

Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy (HELP) River Basin Initiative

Section 1: General Information	
Summary	<p>HELP was established in 1999 within the framework of UNESCO-IHP. HELP is a cross-cutting programme component which consider the elements of Hydrology, Environment, Life and Policy in the management and conservation of the river basin by establishing a global network of basins to improve the links between hydrology and the needs of society.</p> <p>The Global HELP Network consists of 91 Basins over 67 countries in the world.</p>
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Section 2: Commitment	
Linkages to SDG 6	Improve Water Quality, Wastewater Treatment and Safe Reuse, Increase Water-Use Efficiency and Ensure Freshwater Supplies, Implement Integrated Water Resources Management, Protect and Restore Water-Related Ecosystems, Expand Water and Sanitation Support to
Target	Integrated River Basin management and conservation, linking water with environment, social and policy aspects.
Linkages to other SDG	Sustainable Cities And Communities, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life On Land, Partnerships For The Goals
Section 3: Actions and Outcomes to Achieve Targets	
Relevant Sub-Theme	Water Security and Prosperity, Water for Humans and Nature, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Governance, Cooperation and Hydro-diplomacy, Knowledge and Innovation
Actions and Outcomes	<p>A problem- and demand-driven initiative, addressing five key policy issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Water and climate •Water and food •Water quality and human health •Water and the environment •Water and conflict

Implementation Period	Start Period	5/20/2024
	End Period	12/31/2025
Financial Commitment	Supported through UNESCO Regular Programme Fund, In kind contributions from partners (CWLPS k RC-IRBM) and supports from 91 river basins in the world.	