Uganda’s Water and Environment Sector Requires a Nine-fold Increase in Annual Funding to Reach 2030 Targets

The Water and Environment Sector of Uganda aims to achieve a set of 24 indicators by 2030, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), measuring progress on important sector goals such as universal access to safe water and sanitation, and ecosystem protection. A funding needs analysis has found that the current level of funding received is not sufficient for the sector to meet its targets. In fact, annual sector funding needs to be nine times the current budget on average over the next 13 years in order for the sector to meet its targets.

A large increase in capital investments, along with growing operations and maintenance (O&M) and replacement investments, are necessary to reach the targets. This budget does not include sector planning activities (e.g., budgeting, coordination, administration) which require additional funding.

It will cost approximately 2.2 trillion UGX per year to meet the National target of 24% forest coverage by 2030.

By 2030, 16% of the total budget requirement will be for O&M activities.

Under current funding, 16 million people will still be without access to an improved water supply by 2030.

This funding needs analysis was completed as part of the Strategic Investment Plan for the Water and Environment Sector (2018-2030). For more information on the methods and data relied upon, please see Volume 1 of the report.

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