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Building Livable Cities

Water and Urban Development Sector (WUD)

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VALUE FOR MONEY: DRIVING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE



Water & Urban Development (WUD) Sector Office

We lead ADB's efforts to enhance water security, urban resilience, livable cities, and circular economy across Asia and the Pacific.

We work with governments to design and finance projects in water, sanitation, flood management, and urban services, while creating opportunities for new technologies and ideas.

Our challenge

Matching rising climate and urban pressures with solutions that are faster, smarter and scalable.



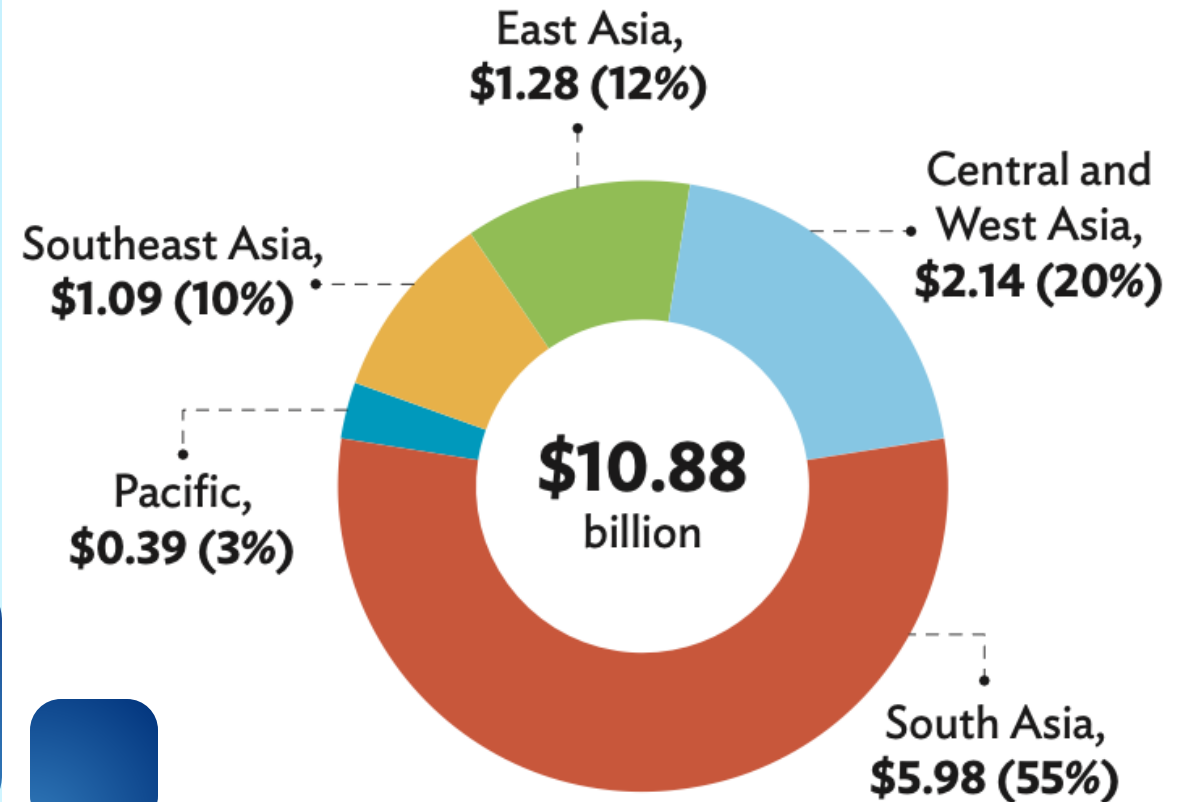
Our Portfolio & Commitments

\$10.9 Billion

in water and urban development commitments, from 2021–2025.

Water and Urban Development Sector Office

Commitments, 2021–2025



From resources to pipeline

Knowledge is critical to build a well-designed and comprehensive project that can make a difference

Policy dialogue, data, evidence, smart investment planning and collaboration across borders are key for impact

The Asian Water Development Outlook 2025

supports national and regional progress and resilient development through individual water security assessment



Asia and the Pacific's water security benchmark

The only region-specific, recurring assessment guiding policy and investment for nearly two decades.

