



AFRICAN WATER FACILITY

APPEAL 2024 – 2034

**Mobilising Resources to Meet Increased Demand for
Access to Water and Sanitation in Africa**



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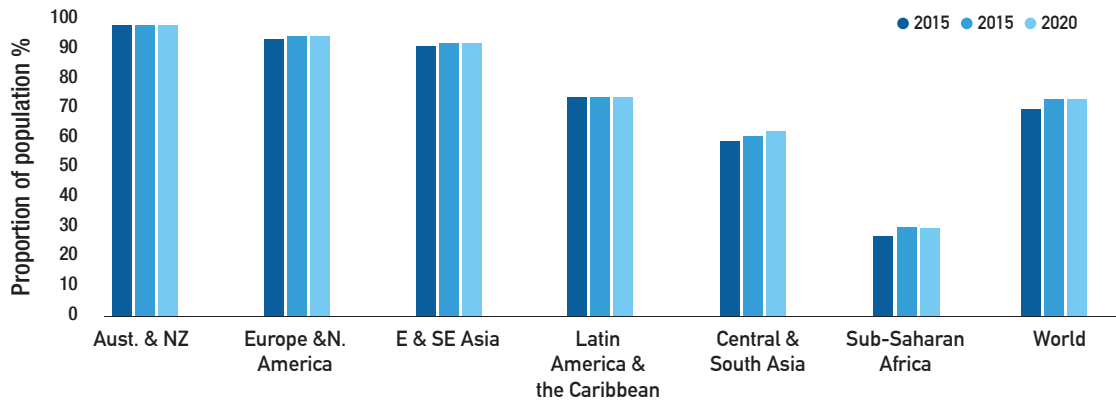
BACKGROUND

The African Water Facility is the only continental accelerator mobilising financial resources to support the preparation of investments aimed at achieving water security and sanitation for all in Africa. A special fund created in 2006 by the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) and hosted by the African Development Bank, the Facility is currently addressing significant demand for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project development and implementation. This appeal informs of the Facility's increased financial requirement and expected increased impact.

The demand for the Facility's support results from high response rates to its call for proposal

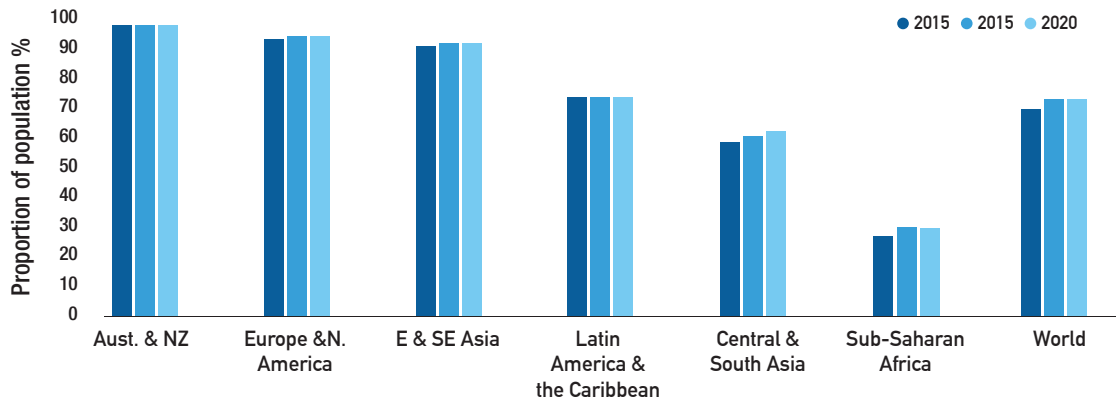
in March 2023, fuelled by a lack of progress on Sustainable Development Goal 6, primarily on access to safe water and sanitation in Africa (see Fig. 1). This is also underpinned by increased political awareness and corresponding donor interest in the role of WASH in human and economic development, reflected by the Dakar World Water Forum in 2022, the United Nations Water Conference Water Action Agenda in 2023, African Water Facility's 2023 Funding Dialogue and the African Union Commission launch of the "mind-the-gap" water campaign, and in 2024 by global water sector events such as the 10th World Water Forum and the United Nations General Assembly on the side-lines of the One Water Summit.

