



CWWA – Online
Discussion Forum

WATER UTILITY
PREPAREDNESS
FOR COVID-19

**REGIONAL STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT &
ONGOING INITIATIVES**

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Water Supply: An Essential Service

- Exempt from quarantine, mandate under **COVID-19 Emergency** measures
- There is now **more demand for water** as proper hygiene is heightened, and apprehension on **state and readiness of the sector**
- **Pre COVID-19 water utilities** had already been stressed
- Time to **redouble effort** to increase awareness on matters we have been promoting. Resilience to **climate change** perspective, and **public health**
- Improvement of **operation efficiencies** becomes more paramount
- **Protection of utility workers** is critical



IDB's Response

- **IDB loans**, upon request, funds may be diverted to support utility operations for protection of workers, e.g. for purchasing PPEs, etc.
- **10% of loan** can be applied for such procurement
- **Procurement rules** are relaxed to provide for emergency purchases
- List of equipment from **PAHO and WHO**
- IDB Country Offices are in **communication with country authorities** regarding country needs and request for support



RSAP & COVID-19

The RSAP (Recall)



Climate Resilient Water Governance

- Outmoded governance arrangements
- Uncertain funding
- Lack of regional level coordination
- Inclusion of climate change and disaster risk management
- Inadequate planning approaches

Climate Informed Decision Support

- Deficient data collection and data use
- Inclusion of climate change and disaster risk management

Climate Resilient Water Resources Management

- Uncertain funding
- Inadequate planning approaches
- Deficient data collection and data use

Climate Resilient Water Services Provision

- Uncertain Funding
- High levels of Non-Revenue Water
- Inadequate planning approaches
- Undeveloped wastewater services policies
- Deficient data collection and data use

Capacity Building and Sensitization for Climate Resilience

- Ad hoc capacity building programmes and initiatives
- Absence of systematic approaches to training and capacity building



RSAP & COVID-19

RSAP Revisit

- CWWA's role to coordinate (as demonstrated convening this meeting)
- Specific actions by CWWA and Partners
- Session with CWWA and Partners on the RSAP to:
 - Review where we are
 - Plan interventions going forward cognizant of COVID-19
 - **Date?**

NRW Reduction Workshop

Purpose:

To define ways and means to address high levels of Non-Revenue Water and contribute to financial sustainability

Target Audience:

CEOs, Senior Management responsible for NRW (leak detection and repair); Influencers

Content:

- Pre-requisites for NRW
- Case studies
- Financial modeling
- Contracting for NRW reduction

Climate Resilient Water Services Provision



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