2007

First AWDO
Edition

2013

Introduced water security
framework with 5 Key
Dimensions

2016

Refined indicators and
methodology

2020

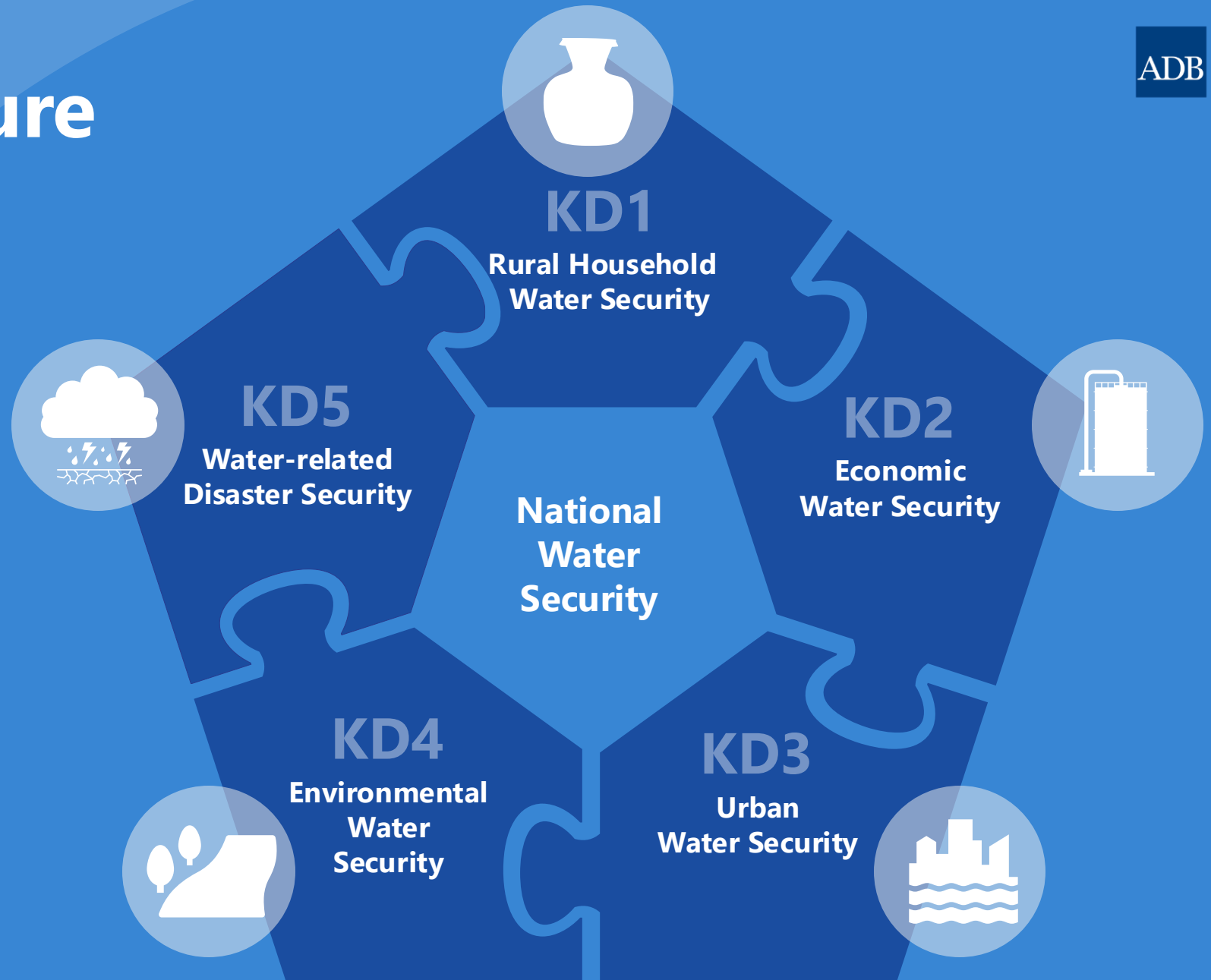
Deepened analysis,
richer policy insights,
and 3 case studies

2025

Enhanced methods, new
thematic chapters and
country assessments



How We Measure Water Security



5 Key Dimensions, each worth 20 points, make up the 100-point **National Water Security Index**.

AWDO 2025

A story of **remarkable contrast...**

Water security has **improved significantly** across Asia and the Pacific over the past decade.