Fig. 1: Proportion of population using safe drinking water (2015–2020).



Source: (UN-Water SDG 6 Data Portal)

Proportion of population using safe sanitation (2015–2020)



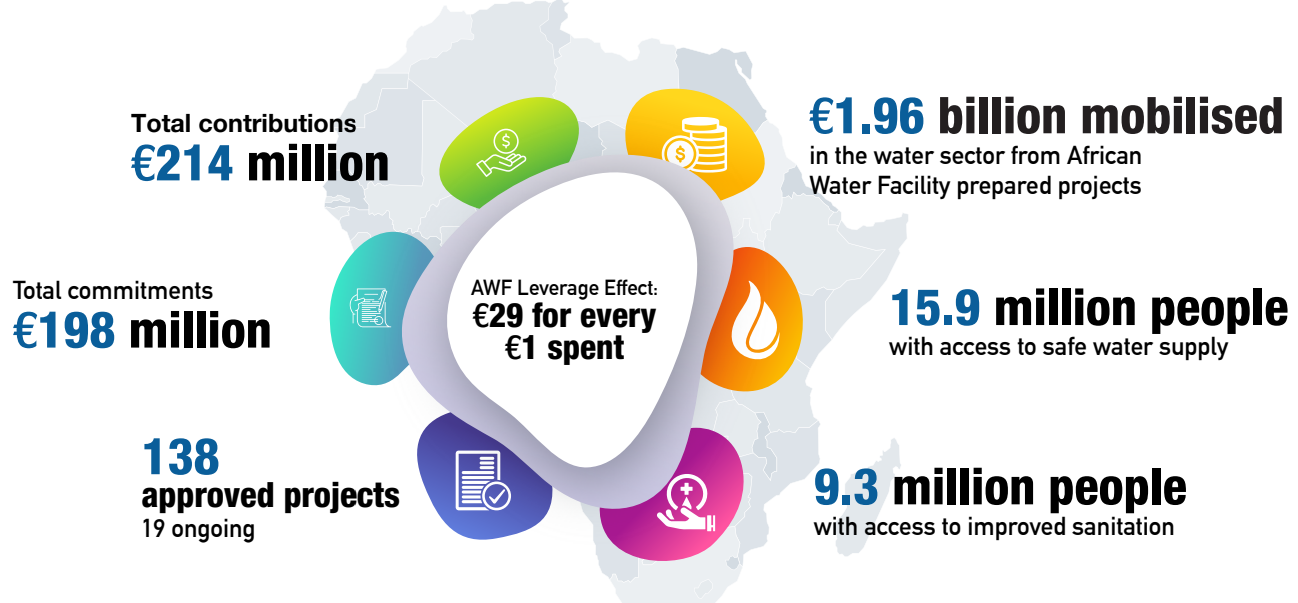
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Mindful of Africa’s WASH context and the accelerating role that the African Water Facility is called to play, the Facility revised its strategic plan for 2017-2025 in 2021 and launched investment cases in 2022 and 2023. While this resulted in increased donor support and pledges in support of its improved efficiency drive and financing requirements, the Facility is now projecting significant higher impact of its operations over the next 5-10 years, including via its new funding window – the Africa Urban Sanitation Investment Initiative (AUSII).

IMPACT PROJECTIONS

Based on delivered impact since 2006 (see Fig. 2) and the Facility's projections for the next five to ten years, resulting from the cumulative effect of its increased pipeline (costed at least at €212 million) and AUSII (costed at least at €300 million), the African Water Facility is set to deliver a significant step-change on its two key impact indicators on access to safe water and improved sanitation, with the latter notably in populous urban environments through the AUSII financing window.

