



## Water, Infrastructure and Climate Change (WICC)

### Uzbekistan Water Services and Institutional Support Program (WASIS)



#### Rationale

The World Bank implemented Water Services and Institutional Support Program provides technical and financial assistance with the aim to accelerate progress towards the long-term sectoral development objectives in the water supply and sanitation sector. Access to and quality of water supply and sanitation (WSS) services remains a significant challenge in Uzbekistan. In recognition of the critical role of WSS services for the achievement of goals articulated in the National Development Strategy, the Government of Uzbekistan launched a major sectoral reform program. In this context, the Program has been prepared, following an integrated programmatic approach whereby financing is directed to priority policy, institutional, and infrastructure activities at both the national and regional levels.

#### Objectives and activities

The Program has a strong focus on institutions, policies and regulations at national level to create and foster an environment where the water utilities can effectively improve their services for existing customers and expand operations to serve new areas.

The overall objective of the Program is to enhance sustainable access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation services, more specifically to:

#### Country:

Uzbekistan

#### Duration:

2020 - 2027

#### Total Budget:

CHF 8,75 Mio.

#### Partners:

The Ministry of Construction and Housing and Communal Services;

JSC "UzSuvTaminot";

The Regional Water and Wastewater Service Utilities in the project regions

- Improve coverage, quality and efficiency of water supply and sanitation services in selected project areas; and
- Strengthen the regulatory capacity of the sector.

### **Outcomes**

- Provide people access to improved water sources;
- Provide people access to improved sanitation services;
- Increase continuity of water supply;
- Reduce energy consumption in water supply and wastewater treatment;
- Establish and operate sector-wide monitoring and evaluation system.

### **Target groups**

The Ministry of Construction and Housing and Communal Services, JSC “UzSuvTaminot”, the Regional Water and Wastewater Service Utilities in the Project Regions, households in Samarkand region.

### **Key envisaged results**

1. Sector Policy, Regulations and Institutions: State of sector annual reports prepared and disclosed; Medium-term investment and performance improvement plans developed and implemented; Communication strategy developed and adopted; Utilities submitting annual financial statements consistent with simplified International Financial Reporting Standards.
2. Energy Efficiency Financing Facility: Utilities accessing Energy Efficiency Facility; Kilowatt hours saved through energy efficiency measures; Energy audits completed.
3. Regional Infrastructure Investments: Households directly benefitting from infrastructure works; Increase in wastewater collection and treatment capacity.
4. Professionalization of Participating Water Utilities: Non-revenue water reduction; Asset management plans prepared and implemented.
5. Increased budget allocation for the professional development of the utility staff; increased satisfaction with the provision of services.

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