

WELCOME

India Water Platform Meeting

07 July 2025



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Program

- 13.00 Opening and welcome (*Mr. Sander Carpaij, Min. I&W*)
- 13.10 Statements by the Government of India
- 13.20 Statements from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in India
- 13.40 Priorities und the Strategic Water Partnerships (*Mr. Sander Carpaij, Min. I&W*)
- 14.00 Project TA Sunderbands (*Mr. Jasper Leuven – Royal Haskoning DHV*)
- **14.25 Coffee break**
- 15.00 IFAT Mumbai (*Mirjam van Buchem, NWP*)
- 15.25 Developments and project opportunities on watertechnology in India (*Steven van Rossum, Valuing Blue*)
- 15.50 Contribution of Invest International (*Mr. Leon Weisscher*)
- 16.15 Water as Leverage in India (*Mr. Hans Gehrels, Deltares and Esmee van de Ridder, RVO*)
- **16.45 Networking drinks**





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India Water Platform meeting

Bilateral Water Cooperation

Sander Carpay
Program Manager & Delta Coordinator India
Ministry of Infrastructure & Water Management



The Netherlands International Water Ambition (NIWA)

Joint international water policy of four principle Ministries of the Netherlands National Government (Infrastructure and Water Management, Foreign Affairs, Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality) to promote coherent use of Dutch water related international policy making instruments and offers a platform for cooperation among public, private, societal and knowledge partners.





Strategic Water Partnership

Signed in 2022 by Ministers of Jal Shakti and Infrastructure & Water Management

Valid until 2027.



Under the SWP we work together on three main geographic areas:

- With National Mission for Clean Ganga in the Ganga Basin
- In Kerala, post-floods
- In West-Bengal, flood-prevention



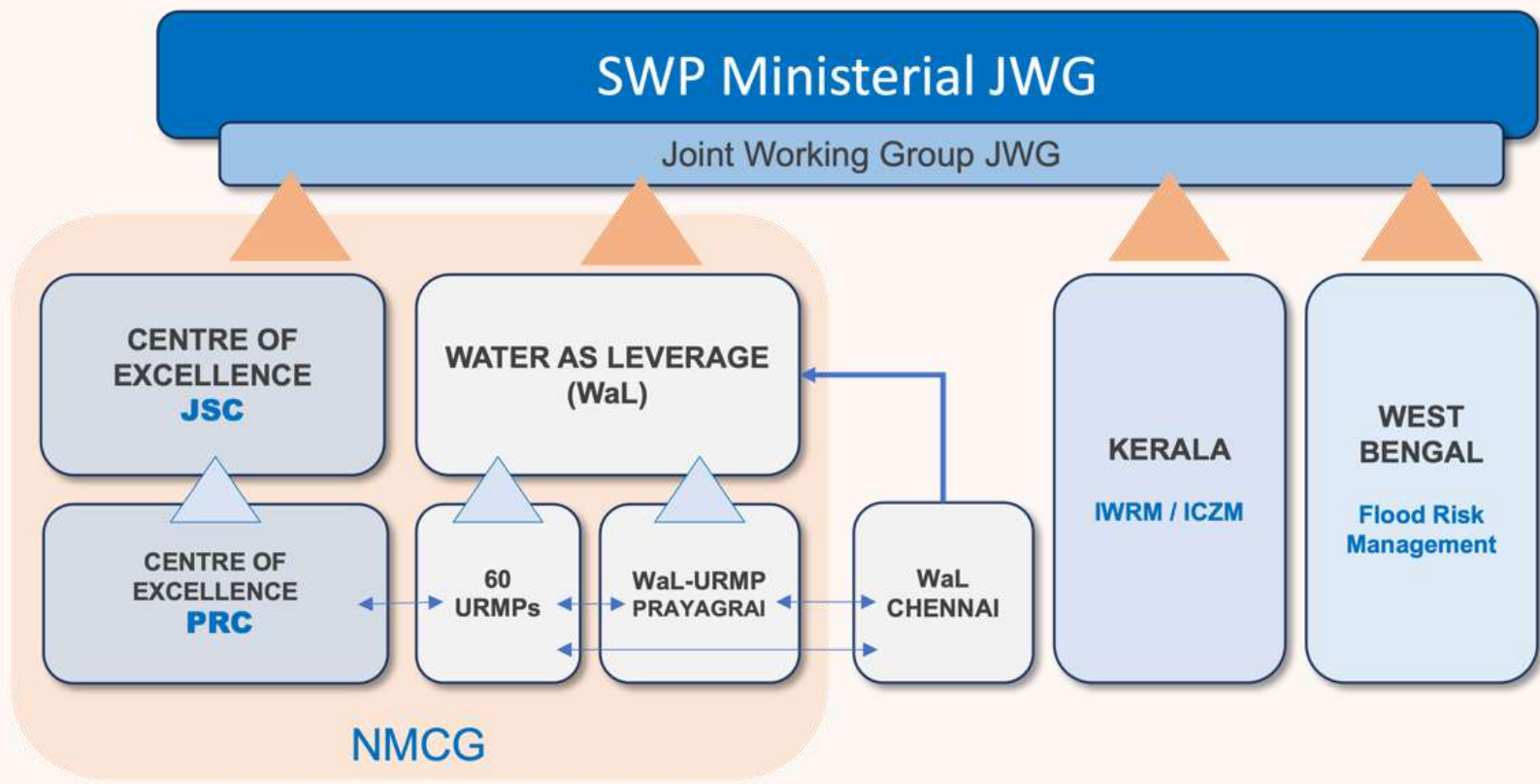
And we support the India-led initiative of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) through:

