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# Safe Drinking Water Healthy Sanitation

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## WAC Programme in Nepal

UN-HABITAT initiated the WAC Programme Nepal after receiving letter of interest from Ministry of Physical Planning and Works (MPPW), the Government of Nepal (GoN) in November 2004. It carried-out a rapid assessment of seven peri-urban areas within and outside the Kathmandu Valley under supervision of MPPW and in close consultation with concerned departments, local authorities, ADB and with other stakeholders like NGOs, INGOs and civil societies working on urban water and sanitation.

To address the urban water and sanitation issues and to facilitate service delivery for the poor and support the country for achieving its MGD target in the water and sanitation sector, the WAC Programme Nepal is working with government organisations, NGOs, INGOs and civil societies. It has signed a MoU with the GoN for the implementation of the WAC Programme in Nepal and committed to invest US\$ 500,000 per year in urban water and sanitation sector till 2010.

### Objectives

The overall objective of the WAC-Nepal Programme is to demonstrate innovative initiatives on water and sanitation sector which can be scaled up to help meet MDG target at the local level. The specific objectives are:

- To achieve pro-poor water and sanitation investments in selected peri-urban centres and/or small towns
- To enhance institutional and human resources capacities at local levels for the sustainability of water and sanitation services
- To enhance local capabilities for participation in service delivery
- To enhance economic development in small urban centres through improved water and sanitation as well as related income generating activities
- To access safe, reliable, environmental friendly and affordable modern energy services for sustainable development and poverty alleviation and for achieving the MDG.

### Areas of Intervention

- Pro-poor Water and Sanitation Initiatives
- Integrated Urban Environmental Sanitation
- Urban Water Demand Management
- Pro-poor Water and Sanitation Governance
- Capacity Building and Advocacy



**The Water for Asian Cities (WAC) Programme is a collaborative initiative between the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Governments of Asia. The WAC Programme was officially launched at the Third World Water Forum on 18 March 2003 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ADB and UN-HABITAT on the same day in Osaka, Japan. The first Asian Ministerial Forum was held in Osaka, Japan, on 19 March 2003 and adopted as a Ministerial Declaration on Water for Asian Cities.**