Public-private-civil society collaboration & adaptive strategies to restart the economy, promote investment and create jobs

in the Water Sector

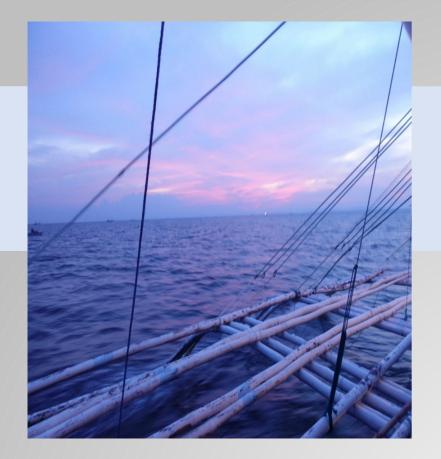
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Introduction

Why is this important? Where do we stand currently?



Why is public-private-civil society collaboration important? A post COVID world will require all actors to work together



Vast infrastructure needs

Public finances alone are insufficient to cater to these

Build-neglect-rebuild paradigm Inconsistent and insufficient budgets for O&M

Enabling service delivery Transition from beneficiary \rightarrow consumer \rightarrow customer

Innovation and technology adoption Competition, efficiency, customer focus → enhanced value

Breaking monopolies and enabling the value chain Unlocking commercial capital and linking markets

Building ownership and shared responsibility Resource sustainability and use efficiency

Private sector engagement in Water is evolving: Innovations, reform and capital constraints is driving project design







Evolving technology landscapes

Pressurized pipes, wastewater reuse, pay as you go / uberization platforms, improved satellite imagery and crop models, mobile solar etc.

Emerging markets

Commercial investments in water sector companies, performancecontracts for irrigation service providers / command area managers etc.



Credit access, availability and affordability

Gradual rise of non-banking finance corporations, micro credit institutions, commercial banks in this space



Global climate concerns

Green funds, green stimulus programs and/or compliance driven leveraging of private investments for water savings

Water security is becoming critical, governments recognize they need to do more, and do it more efficiently

Constraints in mobilizing private investment: Influencing factors

Inefficient water delivery, high risk of service disruptions

Landholding patterns, sharecropping and tenant farming

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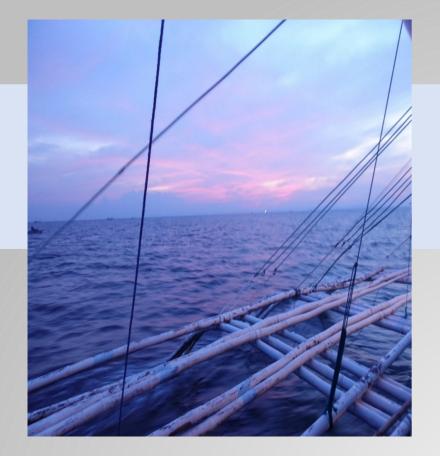
Farmers Cash-flow availability and access to credit is limited

Input cost variability, higher costs of production than revenue



Commodity price variability, access to markets, weak supply chains





Global initiatives

How different countries are approaching this



Enabling access to credit in India: Transitioning from beneficiary → customer



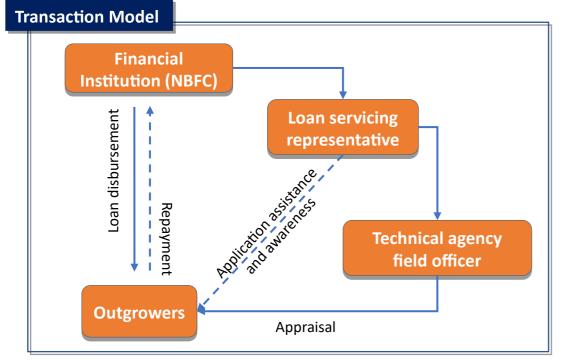
Mobilizing private investment

Financing farm ponds, minor tanks, sprinkler and drip irrigation



Overview

- Non Banking Financing Corporations (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) have entered the irrigation market
- They offer irrigation specific loan products catering to ground realities around water availability, risk and cost of specific equipment
- These are financially more sustainable as they include technical appraisal, outreach, customer servicing, loan appraisal & monitoring
- Increasing interest from equity investors in these NBFC, but cost of capital for them is still very high



Loan products

- Dealer financing
- Subsidy/margin financing
- Cash entrapment (FCE)*
- Stand-alone financing