- Urban Water Infrastructure training modules
- Delhi Flood Risk Management



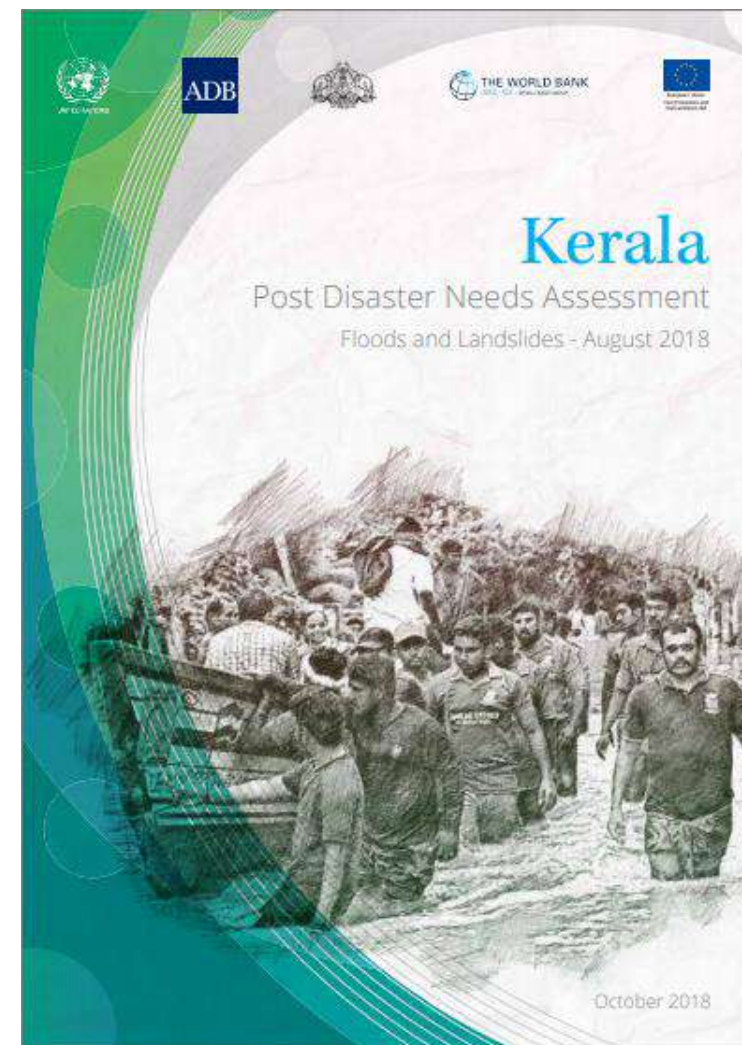


Strategic Water Partnership - SWP





Kerala – post floods 2018





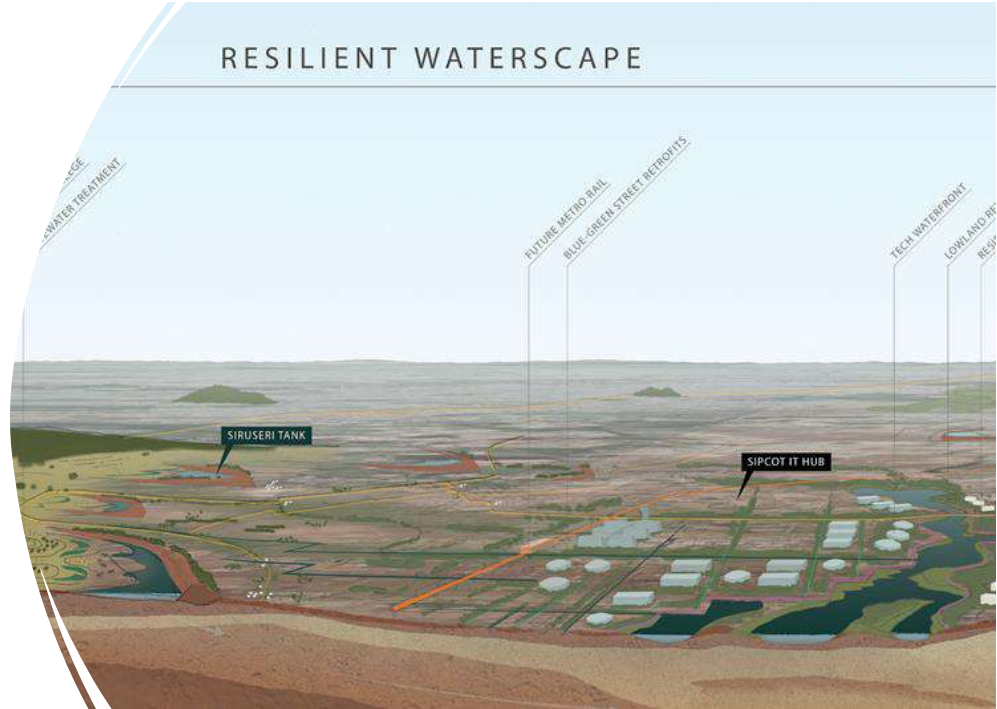
In Sundarbans – West Bengal





Water as Leverage for Resilient Indian Cities

In Chennai, Tamil Nadu since 2018

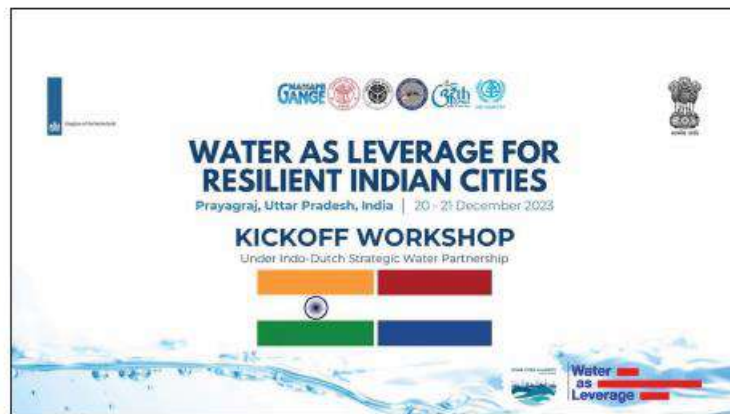
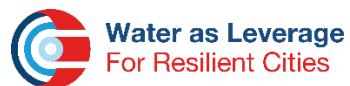




Water as Leverage for Resilient Indian Cities

In Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh since 2023

At national level, integrating WaL Principles into the Urban River Management Framework (URMP), being rolled out in 60 cities in 4 states + foreseen for Delhi.





Flagship SWP program: **India-NL Centre of Excellence**

In the SWP the CoE is agreed as follows:

“[...] to establish an India-Dutch Center of Excellence (CoE) on water safety, water availability and water quality.”





