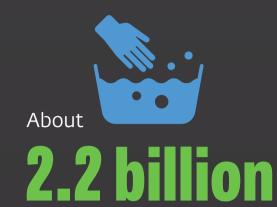
#### IFC TAKES ACTION ON



#### Water is vital to life and every sector of the global economy.

If we fail on water, we will fail on almost all SDGs. Yet despite its critical value, water resources are not being managed sustainably, and climate change is exacerbating the global water crisis. IFC is a leading advisor and investor in the water sector, with extensive experience in preparing, structuring, and financing complex projects in emerging markets. We provide investment and advisory services, partnering with public and private sector stakeholders to support the development of inclusive water and wastewater infrastructure.

### Our Challenge



people around the world still lack safely managed drinking water, 2.2 billion lack basic handwashing facilities, and 3.5 billion people do not have access to adequate sanitation<sup>1</sup>

Under prevailing trends, the world will face a

shortfall between demand and supply of water by 2030, with 10% of the global population already living in countries with high or critical water stress⁴



but less than 5% of global climate finance went to the water sector in 2021-2022<sup>3</sup>

It is estimated that about



will need to be invested in water-related infrastructure by 2030, and \$22.6 trillion by 2050 to address the global water crisis⁵

### Invest in and partner with cities and water utilities to help them

meet their universal access goals



and market reforms

# Our Approach



Partnerships (PPPs) to scale up private sector investments in water infrastructure and improve services

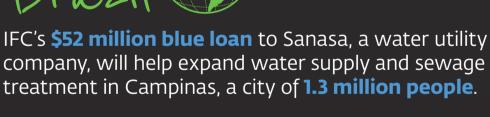
# Our Response



#### (U4C) helps water utilities increase commercial investments in water infrastructure, improve climate resilience, and develop climate-smart utilities. The

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global U4C network currently includes 10+ utilities **serving over 70 million people** in emerging markets with a total of \$488 million in committed financing.







water quality in Ganga, the country's sacred river that sustains livelihoods for half a billion people. At a Glance

IFC has worked with local governments and the World Bank to deploy innovative public-private partnerships to reduce pollution, protect biodiversity, and improve

## Since 1994, IFC has committed and mobilized more than \$3.5 billion

- in water projects around the world IFC invests in water utilities, municipalities, and private companies
- IFC's Blue Finance Guidelines have helped raise \$1.4 billion for
- groundbreaking blue economy commitments around the world from Thailand and Brazil to Ecuador, Romania, and Türkiye

globally with a growing pipeline of \$1.6 billion.

www.oecd.org/water/Policy-Paper-Financing-Water-Investing-in-Sustainable-Growth.pdf

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