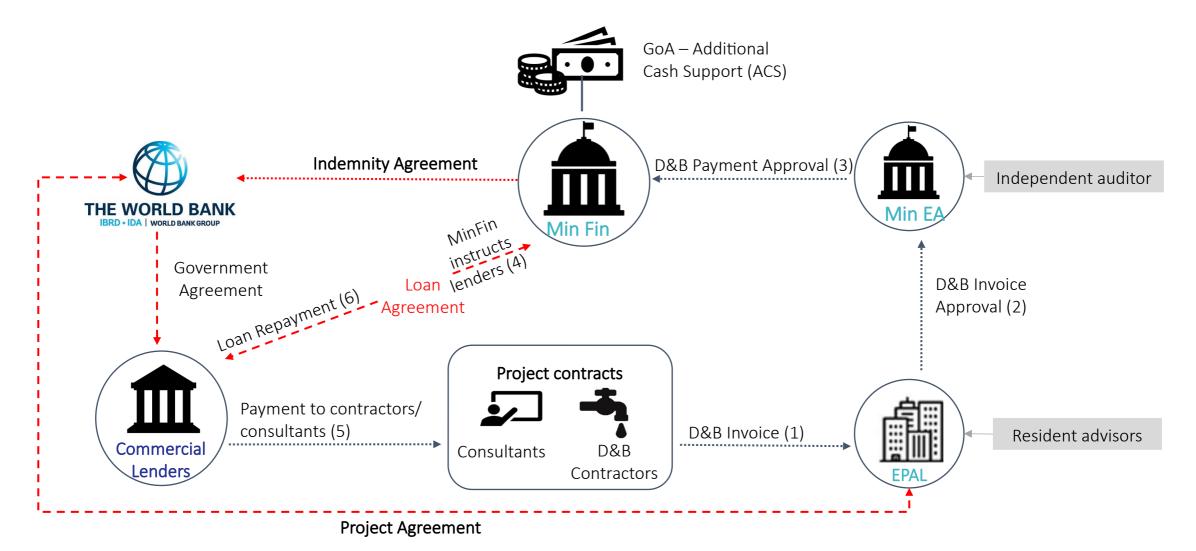
Portfolio of products that caters to different stakeholders across the agri-value chain

Water treatment and transmission: The first IBRD guarantee in the Angola water sector



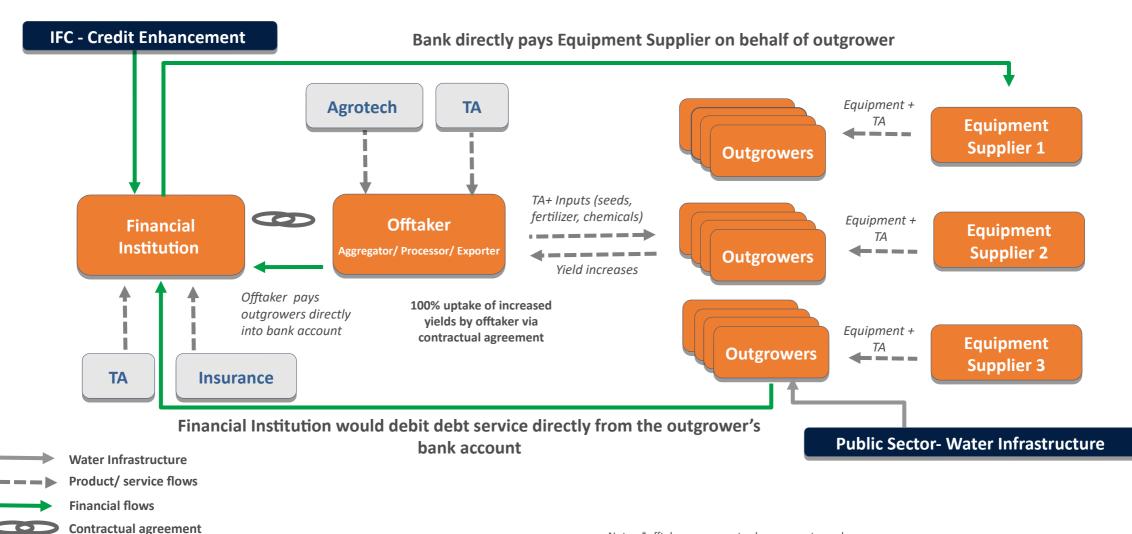
Mobilizing capital

Angola was able to undertake a \$1.09b project by only using \$125m of its IBRD Envelope



Water and food security in Kenya: Enabling the water for crops value chain



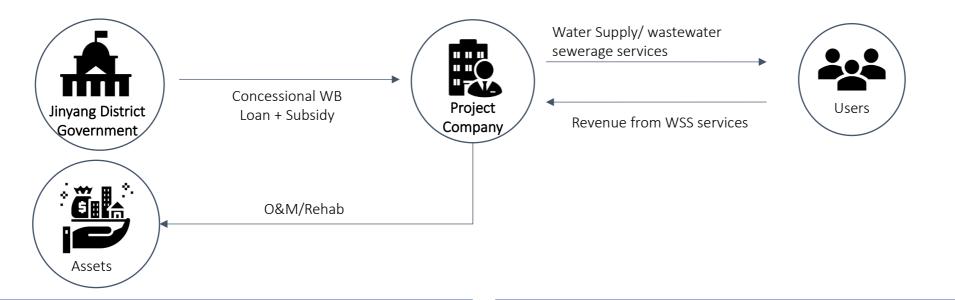


Water supply, wastewater treatment, reuse: Sichuan WSS PPP in China



Adaptive strategies

1st WB financed PPP in the WSS sector in China



JDG's role

- Awards long-term concession to Project Company who will construct, expand, rehabilitate, operate, maintain, & manage assets.
- Retains ownership of water supply/sewerage system.
- Provides subsidy (& potential guarantees) to Project Company to make the Project financially viable.

