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# WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATION DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (WARIDI)

Working closely with local governments and communities, WARIDI is helping Tanzania improve the management of its water resources, improve sanitation, create livelihoods in water and sanitation services, and promote resilient communities in the face of a changing climate.

Tanzania's health, economy, and food security depend on sustainably managed water resources. However, water scarcity challenges are growing along with the impacts of climate change, while reliable access to safe drinking water and sanitation services remain beyond the reach of many people.

## OVERVIEW

The WARIDI project promotes integrated water resources management and service delivery across multiple sectors. Specifically, in selected districts of the Rufiji and Wami-Ruvu river basins, the project will:

- **Component 1 – Services:** Increase access to sustainable multiple-use water, sanitation, and hygiene services (WASH);
- **Component 2 – Governance:** Strengthen governance for sustainable and resilient management of water resources and services;
- **Component 3 – Private Sector:** Improve livelihoods through supporting private sector opportunities in sustainable WASH services, agriculture, and natural resource management; and,
- **Cross-Cutting Component – Gender Integration and Youth Inclusion:** Advance gender equality and engage youth and women in the governance and management of multiple-use water resources and services.

## PROJECT APPROACH

With offices in Morogoro, Iringa, and Ifakara towns, WARIDI works through national and local government authorities in the Pwani, Morogoro, Iringa, Njombe and Mbeya regions, the Wami-Ruvu and Rufiji Basin boards, communities, private entities, and civil society to improve equitable delivery of water-related services. The aim is to enhance integrated water resources management approaches from watershed to household level. WASH and livelihood services focus on demand-driven requests from 20 WARIDI-supported Local Government Authorities (LGAs) while emphasizing private-sector partnerships for efficiency and sustainability, climate adaptation, gender and youth integration, and local ownership.

Funded by USAID, the program is implemented by Tetra Tech (prime), and supported by subcontractors including Winrock International, Resonance (formerly SSG Advisors), Iris Group International, and Water for Life Solutions.

### COMPONENT 1 – SERVICES

WARIDI is collaborating closely with other donors and implementing partners to support the Government of Tanzania's national water policy, national sanitation policy, and the Water Sector Development Program II to scale-up sustainable access to improved water and sanitation services. The goal is to provide 1.5 million people with access to improved water supply and sanitation, and expand the number of people living in open-defecation-free (ODF) environment by 3 million.

### COMPONENT 2 – GOVERNANCE

WARIDI is working with local governments, regional authorities, and land and water users to build their capacity to improve water resources management and services. These efforts seek to create strong and transparent institutions and governance frameworks that enable conflict-free, sustainable, and resilient water use and delivery of services.

### COMPONENT 3 – PRIVATE SECTOR

WARIDI is scaling up access to critical WASH and multiple-use water services (MUS); improving livelihoods through high value and climate smart approaches to agriculture, forestry and reducing threats to the natural resource base through the application of commercial principles to the provision of services, management of resources, and diversification of livelihoods.

### CROSS-CUTTING COMPONENT – GENDER INTEGRATION AND YOUTH INCLUSION

WARIDI is working across all three components to advance gender equality, engage youth and women in the governance and management of multiple-use water services (MUS), and support their ability to participate in and benefit from associated livelihoods.

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