But these hard-won gains are at **grave risk of being reversed.**



AWDO 2025

Key Findings



2.7 billion people in Asia and the Pacific have been lifted from extreme water insecurity over the past 12 years.

Ecosystem health is declining.

Climate and water-related disaster risks are rising faster than readiness.

Asia and the Pacific face an estimated **\$4 trillion investment need** in WASH by 2040.

Infrastructure does not equal better health and increased economic outcomes without inclusivity, maintenance, and ecosystem support.

Governance deserves much greater attention.

Most improved countries in water security (2013-2025)



N = Nascent in 2013, E = Engaged in 2013.

Refer to Chapter 4.7: Pacific Regional Study for more detailed on AWDO data for the Pacific.

Source: ADB.

Micro-AWDO: from diagnosis to action

Micro-AWDO transforms AWDO from a regional benchmarking exercise comparing countries into a country-level decision-support and investment prioritization platform leveraging regional insights

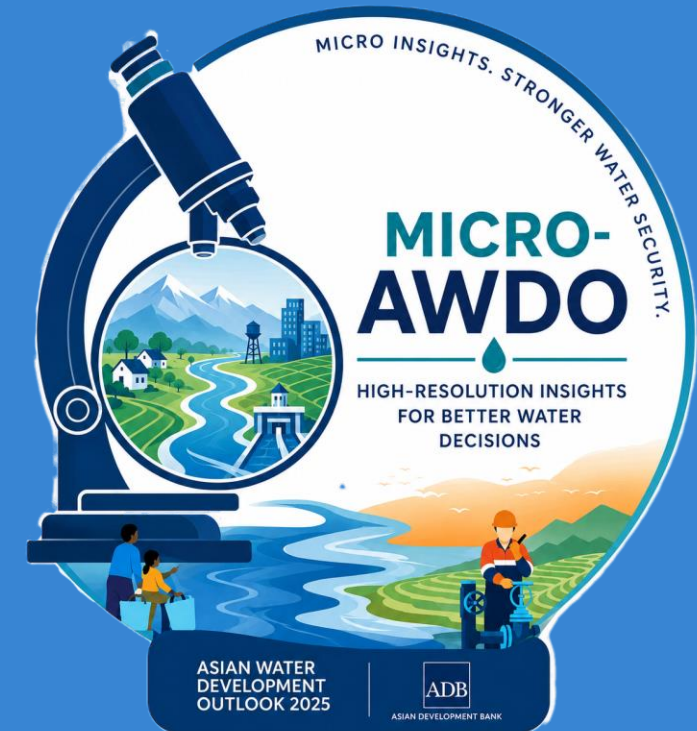
AWDO 2025

Identifies national water security trends, risks, and priority constraints

Translate to investment priorities

Micro-AWDO

Identify regional inequalities and supports investment prioritization, implementation sequencing, and water security planning



Regional
diagnostics

Country
prioritization

Subnational
analysis

Investment
roadmap

Strategic Priorities & Emerging Themes

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WATER SECURITY INITIATIVE

**A Platform to Shape and Scale the
Region's Water Agenda**

from evidence to planning. To
capacity. To investment. To results.

Strategic Programs

Investments
responding to country
and regional priorities

Evidence & Analytics

Guiding decisions and
tracking progress

Partnerships & Financing

Bringing together
resources, expertise,
and implementation
capacity

Three Pillars of Asia and the Pacific Water Security and Urban Transformation Initiatives



Asia and the Pacific Water Security Initiative will cover the full water security agenda across the region



1

Safe water, sanitation, wastewater management, and utility modernization



2

Water-related disaster resilience, drainage, and nature-based solutions



3

Water-secure food systems: irrigation modernization, resilient agriculture, watershed management, rural livelihoods



4

River basin management, ecosystem restoration, and regional cooperation



5

Digital systems, artificial intelligence, and other innovations that improve water security

ADB's Ongoing WaterSecure Initiatives

Capacity Building

Water
Organization
Partnerships
for Resilience
(WOP4R)

City-to-City
Partnership
(C2CP)
Program

Innovation Piloting

Accelerating
Innovation
through
Digitalization
(AID)

Valuing
Water Study

Behavioral Change

Design Thinking
to deliver CWIS
services in India

Leadership Development

Young Experts
Programme
(YEP)

Asia-Pacific Support for the
Promotion of Resilience and
Innovation in Environment
Leadership
(ASPIRE) for Women



ASIA AND THE PACIFIC INITIATIVE FOR URBAN TRANSFORMATION

**Positioning ADB as the Regional
Leader in Urban Transformation**

from strategic programs to thought
leadership. To partnerships. To liveable
cities.

