



# USAID and the U.S. Global Water Strategy

USAID’s investments in water security under the [U.S. Global Water Strategy](#) are critical to advance health, prosperity, stability, and resilience. The Global Water Strategy details USAID’s approach to implementing the [White House Action Plan on Global Water Security](#).

**VISION:** A water-secure world

**GOAL:** To improve health, prosperity, stability, and resilience through sustainable and equitable water resources management and access to safe drinking water and sanitation services and hygiene practices.

## GWS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

Strengthen Water and Sanitation Sector Governance, Financing, Institutions, and Markets



### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

Increase Equitable Access to Safe, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Drinking Water and Sanitation Services, and Adoption of Key Hygiene Behaviors



### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

Improve Climate-Resilient Conservation and Management of Freshwater Resources and of Associated Ecosystems



### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4

Anticipate and Reduce Conflict and Fragility Related to Water

## USAID’S INTERMEDIATE RESULTS

- 1.1** Develop, strengthen, and implement inclusive laws, policies, and regulations
- 1.2** Effectively mobilize and target public and private financing
- 1.3** Improve the capacity and performance of regional, national, and sub-national institutions
- 1.4** Advance transparency, accountability, equity, and efficiency through participatory, data-driven decision-making

- 2.1** Increase area-wide access to safe, equitable, and affordable sanitation services
- 2.2** Increase access to equitable, safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water services
- 2.3** Improve performance and climate resilience of water and sanitation service providers
- 2.4** Increase adoption of key hygiene practices

- 3.1** Allocate and use water resources more equitably and efficiently
- 3.2** Enhance reliability and quality of water resources through watershed management, including protection, restoration, and nature-based solutions
- 3.3** Improve the climate resilience of water resources management

- 4.1** Strengthen capacity to predict, prepare for, and adapt to shocks impacting water and sanitation systems in fragile settings
- 4.2** Address humanitarian water, sanitation, and hygiene needs
- 4.3** Strengthen cooperation and reduce conflict over water
- 4.4** Strengthen coherence across humanitarian, development, and peace approaches to water and sanitation programming

## GWS OPERATING PRINCIPLES



Work through and strengthen global, national, and local systems



Focus on meeting the needs of marginalized and underserved people and communities, and those in vulnerable situations



Leverage data, research, learning, and innovation



Incorporate resilience across all aspects of this strategy

