generation of sector leaders

The Capacity-Building function focuses on strengthening institutional and technical competencies across the water and urban development sub-sectors.

- Water Organization Partnerships for Resilience (WOP4R)
- City-to-City Partnership Program (C2CP)
- ADB Learning Weeks and Sector Trainings
- Asia-Pacific Support for the Promotion of Resilience and Innovation in Environment Leadership (ASPIRE) for Women
- Young Experts Program (YEP)
- Urban and Water Sector Expert Pool

# 2026 Pipeline: Business Opportunities

| SN. | Region                | DMC | Project Name                                                                        | Commitment Amount (\$ million) |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Central and West Asia | PAK | Sustainable and Green Infrastructure Project                                        | 140.0                          |
| 2.  | Central and West Asia | GEO | Preparing the Urban and Coastal Resilience Project (SEFF Activity 3)                | 3.5                            |
| 3.  | Central and West Asia | ARM | Seismic Safety Improvement Program 3                                                | 293.0                          |
| 4.  | Central and West Asia | PAK | Preparing Urban and Water Projects in Sindh                                         | 15.0                           |
| 5.  | Pacific               | VAN | Greater Port Vila Urban Resilience Project - Second Additional Financing            | 12.6                           |
| 6.  | Pacific               | COO | Water security, Alternative energy, and Vital Ecosystems restoration (WAVE) Project | 25.0                           |
| 7.  | Pacific               | PNG | Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Security and Resilience Improvement Project       | 60.9                           |
| 8.  | Pacific               | FSM | Preparing the Water Security and Resilience Improvement Project (PRF)               | 5.0                            |
| 9.  | Pacific               | VAN | V-SET Activity 1: Transforming the Vanuatu Project Management Unit                  | 2.5                            |

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| SN. | Region         | DMC | Project Name                                                                               | Commitment Amount (\$ million) |
|-----|----------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10. | South Asia     | IND | Nagaland Urban Infrastructure Development Project                                          | 91.5                           |
| 11. | South Asia     | NEP | Integrated Water Supply and Sewerage Management (Sector) Project                           | 115.0                          |
| 12. | South Asia     | BAN | Narayanganj Green and Resilient Urban Development Project                                  | 115.8                          |
| 13. | South Asia     | SRI | Water Supply and Sanitation Reform Program (Subprogram 2)                                  | 100.0                          |
| 14. | South Asia     | SRI | Climate-Resilient Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project                          | 200.0                          |
| 15. | South Asia     | IND | Urban Transformation and Investment Program                                                | 1000.0                         |
| 16. | South Asia     | BHU | Inclusive and Resilient Urban Development Project                                          | 10.0                           |
| 17. | South Asia     | IND | Chennai Climate Resilient Water Security and Sewerage Project                              | 230.6                          |
| 18. | South Asia     | IND | Puducherry Integrated Urban Livability Improvement Project                                 | 144.5                          |
| 19. | South Asia     | BAN | Cluster Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project                                          | 150.0                          |
| 20. | Southeast Asia | CAM | Project Preparation Assistance Facility                                                    | 15.0                           |
| 21. | Southeast Asia | VIE | Ha Tinh City Priority Infrastructure for Climate Adaptation Project                        | 96.2                           |
| 22. | Southeast Asia | INO | Regional Water Supply Project                                                              | 372.0                          |
| 23. | Southeast Asia | LAO | Greater Mekong Subregion Smart and Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth | 30.0                           |

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# 2027 Pipeline: Business Opportunities

| SN. | Region                | DMC | Project Name                                                                                                 | Planned Amount<br>(\$ million) |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Central and West Asia | ARM | Yerevan Lake & Hrazdan Gorge Rejuvenation Project                                                            | 40.0                           |
| 2.  | Central and West Asia | PAK | Preparing Urban Development Projects in Balochistan - PRF                                                    | 15.0                           |
| 3.  | Central and West Asia | PAK | Preparing Urban and Water Projects including Greater Peshawar Water Supply and Urban Development in KPK      | 15.0                           |
| 4.  | Central and West Asia | GEO | Developing Resilient Infrastructure for Vibrant Economies (DRIVE)                                            | 200.0                          |
| 5.  | Central and West Asia | TAJ | Dushanbe Urban Water Resilience Project                                                                      | 38.0                           |
| 6.  | Central and West Asia | TAJ | Tourism Development Multisector Project                                                                      | 30.0                           |
| 7.  | Central and West Asia | TUR | Urban Resilience and Municipal Services Improvement Project                                                  | 231.8                          |
| 8.  | Central and West Asia | UZB | Modernization of District Heating Systems in Navoiy, Tashkent, and Fergana Provinces                         | 200.0                          |
| 9.  | Central and West Asia | UZB | Climate-Resilient Water and Sanitation Services Project (Phase 1)                                            | 221.9                          |
| 10. | Central and West Asia | KGZ | Jalal-Abad Water Supply and Sanitation Development Program                                                   | 40.0                           |
| 11. | Central and West Asia | PAK | Sindh Transformational Accelerated Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Services Project Phase 1- FMRF | 150.0                          |
| 12. | South Asia            | SRI | Water and Urban Project Support Lending (Activity 1)                                                         | 15.0                           |

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|-----|----------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 13. | South Asia     | IND      | Tripura Urban Livability Improvement Project                           | 181.3                          |
| 14. | South Asia     | NEP      | Kathmandu Valley Water Sector Reform Program (Subprogram 1)            | 50.0                           |
| 15. | South Asia     | IND      | Rajasthan Urban Livability Improvement Investment Program (Tranche 1)  | 200.0                          |
| 16. | South Asia     | BAN      | Dhaka Sewerage System Development Project                              | 300.0                          |
| 17. | South Asia     | BAN      | Coastal Towns Climate Resilient Water and Sanitation Project           | 150.0                          |
| 18. | South Asia     | IND      | Assam Integrated Satellite Township Development Program (Tranche 1)    | 200.0                          |
| 19. | Southeast Asia | CAM      | Cambodia Plastic Reduction and Blue Economy Development Program        | 100.0                          |
| 20. | Southeast Asia | VIE      | Secondary Cities Environment Improvement Project - Dak Nong Province   | 43.0                           |
| 21. | Southeast Asia | TIM      | Resilient Urban Development Project                                    | 90.0                           |
| 22. | Southeast Asia | VIE      | Lao Cai Sustainable Urban and Infrastructure Development Project       | 75.0                           |
| 23. | Southeast Asia | LAO      | Resilient and Sustainable Urban Improvement Project                    | 58.0                           |
| 24. | Southeast Asia | CAM      | Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive and Resilient Growth Project      | 60.0                           |
| 25. | Pacific        | SAM, VAN | Circular Pacific via Regional Recycling Network                        | 10.6                           |
| 26. | Pacific        | SAM      | Water Security Improvement Project                                     | 16.0                           |
| 27. | Pacific        | PAL      | Accelerated Infrastructure Project Preparation and Innovation Facility | 5.0                            |

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