How priorities become financed projects

WFPF and UFPF anchor the upstream stage — from evidence to investment at scale

EVIDENCE

AWDO and
government-led
Micro-AWDO
roadmaps



UPSTREAM PREPARATION

**WFPF + UFPF as the
principal
upstream facility offer**



CATALYTIC FINANCING

(to be launched)

Concessional and risk-
sharing
instruments



INVESTMENT AT SCALE

Well-prepared, financed
water security programs

Upstream preparation

WFPF + UFPF as the principal upstream facility offer

Six priority areas × six upstream capabilities — connecting evidence to investment at scale

6 PRIORITY AREAS

1 Resilience & adaptive capacity

2 Inclusiveness & gender equality

3 Sustainability & circular economy

4 Governance & finance

5 Innovation & technology

6 Integrated water security

6 UPSTREAM CAPABILITIES

A Water & urban diagnostics

B Project preparation & technical studies

C Policy & institutional reform

D Capacity development & knowledge

E Utility, city & basin partnerships

F Innovation & digital solutions

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Water Financing Partnership Facility



WFPF at a Glance: Achievements in 19 Years

(December 2006 – December 2025)

1:70

Every \$1 of partner funding has unlocked \$70 in ADB water investment

Partner funding of **\$170 million**, multiplied through ADB water operations since 2006

WATER INVESTMENTS

\$12.0B

delivered in ADB water investments
— 28% of ADB's \$42.8B water lending

EXPECTED BENEFICIARIES

134M

people set to benefit — 31% of
ADB's 426M water beneficiaries

PROJECT REACH

142

investment projects supported across
23 developing member countries



77M already reached — completed projects

57M more to come — ongoing projects

Project Reach: 23 Developing Member Countries

Allocations by region (total \$132M)



WFPF: Results on the ground

FIVE PROJECT STORIES · WHAT PARTNER SUPPORT DELIVERED

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Tajikistan

glacier early warning

\$300K

PARTNER SUPPORT

4,000 people protected

Glacier monitoring and gender-sensitive hazard maps across 30 villages.

SANITATION INNOVATION

Nepal

sanitation hackathon

\$270K

PARTNER SUPPORT

4 designs now piloted

A hackathon backing safer, mechanised tools for sanitation workers.

RURAL WATER AND SANITATION

Cambodia

rural WASH program

\$600K

PARTNER SUPPORT

\$93M loan mobilized

Climate-resilient WASH standards and a national rural strategy to 2030.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

Fiji

water tariff framework

\$450K

PARTNER SUPPORT

\$135M project shaped

A tariff framework that prices resilience into water services.

URBAN WATER SECURITY

Sri Lanka

Jaffna desalination

\$166K

PARTNER SUPPORT

Water for 300,000 people

Site, technology, and bidding for a seawater desalination plant.

Partner funding is building resilient, inclusive communities across Asia and the Pacific.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK | WATER AND URBAN

Urban Financing Partnership Facility

UFPF at a Glance: Achievements and Impact

(2009–2025)

1:109

Every \$1 of partner funding has unlocked \$109 in ADB urban investment

Partner funding of **\$247M**, multiplied through ADB urban sector operations since 2009

Lives improved at scale
27.1 million

people benefited from supported urban infrastructure investments through **UEIF's** project cofinancing

Urban resilience strengthened
7.8 million

people in cities improved their resilience to climate risks and impacts through **UCCRTF** support

Climate and disaster resilience advanced
5 million

people expected to achieve climate and disaster resilience with **URTF's** interventions

