

# DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' SUPPORT

## IN A COVID ADJUSTED WORLD

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WATER SECTOR RECOVERY, SUSTAINABILTY AND INCREASED CONSUMER ACCESS

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# OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW NORMAL

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With the onset of Covid, the importance of Water, Sanitation and HYGIENE –SDG6 -is now even more widely recognised.

The vulnerability of the systems to lockdowns/ restrictions/ economic downturns is now better understood.

Resurgence of this and other pandemics is a real possibility, hence countries need to be prepared for the same.

A medical emergency phase of the pandemic in Kenya does not attract large scale humanitarian assistance, and development assistance is generally shrinking as world economies takes a downturn.

# WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN

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Alignment to the decade of action declared by the UN, in pursuit for water & sanitation for all by 2030 – in light of Covid aspire to bring forward the horizon.

Last mile connections and user interface for basic access is particularly important for realization of SDG 6.

Pro-poor mobilisation of financing and targeting of investments in order to direct scarce public subsidies only to those most in need, including innovative water supply models for low income areas.

Review of WSP business models to ensure water affordability and accessibility especially for low income areas.

Continued investment in the safeguard and redemption of water resources to ensure sustainable water availability now and into the future.

# HOW DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS CAN HELP

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Denmark and Sweden maintain support to Kenya's water sector; working with mandated institutions to fulfil their roles as duty bearers, and help strengthen the roles of consumers/ civil society as right holders.

We have opted to work with and through the WSTF, for partnerships with the county governments and the WSPS, to achieve efficiency and accountability.

In the spirit of SDG 17, efforts for sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology that would support realization of SDG 6 in Kenya – examples from Denmark.

We need to cooperate to use development cooperation resources even more catalytically in the future.

# WHAT HAS BEEN & CAN BE DONE

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A section of DPs were able to re-prioritize current commitments in order to support water & sanitation as part of the corona response

Sweden; All partners invited & encouraged to adapt ongoing programmes, incl e.g. no cost extensions. Some partners re-allocated agreed funds towards specific corona response activities, e.g. WSTF (J6P) and KEWASNET.

Sweden 1,7 MUSD to UNICEF WASH response to COVID-19 (for Nairobi and Nakuru, and overall coordination of response).

Denmark allocated KES150Mio to support LIA in Nairobi.

Future plans; Sweden's New cooperation strategy for Kenya 2021-2025.

Denmark's new Bilateral programme 2021-2025 explicit support towards WatSan as a means to address Covid, and solidarity with Africa in the Build Back Better and Greener agenda.

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