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# SUCCESS FACTOR: GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

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## Inform and engage authorities to anchor your project in the sector plans and increase accountability.

### OVERVIEW

WASH and WRM projects are usually executed over a fixed period and within certain cost and other limitations. Government on the other hand is the ultimate duty bearer when it comes to water supply and sanitation services and comprises legitimate institution for resolving water disputes, regulating water allocation and ensuring a sustainable overall development of the water sector. Since WASH and WRM projects should aim to contribute sustainably to improved water management practices or service delivery it is key to establish clear links to those institutions mandated to ensure the required follow-up to a given project after its completion.

### HOW TO

How and where does your project fit within the regional development plans/strategies?

Consult the development plans (or equivalent document) in a given region to clarify your role in the local water sector, to establish links between your projects and official targets for WASH and WRM, to find more support and advice from responsible authorities, to coordinate tasks and avoid conflicts. This process may foster interesting collaborations.

**Use IQC tool Consult development plans in a region.**

Are expectations and responsibilities among the implementing organization and local government clarified in an MoU?

Establish clarity on expectation around the project at an early stage of the project. A related MoU or other type of agreement with the responsible government agency helps preventing conflicts, building trust and leaving less room for misinterpretation.

**Use IQC tool Establish a MoU with the local government.**

### RELATED TOOLS

Consult development plans in the region (of WSBs)

Establish a MoU with the local government