

CHOOSE TO INVEST

FY2025

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill
Title VII
Section 7060

FY2025 Recommendation

No less than

\$500 Million

FY2025 President's Request

\$371 Million

FY2024 Enacted

\$451 Million

What is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene?

USAID's [water, sanitation, and hygiene](#) (WASH) programs, ranging from emergency response to long-term systems strengthening across [44 countries](#), accelerate progress toward a water-secure world that saves lives, improves livelihoods, and increases resilience. Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene education [is the most basic human need](#) for health and well-being and can lead to improved health, reduced poverty, and socio-economic development.

What do the funds support?

- Strengthening water and sanitation sector [governance, financing, and markets](#) through improved policy, planning, monitoring, and institutional capacity building.
- Increasing equitable access to safe, sustainable, and climate-resilient [water](#) and [sanitation](#) services, and the promotion and adoption of key hygiene behaviors.
- Improving [climate-resilient conservation and management](#) of freshwater resources and associated ecosystems.
- Supporting efforts to [anticipate and reduce conflict and fragility](#) related to water.

Foreign Aid Delivers

[U.S. investment](#) in WASH [creates positive returns across sectors](#), generating water management practices that build climate resilience and biodiversity, create healthy communities, bolster food security, and promote long-term, sustainable economic growth. Under the 2017–2022 Global Water Strategy, USAID [exceeded its targets](#) to provide access to sustainable drinking water and sanitation by 39% and 160%, respectively. In FY2021, [5.4 million](#) people gained access to sustainable water services, 53% for the first time, and [6.3 million](#) gained access to sustainable sanitation services, 80% for the first time.

Funding History

Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.

