

# WaterAid Climate Finance Initiative<sup>©</sup>

## Climate finance for resilient, sustainable and pro-poor WASH services

### Programme of action 2015-2020

#### Background

After three years of consultation and negotiation, UN member states formally adopted the Sustainable Development Framework and Global Goals on 25 September 2015, including – for the first time – a goal on universal access to water and sanitation by 2030. Achieving this goal will greatly challenge accepted sector development norms, and the search for truly inclusive and sustainable service delivery models and approaches will need to intensify. The WaterAid Climate Finance Initiative<sup>©</sup> aims to ensure climate finance helps drive the necessary shift from business-as-usual development towards a step change in WASH sector performance.

#### Objective

The overall objective of the Climate Finance Initiative<sup>©</sup> is to demonstrate (by supporting a project or strategy development cycle from inception to completion) how a proportion of the projected US\$100 billion in global climate finance can support government-owned and climate-resilient WASH interventions that prioritise the WASH needs of poor people.

#### Overarching strategy

- 1. Comprehensive literature review and analysis of climate finance flows.**  
Complete – see WaterAid's '[Climate finance and water security](#)' synthesis report and the [five reports](#) by Oxford Policy Management on the WaterAid website.
- 2. In-depth study: Understanding the sector blockages to accessing climate finance (2015/16)**  
Research identifying sector blockages to climate finance flows for WASH in four case-study countries.
- 3. Action research: demonstrate what needs to be done (2017-19).**  
Building on the case study research findings, WaterAid will work with a coalition of partners to support governments in demonstrating what country-led, climate-resilient and climate-fundable WASH strategies and associated projects look like. Lessons will thereby be drawn as to the institutional, policy and practice changes required to secure climate finance for climate-resilient WASH.
- 4. Briefing series to feed learning and new knowledge into the water sector (ongoing).**  
In parallel with all phases of the project, we will produce several explanatory briefs, tools, guidance notes and advocacy messages to bring clarity to several areas where it is needed. This will also allow WaterAid and others to conduct evidence-based advocacy to the global funds, implementing agencies and governments as required. A multi-stakeholder dialogue will be established to share learning and encourage discussion and debate.

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