Fig. 2: AWF Impact 2006 – 2023

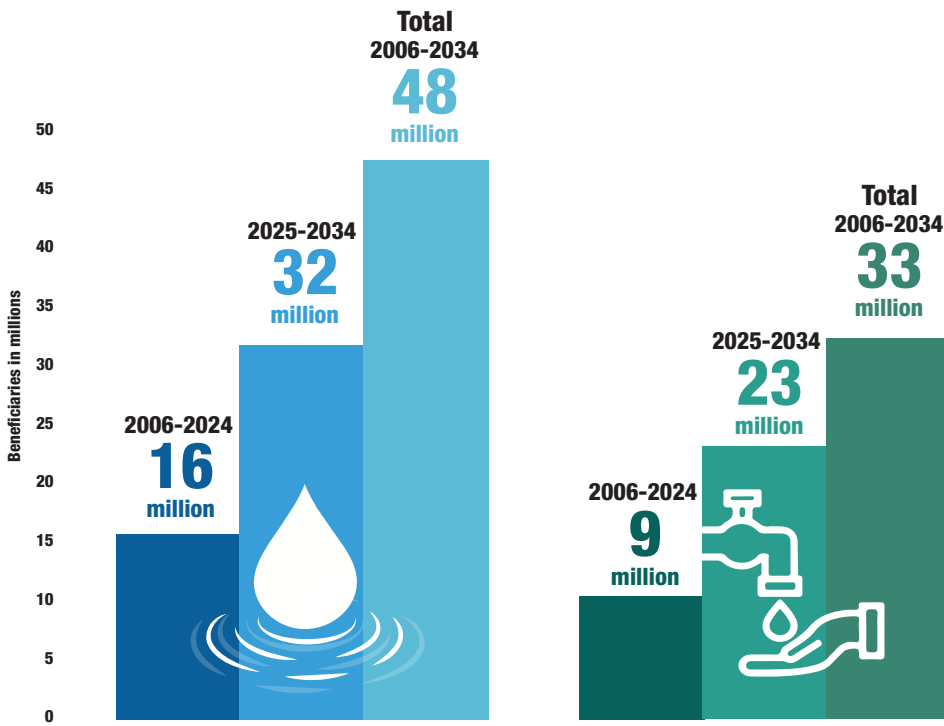


AFRICAN WATER FACILITY'S STEP-CHANGE

The Facility's step-change on delivering on the new pipeline and AUSII entails improving access to safe water supply from 16 million beneficiaries to 32 million beneficiaries, and access to improved sanitation from 9 million to 23 million beneficiaries, over the course of the next ten years.

The total numbers since 2006 would be 48 and 33 million beneficiaries respectively, (See Fig. 3):

