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ADB'S WATER OPERATIONS

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What's the Water Situation in Asia-Pacific Region?

Competing demands for water

- domestic use (drinking)
- irrigation (70% of water use)
- environment (ecological balance)
- energy generation (hydropower)

How to allocate the limited water available?



What's the Water Situation in Asia-Pacific Region?

Millions of people still without access

Coverage as of 2006 in Asia Pacific Region

Water Supply 85%

Sanitation 56%

... on top of this, global good production needs to keep pace with population growth



What's the Water Situation in Asia-Pacific Region?

Huge Financing Requirements

- \$8 billion annually for drinking water alone
- Additional investment for irrigation, water resources development, flood management, etc.

... past efforts not enough



How is ADB Addressing the Sector Issues and Challenges?

ADB's Core Operations

- Rural Water
- Urban Water
- Basin Water

Combined with reform measures and capacity development



ADB's Track Record

Total Investment Portfolio (1968 - 2009)

Rural Water \$ 7.5 billion
Urban Water \$10.0 billion
Basin Water \$ 7.5 billion

2010-2012 Pipeline \$8.7 billion

... still not enough – there was a call for doubling of water investments in 2003 and reiterated in 2006



ADB's Water Financing Program 2006-2010: Responding to call for doubling of water investments

Boosting \$20 billion water investments over 5 years

- \$ 12 billion from ADB

- \$ 8 billion leveraged from other financing partners including private sector and government



Water Financing Program 2006-2010

340 million people benefited by water investments as follows:

- 200 million people with safe water supply and improved sanitation
- 40 million people with more efficient and productive irrigation and drainage services
- 100 million people with reduced risk to floods



Where are we now?

 \$8.6 billion approved lending from 2006-2009

155 million people to be benefited

... still short of targets, more investments needed



ADB's Strategy 2020

- Infrastructure (water included) and other
 4 core operational areas will account for
 80% of ADB's lending
- Private sector lending will comprise 50% of ADB's business



Beyond 2010: Successor Program for 2011-2020

Underpinning Strategy 2020

 Targeting at least \$2.0-\$2.5 billion of ADB's total lending should be in water



Beyond 2010: Successor Program for 2011-2020

Specific objectives:

- higher efficiencies in urban water services
- improved productivity of irrigated agriculture
- improved water quality
- enhanced adaptation to climate change
- improved water governance



Thank you!

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