

## The Resilient Water Accelerator

Section 1: General Information	
Title	The Resilient Water Accelerator
Summary	The Resilient Water Accelerator is a new initiative designed to increase the flow of private and public finance into water projects that help the most climate-vulnerable communities build resilience to climate change. It brings relevant decision makers, technical experts and investors together to create deal pipelines for interventions that address water risk, strengthen resilience and attract domestic or international private investment. On a practical level, we originate and co-originate deal ideas; Use existing frameworks (GCF, MDBs) to apply a climate lens to water-related investment opportunities; Demonstrate cost-effective ways to get information/insights to inform deal design; Design and iterate ideas for business models using real opportunities; and design and iterate ideas for finance mechanisms / approaches using real opportunities.
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Region	Africa and Asia Pacific – looking to expand too to S.America

Section 2: Commitment	
Linkages to SDG 6	<p><b>Target 6.1: By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.</b></p> <p>The Resilient Water Accelerator works towards improving access to safe drinking water by catalysing finance into and supporting projects that enhance water infrastructure, promote water access, and enhance water security to climate-vulnerable communities.</p> <p><b>Target 6.2: By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.</b></p> <p>The Resilient Water Accelerator supports projects that provide sanitation to vulnerable communities. We are currently working on one such project now in Lagos, Nigeria.</p> <p><b>Target 6.3: By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping, and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater, and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally.</b></p>

	<p>The Resilient Water Accelerator catalyzes finance into and supports projects that improve wastewater treatment plants in climate-vulnerable communities. It is also working on NbS that help treat polluted water.</p> <p><b>Target 6.4: By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity.</b></p> <p>The Resilient Water Accelerator supports projects that improve water-use efficiency in agriculture, industry, and domestic sectors, promote sustainable water management practices, and address water scarcity by improving resilience in the water sector. We are doing this in Lagos and in Bangladesh.</p> <p><b>Target 6.6: By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers, and lakes.</b></p> <p>The Resilient Water Accelerator is looking into partnering with organisations such as TNC on restoring and protecting water-related ecosystems, such as wetlands, rivers, and lakes, which are vital for maintaining water quality, regulating water flow, and supporting biodiversity.</p> <p><b>Target 6.A: By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling, and reuse technologies.</b></p> <p>The Resilient Water Accelerator provides capacity-building support to the governments of the countries we are operational in.</p>
Target	By 2030, at least 50 million people in climate-vulnerable regions have greater water security and climate resilience through increased investment in well-managed water resources and services.
Linkages to other SDG	<p><b>SDG 1 (No Poverty):</b> Access to clean water and sanitation is essential for poverty eradication, as it improves health, sanitation, and overall living conditions, contributing to poverty reduction.</p> <p><b>SDG 2 (Zero Hunger):</b> Sustainable water management and access is crucial for agriculture and food production, ensuring access to water for irrigation and livestock, and promoting food security and sustainable farming practices.</p> <p><b>SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being):</b> Access to clean water and sanitation is fundamental for public health, reducing the spread of waterborne diseases and improving overall health and well-being.</p> <p><b>SDG 4 (Quality Education):</b> Improved access to water and sanitation facilities in schools enhances the learning environment, promoting better</p>

	<p>educational outcomes, especially for girls who are often disproportionately affected by the lack of these resources.</p> <p><b>SDG 5 (Gender Equality):</b> Women and girls often bear the responsibility for collecting water in many communities. Improved access to clean water and sanitation can reduce the burden on women and girls, promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls to pursue education and economic opportunities.</p> <p><b>SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy):</b> Water is essential for energy production, particularly in hydropower generation. Sustainable water management practices can contribute to ensuring access to clean and reliable energy sources.</p> <p><b>SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities):</b> Sustainable water management, including efficient water use, sanitation, and wastewater treatment, is critical for building resilient and sustainable cities and communities.</p> <p><b>SDG 13 (Climate Action):</b> Water-related challenges, such as water scarcity, floods, and droughts, are exacerbated by climate change. The Resilient Water Accelerator's efforts to promote sustainable water management contribute to climate resilience and adaptation.</p> <p><b>SDG 15 (Life on Land):</b> Sustainable water management practices contribute to land conservation and restoration efforts, as water is essential for maintaining healthy terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity.</p> <p><b>SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals):</b> The Resilient Water Accelerator fosters collaboration and partnerships among governments, international organizations, businesses, the private sector and communities to achieve water-related targets and promote sustainable development globally.</p>
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Section 3: Actions and Outcomes to Achieve Targets	
Relevant Sub-Theme	Water Security and Prosperity
Actions and Outcomes	<p>Understanding Local Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RWA identifies locations or areas where RWA can add value, conducting assessments paying specific attention to climate risk and resilience as relates to water security, financial markets, and business (or operating) models to deliver ongoing benefits to vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• We conduct water risk assessments to better understand the need of the location. We also facilitate partnerships between public and private sector.</li> <li>• Outcomes: a formalised process for advancing water-related investments in the country; market knowledge and insights; network building; relationship strengthening.</li> </ul> <p>Deal Origination and Early-Stage Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RWA focuses on cultivating and strengthening deal pipelines for water-related investments in LMICS that will be climate resilient and financially viable.</li> <li>• Outcomes: country-specific project pipelines/portfolio databases that provide a go-to resource for insights about water-related deals</li> </ul>

	<p>in each market, ready to be explored; increased understanding of individual project needs and market knowledge.</p> <p><b>Strengthening Capabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building, trainings, relationship building between different stakeholders (public/private etc), network development, facilitation etc</li> <li>• Outcomes: Increased capabilities, knowledge, relationships and insights amongst stakeholders in the water sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thought Leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RWA drives innovative research in the climate/water/finance space to help catalyse investment, and develops communications materials that help create a narrative around how to invest into water.</li> <li>• Outcomes: new ideas for how to raise water up the climate agenda backed by research; successful narratives around how to invest in water; RWA brand reputation increases, greater credibility.</li> </ul>	
Implementation Period	Start Date	01/06/2024
	End Date	12/31/2027
Financial Commitment	\$3,000,000 (TBC)	