

Water Integrity Network (WIN)

Promoting integrity and fighting corruption in the water sector



Region

Global / Guatemala, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal

Partners

Water Integrity Network, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, Caritas Switzerland, cewas

Background information

Water integrity and the fight against corruption allow for effective governance in the water sector. It is a prerequisite for the achievement of safe water and adequate sanitation for all.

Project objectives

- Water integrity is on the agenda of the global water sector
- Right holders are empowered
- Water integrity is a common principle and practice for Swiss-based organizations (and their partners)

Beneficiaries

Local communities and civil society, governments, partners of WIN (especially the Swiss-based)

Costs

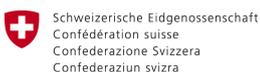
CHF 2,983,000

Duration

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The Water Integrity Network (WIN) combines global advocacy, regional networks and local action in order to promote increased transparency and integrity in the water sector. WIN's goal is for water integrity to become a common principle and practice in the water sector. WIN's work aims to empower right holders to claim better water management and equitable and sustained access to water and sanitation, and to hold duties bearers accountable. SDC supports WIN to actively advocate for better water governance and fight against corruption, and for the implementation of its global strategy, the Multi-Country Water Integrity Programme (MCWIP) and the development of a Learning & Leverage platform.

In the water and sanitation sector, corruption can be found at every point along the water delivery chain; from policy design and budget allocations to operations and billing systems. In developing countries, corruption is estimated to raise the price for connecting a household to a water network by as much as 30%. The lack of water and sanitation services for poor men and women is very much related to a lack of good governance and integrity.

WIN promotes integrity to fight corruption in the water sector. With SDC support, WIN raises awareness on integrity issues, develops stakeholder capacities, and supports practical action against malpractice. It promotes the use of tools to diagnose corruption and to improve governance in the water sector

The new WIN strategy 2017-2022 "Engaging with Partners for Change"

Under its new strategy, WIN will have impact by collaborating with and supporting organizations who can trigger measurable change within countries. By 2022, WIN aims to work with 10 strategic international partners who will actively strengthen water integrity through their programmes globally. WIN and its country partners will also execute in-country water integrity programmes to achieve measurable and significant improvements of water integrity.

Water Integrity Global Outlook 2016

On World Water Day 2016, WIN released the Water Integrity Global Outlook. The publication is a high-level, internationally recognized report on the state

of corruption in the water sector. It outlines good practices and includes examples of tools that make improvements achievable. Its key messages and recommendations are the basis of WIN's advocacy work (download at www.waterintegritynetwork.net/wigo).

Multi-Country Water Integrity Programme (MCWIP)

SDC supports the MCWIP since mid-2012 in Nepal, Mozambique, Kenya and Guatemala. In Nepal, WIN and Helvetas have already been successful in advocating for the inclusion of integrity in the Nepal Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector Development Plan, a major milestone and proof that policy developments favouring integrity are possible and within reach. In Mozambique, transparency and accountability were enhanced in the allocation and spending of budgets for the water sector. In Kenya, the Integrity Management Toolbox supports water sector organizations in making integrity a part of their strategic plans and business models. In Guatemala, local authorities, water and sanitation commissions, and water users have been trained on current regulation.

New project phase (2015-2019)

SDC continues to support WIN in phase 3 through 2019. This phase is focused on:

- **WIN global strategy implementation:** Together with its partners and international, regional and national multi-sector actors, WIN aims to put water integrity on the agenda of the global water sector.
- **Continuation of water integrity initiatives in Guatemala, Kenya, Mozambique and Nepal:** WIN aims to strengthen capacities of governments to oversee and manage quality water services with integrity. It will also help communities and civil society advocate to improve WASH policies and demand better services.
- **Learning & Leverage:** WIN will support Swiss-based organizations and partners to mainstream water integrity in their approaches, with the required knowledge and capacities. It expects to do so in partnership with SDC and MCWIP implementing partners.

Additional information:

www.waterintegritynetwork.net