EBRD Water Projects in Central Asia

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EBRD’s Water Programme in the Tajikistan started in 2004. As per today the Water Programme amounts to EUR 88 m – 21 cities in all (all cities with a population over 20,000).

EBRD’s Water Programme in the KR started in 2009. As per today the Water Programme amounts to EUR 88 m including projects under implementation and advanced stages of preparation – 9 cities in all.

EBRD water projects in Central Asia are co-financed by EU and Swiss SECO. Capital grants bridge affordability constraints.

All projects have capacity building components in form of Corporate Development Programmes and Stakeholder Participation Programmes for enhanced awareness among the population.

EBRD organizes dissemination seminars for clients across the region. Results of the dissemination efforts are visible among our clients.
Approach to water projects

- Structuring the financing of municipal infrastructure, equipment and services to improve service levels
- Promote commercialisation and corporatisation of services
- Development of regulatory structures
- Promotion of private sector involvement, where appropriate
- Environmental, social, health and safety improvement
- Facilitate donor grant co-financing
- Policy dialogue in coordination with IFIs and donors

Head works chlorination unit using a bath tub
Talas, KR
Introducing incentives to use water more efficiently

- Rehabilitation of water supply and key wastewater improvements reduce water borne disease
- Introduction of cost recovery principles and appropriate tariff methodologies to cover costs while ensuring affordability
- Metering to enable utilities to monitor consumption
- Improving collections
- Stakeholder Participation Programmes for enhanced awareness
- Policy dialogue covering regulatory frameworks to promote utility autonomy and operational and financial sustainability
- Phased approach – build absorption capacity
Phased approach – enhancing absorption capacity in the local economy

Chkalovsk, Tajikistan
Improving efficiency, service levels and people’s lives

- Corporate Development Programmes for the utilities
- Introduction of monitoring and targeting programmes
- Benchmarking and twinning arrangements
- Reduce water borne disease
- Children go to school
- Time freed up (previously used to fetch water and taking care of sick family members)
- Gender impact – unlock the economic potential of women
- Energy efficiency and climate change mitigation measures – securing future supply
Pre-project situation

- Ad hoc water supply
- Low collection rates
- Low tariffs
- Low salaries
- Emergency repairs
- Catastrophic financials

Missig man-hole covers

Talas, KR: A basement flooded with raw wastewater
Taboshar Mayor: I hate yellow!
After the project

- Reliable water supply
- High collection rates
- Higher tariffs
- Higher salaries
- Preventive maintenance routines
- Sustainable operations
- Public awareness
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