

 Early Warning System

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**Sindh Transformational Accelerated Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and
Hygiene Services Project**



Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Specific Location	Sindh
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Canceled
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-05-28
Borrower	Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 300.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 300.00 million



Project Description

According to bank's website, the canceled project aims to increase access to safely managed water supply, sanitation, and hygiene services in selected rural areas of the Sindh Province. It will use the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA). Accelerating and scaling up access to rural WASH in Pakistan requires a significant change in sector governance and hefty investments, necessitating a programmatic, long-term approach. Traditional, retail-based approaches to projects, typically focused on asset creation, have failed to deliver sustainable rural WASH solutions at scale. A system change -comprising policy and institutional reform, a professionalized and efficient service delivery model, and a significant focus on behavioral change- is essential to close the WASH access gap in rural Pakistan and to leverage scarce fiscal resources to crowd in multilateral development banks (MDBs), the private sector, and other partners. An MPA's long-term and sequential nature makes it the most suitable instrument to deliver systems change incrementally and sustainably. The MPA is comprised of four mutually reinforcing pillars: (a) sector governance, (b) access to water supply services, (c) access to sanitation, and (d) behavioral change for strengthened hygiene. Subsequent phases of the MPA will customize the theory of change (ToC) based on their needs, priorities, available resources, and capabilities, provided these are aligned with the PrDO. The MPA comprises four overlapping phases. Its total estimated envelope is US\$2.55 billion, of which US\$1.4 billion is financed through IDA/IBRD funds and US\$900 million from counterpart funding and co-financing from other development partners. The implementation timeframe will be from FY26 to FY35, coinciding with the CPF's timeframe. It encompasses the Sindh, KP, and Punjab provinces, with the potential to add the Balochistan Province based on client demand. STAR-WASH-1 will finance activities and investments that will contribute to reducing stunting prevalence in Sindh rural areas by addressing structural bottlenecks for service delivery, including technical, governance, and financial aspects. As such, the Project is expected to finance the extension of water supply schemes, latrines, and transport, treatment, and disposal of fecal sludge and wastewater.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental and Social Risk: S



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US\$ 0.00 million

Commitment Amount: US\$ 400.00 million

IBRD + IDA Commitment: US\$ 300.00 million



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Bank Documents

- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary - ESRS \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document - PID \(English\)](#)