

THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP)

OGP Structure: International Steering Committee (Government & Civil Society); OGP Support Unit (Thematic Priorities, Local Program & Regional Coordinators; IRM; Research), OGP national focal points and national multi-stakeholder forum

WASH part of the Public Service Delivery thematic priority as indicated in the 3-year implementation plan (2020-2022)

Public Service Delivery is an entry point for the OGP Local Program

Global Report – WASH chapter: small but increasing number of OGP commitments on 1) water governance transparency; 2) WASH services transparency; 3) citizen monitoring and feedback in WASH services.

OGP WATER FACT SHEET 2020

Water Fact Sheet

Water delivery can be greatly improved by investing in open government approaches of transparency, participation, and accountability in the water sector. Worldwide, the challenges are increasingly complex and widespread. OGP members are in a unique position to address many of the root causes of water issues, including corruption and poor quality, as well as lack of prioritization, access, equity, and accountability.

KEY TAKEAWAYS¹

- **Water is the least popular area for public service delivery commitments in OGP.**
- **Identify drivers of poor quality and access:** OGP members can ensure that the public has access to information on ambient and point-of-service water quality, as well as information on the responsible parties for decision-making, or, in some cases, pollution or overuse.
- **Create systems for citizen participation and official accountability:** OGP members can often improve quality over time by deepening channels for citizen input and innovation and ensuring that officials have the duty to respond to public inquiry. This is especially important since follow-up on disclosure by officials often improves quality over time.
- **Consider gendered impacts of water policy:** Water policy decisions disproportionately affect women and girls, who are often responsible for taking long treks to collect water for their families, which put them at significant risk of violence and injury.² OGP members can use water commitments to make clean water collection safer and more equitable.

WATER COMMITMENT UPTAKE

65

water commitments have been included in OGP action plans since 2011.

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water commitments have been assessed by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

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OGP members have made water commitments. 21 members are currently implementing water commitments.

NOTABLE COMMITMENTS

Brazil:

Transparency and Accountability of the Water for All Program
Brazil is organizing and disclosing data on the execution of the Water for All program through a universal data platform. This will allow the public to continuously monitor the program's progress and results and enhance its accountability.

Uruguay:

Civic Participation in National Water Plan

In 2016, Uruguay launched a dialogue on the National Water Plan. Nearly 2,000 citizens, academics, and government representatives contributed ideas for the plan and its implementation. The suggestions spanned policy topics, such as environmental sustainability, spatial planning, and drought and flood risk management. Uruguay also included a follow-up to this commitment in its 2018 action plan.

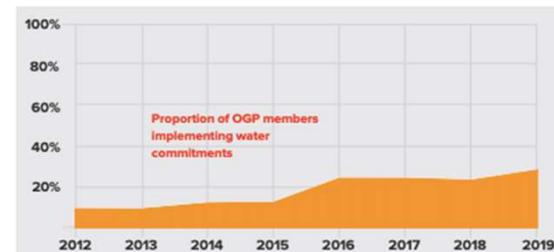
Paraguay:

Digital Platform for Water and Sanitation Systems

The SIASAR digital platform is an online tool that will allow for public monitoring and evaluation of data on local water supply and rural sanitation systems. The platform will act as a communication channel between interested parties in different sectors. A working group made up of representatives from NGOs, municipalities, and donor groups will oversee the promotion and uptake of the tool throughout the country.

WATER COMMITMENT PROGRESS

Water has grown as a policy area in OGP, although it remains unpopular.



WHAT ARE OGP MEMBERS DOING ABOUT WATER?

- ✓ Water and sanitation services transparency
- ✓ Water governance transparency
- ✓ Citizen monitoring and feedback in water and sanitation services

QUICK STATS ON PROGRESS

Out of all IRM-assessed water commitments:



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ILLUSTRATIVE OGP WATER COMMITMENTS

➤ Accountability

Dominican Republic

- Create a mobile app to report faults, breakdowns or failures in water pipes with the water utility

➤ Transparency

Chile

- Geo-referenced visualization of requests of water property rights as well as of complaints about violations of the Water Code

➤ Citizen Participation

Honduras

- Strengthening Local Units for Supervision and Control (USCL), to enhance public participation and supervision and control of the provision of water and sanitation services locally, based on a base line indicators



ILLUSTRATIVE OGP WATER COMMITMENTS

➤ Transparency

Brazil

- Enhancing transparency through increased availability of accessible data from the National Information System of Water Resources (SNIRH)

Tanzania

- Finalize Water Point Mapping System for [local government authorities (LGAs)] and make the disaggregated data available online and other means of communication.

➤ Citizen Participation

Uruguay

- Co-create with key stakeholders a National Water Plan of Uruguay, formulating national water plan based on a citizen jury's approach.



KEY QUESTIONS

1. How to connect with / leverage other OGP thematic priorities?
2. How to build upon existing national integrity and anticorruption sector specific plans? (Peru)?
3. How to identify a limited list of experiences which can serve as inspiration for future OGP water-related commitments?