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# State of Development Effectiveness in the WASH sector in Africa

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## *WASH investments*



- The AfDB financed its first water and sanitation operation in 1968.
- 2016 marked the highest AfDB financing levels for both rural and urban water supply and sanitation.
- Fourteen projects worth a record USD 1.2 billion. were approved, representing 11% of the Bank's total lending for the year.

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## *The Kenyan WASH investment*



- The Sustainable Water Supply and Wastewater Management Program in Kenya is the biggest water investment project, by volume, in the Bank's 50+ year history.
- On completion, the Project will provide more than 2.1 million people with reliable and sustainable water supply services; provide more than 1.3 million people with functioning sewerage systems; and, create more than 15,000 new jobs during and after construction, with a focus on women and the youth.

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## *A holistic approach*



- The new Water Development and Sanitation Department (AHWS) within the AfDB is organized to constitute a more holistic approach to WASH investments.
- AHWS is coordinating activities by:
  - developing and promoting the adoption of relevant water policies and strategies;
  - providing deep multi-sector expertise
  - developing new financing instruments;
  - fostering strategic partnerships, including with the private sector, to leverage resources into the sector.

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## *Special initiatives*



### The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative



### The African Water Facility (AWF),



**African Water Facility**  
**Facilité africaine de l'eau**

*Mobilising Resources for Water in Africa*  
*Mobiliser des ressources pour l'eau en Afrique*

The initiatives provide vital resources for leveraging financing into the sector, promoting and scaling up innovative projects, enhancing water governance; and supporting knowledge management activities, including sector M&E.

And the Multidonor Water Partnership Program (MWPP).

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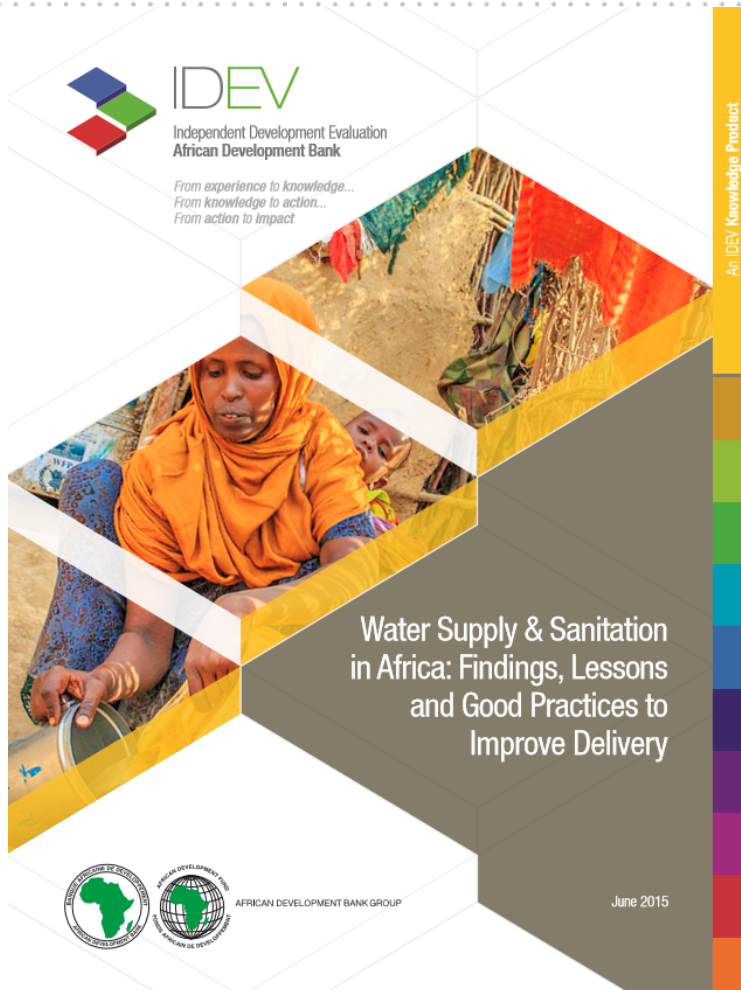
## *IDEV independent evaluation of WASH results*



- As approaches to sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation have changed over time, evaluations of WASH projects serve to improve services for beneficiary populations and to sustain results.
- The Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) of the Bank's projects across sectors and regions of Africa aims:
  - to contribute to enhanced learning,
  - to provide a basis for accountability
  - to promote an evaluation culture within the Bank and regional member countries.

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## *IDEV lessons learned for WASH programs*



- Covers eighteen AfDB-funded WASH projects and evaluation results of other DP involved in WSS in Africa.
- Highlights emerging good practices and innovations and reflects on the key lessons of successful and failed cases.
- Recommends to consider creative and holistic solutions to water and sanitation challenges, based on capacity development and sustainable models of integrated development.



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## *IDEV Impact Evaluation*



- Impact Evaluations of Programs in Ethiopia and Tanzania

### *Key findings*

- Effective capacity building is a key factor for success.
- Institutional capacity building at all governmental levels and clear performance contracts between local and central government departments is instrumental.
- The technical capacity of project partners requires attention.



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## *Future investments in WASH*



The AfDB will:

- increase financing to the sector by leveraging more resources through co-financing, climate funds, public private partnerships and other innovative financing mechanisms.
- support the identification and scaling up of approaches that lead to more sustainable and affordable infrastructure, water-efficient service provision, and multi-purpose infrastructure investments.



“Our sons and daughters are fleeing Africa. This is not acceptable. The heat and floods are too much, the conflicts over limited water resources are bursting communities – and if care is not taken, there may be future water wars in Africa”.

– President Akinwumi A. Adesina of the African Development Bank, speaking in Paris at COP21.