



German Development Cooperation in the Water Sector

Germany is the second largest donor in the water sector worldwide. An estimated 100 million people in 22 countries benefit from ongoing activities financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). From 2003 to 2013 BMZ committed more than 3.3 billion Euros for Financial and Technical Cooperation in the water sector. BMZ makes good progress in providing at least 25 million people in Sub-Sahara Africa with sustainable access to drinking water and 5 million people with access to sanitation by 2015.

Germany's Water Sector Strategy follows **Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)** principles and focuses on reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), highlighting **pro-poor approaches** and a stronger focus on sanitation. Germany successfully promoted the recognition of access to water and sanitation as a human right through initiatives in the UN Human Rights Council and has adopted a **human rights based approach** to development cooperation.

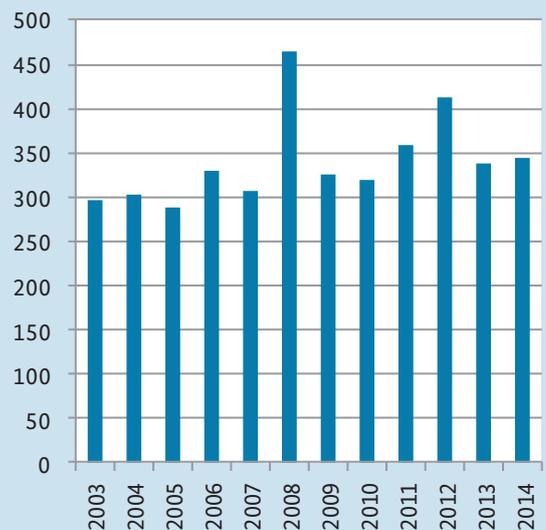
German Development Cooperation is also **one of the main donors in the sanitation sector**. As an early champion of the International Year of Sanitation, Germany took advantage of this year to analyse its activities and strengthen support, particularly for basic sanitation. Germany co-initiated and hosts the secretariat of the **Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA)**, which rallies more than 245 partners to promote sustainable approaches to sanitation and wastewater management.

Germany plays a leading role in promoting **water for peace** through its support to **transboundary cooperation**. Ongoing activities include support to 10 lake or river basin commissions and regional organizations in Africa, Central Asia and Southeast Asia.

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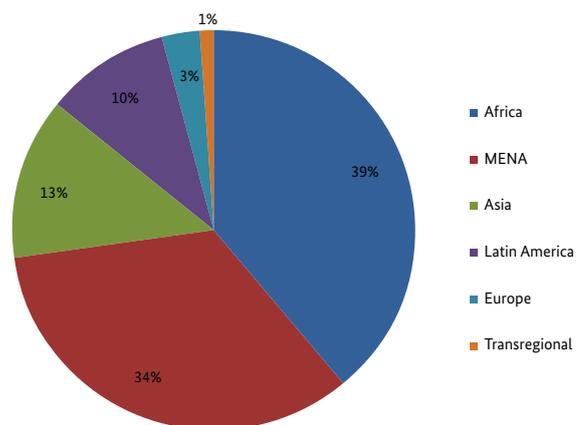
Sustainable access to water and sanitation services in urban and peri-urban areas is a priority area of German Development Cooperation in 12 African countries. **Germany's Africa Strategy** also addresses the topic of Water Resource Management in the major river catchments at pan-African level with the objective that water is not a source of conflict but a reason for cooperation. Germany provides support to the African Union Commission and the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) in the development of implementation strategies to translate commitments into action.

BMZ Commitments to the Water Sector 2003 - 2014 in EUR millions



Source: BMZ

BMZ Commitments to the Water Sector by Region, 2012 - 2014



In Africa, Germany supports one Regional Economic Organization as well as seven lake or river basin commissions in the application of integrated water resource management. Germany contributes to better donor coordination in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), amongst others by the development and annual update of a donor mapping in the water sector.

BMZ supports a broad range of international institutions and multilateral initiatives to improve access to drinking water and sanitation worldwide and to contribute to the realization of the human right to water and sanitation.

- Ever since the ‘Bonn2011 Conference’ on the ‘Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus - Solutions for the Green Economy’, which was Germany’s major contribution to the Rio +20 summit, Germany plays a leading role in fostering a better understanding of the linkages between water, energy and food security. German Development Cooperation currently focusses on supporting so-called Nexus Dialogues driven by regional organisations such as the African Union and AMCOW, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the League of Arab States. It also runs a resource platform on WEF-Nexus issues (www.water-energy-food.org).
- Within the UN System, UN Water is responsible to coordinate and foster synergies between the more than two dozen UN Institutions working in the water sector. The German Government has supported these efforts through the UN Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) with one million Euro per year.
- The Global Expanded Monitoring Initiative (GEMI) was founded by WHO, UN Habitat and UNEP under the roof of UN-Water with the aim to develop a coherent monitoring and reporting framework for an envisaged Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goal on water. BMZ is supporting the initiative since 2015, supporting the development of indicators and underlining its call for a harmonized monitoring and reporting approach encompassing all targets of the water goal.
- The UN Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) advises the Secretary General on solutions to mobilise for international responses, such as the UN International Year of Sanitation. BMZ supports the work of the

Chair of UNSGAB, Dr. Uschi Eid. Current focal areas include a global goal on water in the context of a Post-2015 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus, and sanitation.

- To promote water integrity and to advocate for Integrated Water Resource Management BMZ financially supports the Water Integrity Network (WIN) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP).

Overview of Partner Countries where water and sanitation are priority cooperation areas (as of Feb 2015)

Sub-Sahara Africa	Asia	Latin America	Central, East & Southeast Europe	Middle East & North Africa
Benin Burkina Faso Burundi DR Congo Kenya Mali South Sudan Tanzania Uganda Zambia	Afghanistan	Bolivia Nicaragua Peru	Albania Kosovo Serbia	Egypt Jordan Morocco Palestinian Territories Yemen

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In the context of extreme water scarcity in most countries of the region and increasing environmental problems, BMZ supports numerous water projects in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Balkans. German Development Cooperation focuses on ecological sustainability and aims at securing the long-term availability and quality of water resources and, hence, preserving the natural resource base of the population. More than 20 Million people in the region benefit from tangible improvements in their living conditions and environmental situation.

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