Bankable investment projects developed
138 cities in 22 DMCs

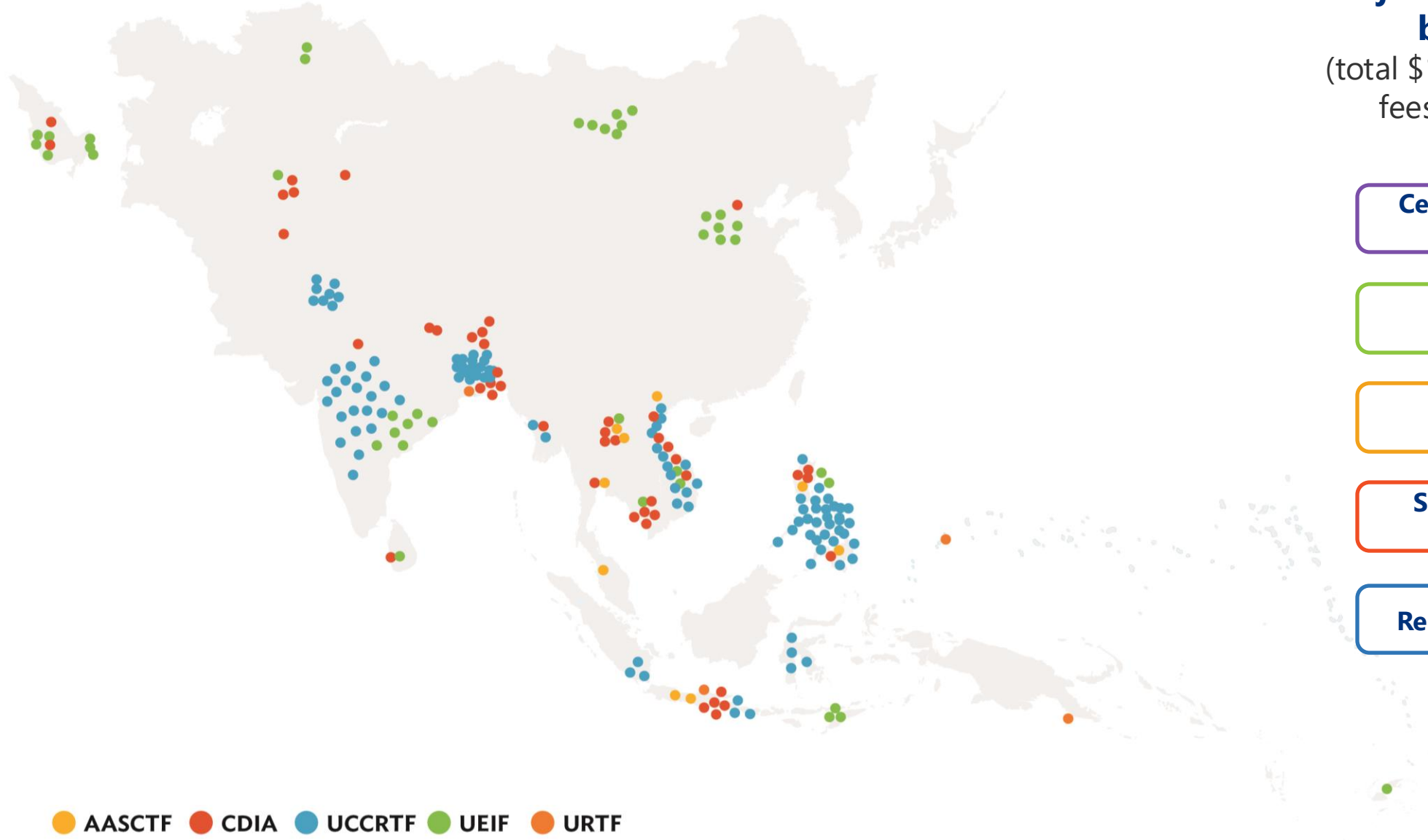
supported with project preparatory studies for key urban infrastructure investments provided by **CDIA TF**

Smart city technology applications promoted
24 cities

in Southeast Asia provided with support to develop smart city interventions through **AASCTF**

UFPF Regional Breakdown: Reach & Commitments by Department

Indicative location of DMC cities with UFPF-supported activities (color-coded by trust fund)



Project Commitments by Region

(total \$171.8M, excluding fees and charges)