Project Company's role

- Beneficial use, ownership and control over the assets.
- Provide water/wastewater services to consumers.
- Responsible for funding the residual CAPEX requirements not covered by the subsidy.



Opportunities for future engagement

Can we incubate to innovate?



Going beyond concessionaires Meaningful engagement through a portfolio of solutions/ lending products



Using guarantees

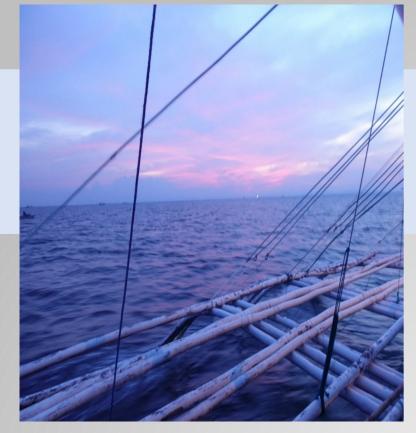
Support governments in accessing private /commercial \$\$

Policy based financing Ex. Subsidy reform for enabling farmer led irrigation

Expanding the DBOT portfolio Work with agri-offtakers and commercial lenders

Service provision and wastewater reuse toolkits Developing a package of tools to enable these

Technical Assistances Studies, analysis and project structuring



Thank you

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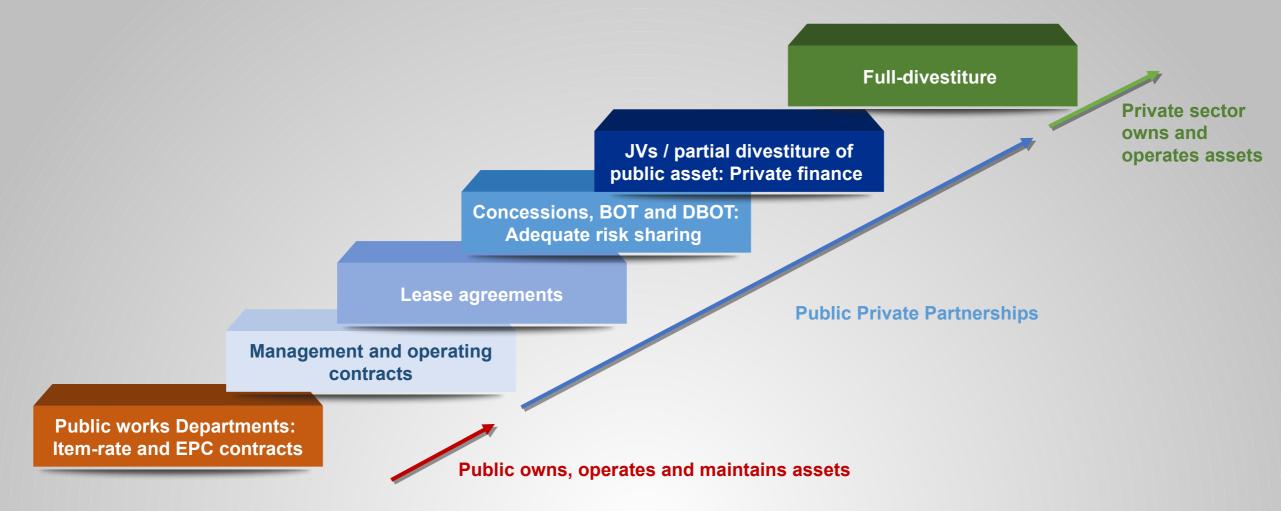


Annexures

Can we incubate to innovate?



The spectrum of private sector participation: Private finance can be mobilized at any phase in this value chain



Private finance: Vast landscape, but there is nuance

Financers, manufacturers, contractors, retailers and end users all have varying capital needs and constraints



Tools for channeling finance

How are financial transfers made in the water for agriculture value chain?



Public finance

- Outright capital expenditure
- Subsidies
- Federal grants / loans / external transfers (direct aid)
- Equity investments
- Incentive payments for green initiatives/ecological services

Private finance

- Self owned and financed
- Commercial Loans*
- Micro-finance
- Rental models (Individual, shared)
- Pay as you go (incl uberization)
- Agri-based investors

Industry (contractors, manufacturers, retailers)

- Source of capital primarily self owned
- Project based commercial loans
- Beginnings of interest from equity investors

*Could be based on credit worthiness, collateralized against land, or with existing government schemes

How do these tools work with each other? Applying different tools to generate value in trustful ecosystem