Fig. 3: AWF Key Impact Projections for African Beneficiaries / 2006 – 2034

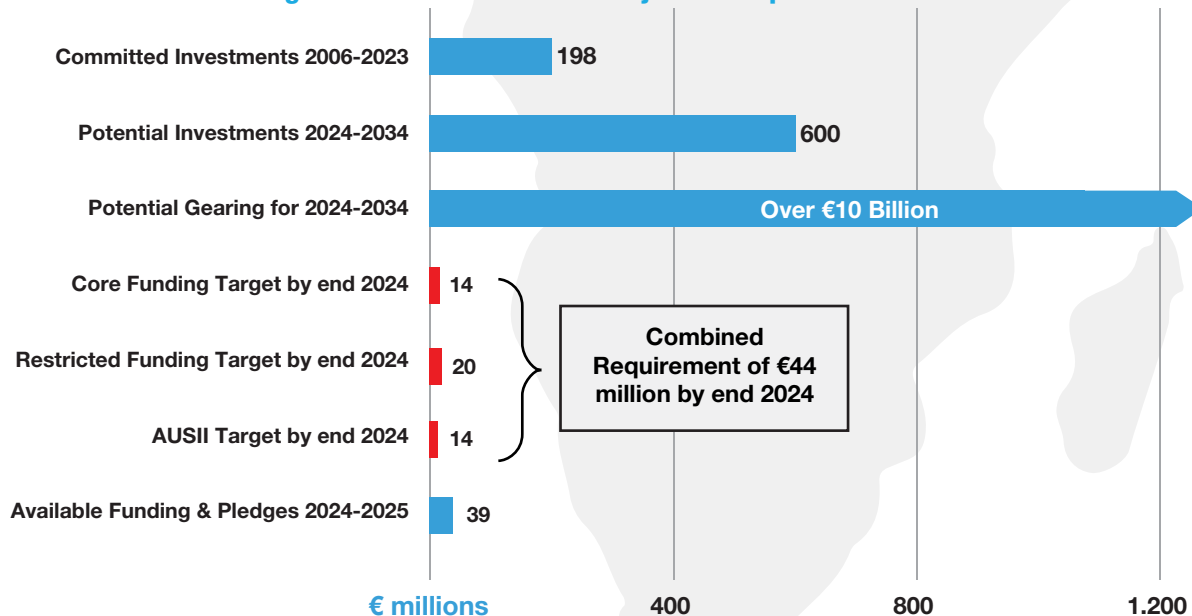


INVESTMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

In terms of investments and requirements, African Water Facility's step-change could result in the Facility tripling its prior investment space of €198 million to €600 million by the end of 2034, of which €300 million would be allocated primarily to project preparation, downstream investment promotion and the administrative budget, with the remaining used for AUSII capitalization and operations. Ultimately, it is estimated that these investments would gear over €10 billion in downstream investments by 2034.

The African Water Facility will undergo a strategy implementation progress review in 2024/25 for the development of its new five-year strategy for 2026 – 2030. Consequently, the Facility prudently suggested, under its 2024 work plan, to secure first initial funding requirements by end 2024 for core, restricted and AUSII funding. These new combined pledges of €44 million would boost and complement the Facility's available funding and pledges for 2024-25 (see Fig. 4):

Fig. 4: AWF Investments & Projected Requirements - 2024-2034



THE APPEAL

In 2024, the African Water Facility looks forward to exchanging with interested parties on its step-change, notably on the occasions of the 10th World Water Forum in Bali, World Water Week in Stockholm, the launch of the One Water Summit in New York, COP29 in Baku, bilaterally, and at African Water Facility's Donor and Observers meetings to be held in June virtually and in November in Abidjan.

Specifically, the African Water Facility intends to secure at least €10 million in core funding to complement recent pledges in 2024. It also

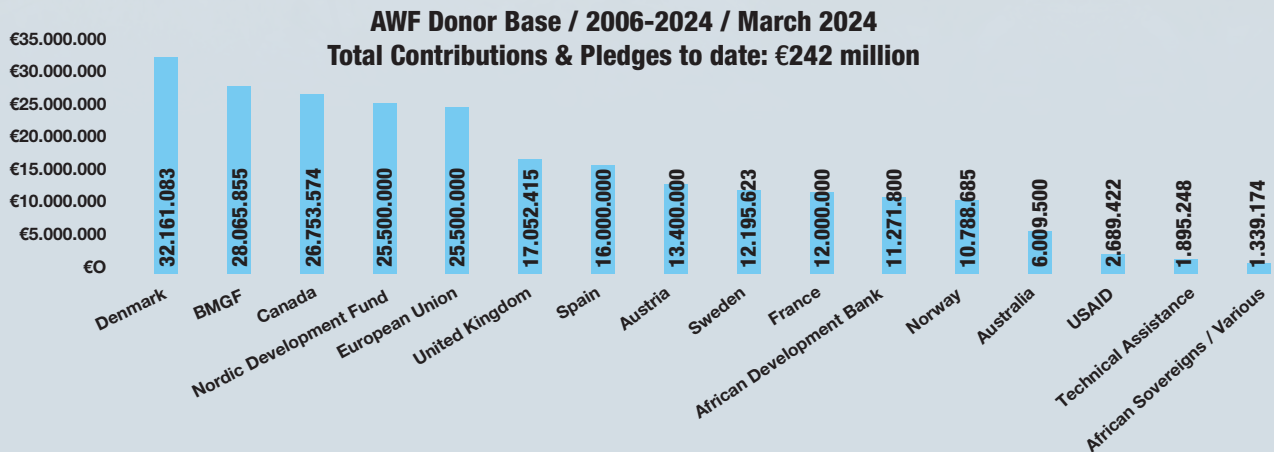
seeks expressions of interest in earmarked funding in support of its pipeline and to identify additional multi-year capitalization pledges for AUSII, beyond the €15 million already secured.

When and if successful, the consolidation and expansion of African Water Facility's current donor and funding base (see Fig. 5) would lay the foundations for an even stronger Facility in 2024 and 2025 to address the most pressing issues in today's WASH crisis in Africa. It will also set it on course to become a leading agent of change over the next ten years with significant impacts in support of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

€44 million required by the end of 2024

€600 million also required by the end of 2024 to generate over **€10 billion** in downstream investments to address Africa's Water and Sanitation Crisis

Fig. 5: AWF Donor Base



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