Central and West Asia
\$2.6M

Pacific
\$6.0M

South Asia
\$35.0M

Southeast Asia
\$53.8M

Regional \$74.4M

43% of commitments

UFPF: Results on the ground

Across three key areas where UFPF funding is directed

Improving coverage, quality, efficiency, and reliability of services in urban areas

Strengthening urban planning and financial sustainability of cities

Improving urban environment, climate resilience, and disaster management of cities

Armenia

Improved urban transport system for the city of Yerevan

\$520,000 TA support for transport policy formulation and capacity building

Fiji

Support for master plan to guide sustainable and resilient tourism development for Nasaulevu

\$400,000 TA support for Tourism Master Plan preparation

Nepal

Support for urban renewal and developing resilience

Support to prepare a pipeline of investment to restore Kathmandu Valley's ecological health and climate resilience

Since 2009, the UFPF Trust Funds have supported cities in DMCs on urban infrastructure investment development and capacity development, including delivery of Project Preparatory Studies for 138 cities in 22 countries

Partner With Strategy & Partnerships

Consulting opportunities across \$45 million of active regional technical assistance running to 2030.

1

Project preparation and feasibility

Readiness studies, sector roadmaps, and bankable project design.

2

Sanitation and urban services

Septage and faecal sludge management, and integrated urban design.

3

Climate and disaster resilience

Resilience assessments, disaster risk planning, and coastal adaptation design.

4

Digital water and smart systems

Monitoring and analytics, smart metering, SCADA, and data platforms.



What we look for in proposals

Inclusiveness, gender equality, and measurable resilience outcomes are expected in every proposal.

1 Alignment with our priorities

fits 1 of the 6 areas and the capability of being procured

2 Quality of the technical approach

method, workplan and named experts

3 Delivery through local counterpart

The utility, city, basin agency named up front

4 Results that outlast the contract

Work that reached tender or financing and still runs

Regional Portfolio & Pipeline Status

TA Name	Opportunity Area for Partners	Active Until	TA Amount ('000)
A. Ongoing Technical Assistance			
TA 6841-REG: Integrating Climate Resilience in the Water Sector	Coastal adaptation and climate-resilient design services	31 Dec 2028	\$2,750
TA 6854-REG: Improving Water Security and Resilience through Digitalization	Digital water solutions, monitoring and analytics	31 Dec 2028	\$2,000
TA 6872-REG: Digitalization of Water Management for Improved Resilience	Smart metering, SCADA and data platform providers	31 Dec 2028	\$1,000
TA 6994-REG: Water Organization Partnerships for Resilience	Utility twinning, operations and capacity building	31 Dec 2028	\$3,000
TA 10297-REG: Building Knowledge and Capacity for Water Resilience	Training, knowledge products and advisory services	31 Dec 2028	\$2,000
TA 9875-REG: Achieving Water Sector Priorities in Asia and the Pacific under Strategy 2030	Sector planning, roadmaps and policy advisory	31 Dec 2029	\$6,015
TA 9897-REG: Accelerating Sanitation for All in the Asia and the Pacific	Sanitation, septage and faecal sludge management	11 Dec 2027	\$7,386

Regional Portfolio & Pipeline Status (cont.)

TA Name	Opportunity Area for Partners	Active Until	TA Amount ('000)
TA 6559-REG: Implementing the Cities Development Initiative for Asia	Urban project preparation and feasibility studies	31 Dec 2027	\$13,126
TA 9919-REG: Integrated and Innovative Solutions for More Livable Cities	Integrated urban design and innovation partners	30 Nov 2026	\$3,982
TA10117-REG: Supporting the Integration of Urban Climate and Disaster Resilience in ADB's Urban Operations	Resilience assessments and disaster risk planning	20 Jun 2028	\$4,500
Asia-Pacific Scholarships for Promotion of Resilience and Environment Leadership (ASPIRE) for Women	Scholarships, leadership development, and inclusive governance capacity for women in government	31 Dec 2030	\$0.250
Smart Livable Cities in Asia and the Pacific	Smart city solutions, digital utility management, and project preparation for bankable investments	31 Dec 2030	\$2,900
B. Pipeline		Expected Approval	Amount
The Laundry Transformation Initiative	Water-efficient laundry technology and service models	Q1 2027	\$2,000