India - Netherlands International Center of Excellence on water safety, water availability and water quality

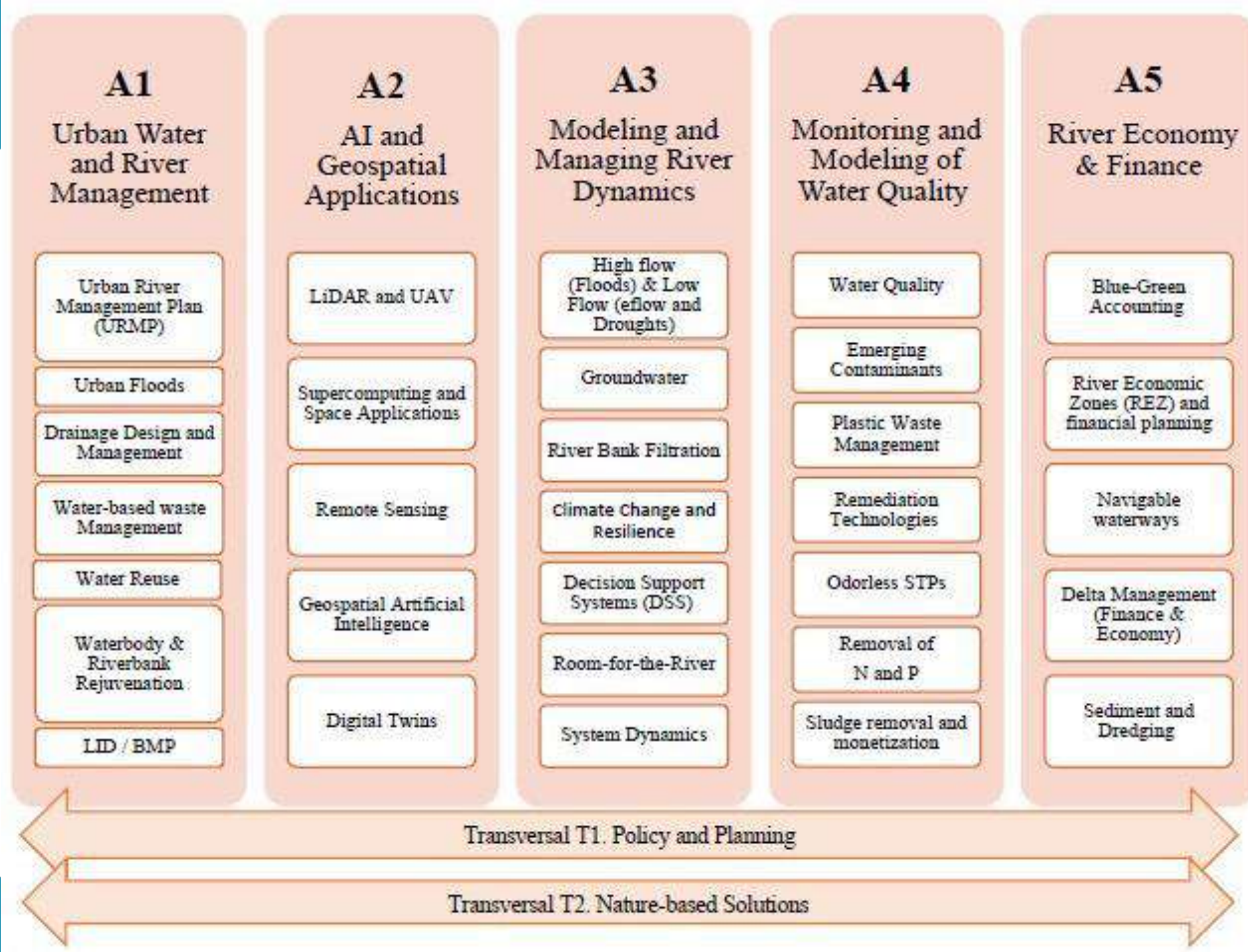
Hosted at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.





India - Netherlands International Center of Excellence on water safety, water availability and water quality

1. The Center will provide **action-oriented research** for addressing the water challenges for river rejuvenation & Nature Based Solutions in urban areas.
2. **Identification, showcasing and landing** of available technologies from Netherlands.
3. Center will act as **knowledge and innovation hub** for incubating new ideas and showcasing state of the art technologies.
4. **Develop high-quality training programs** for NMCG/MoJS personnel as well as produce trained human capital for the country of India.





Secretariat Activities

- IITD-IHE Joint Training Program
- Internships
- Hackathon
- Startup Incubation
- Technical assistance
- Competitions & awards
- Chair Professorships
- NMCG PhD/M.Tech/B.Tech. Project Awards
- IITD-NMCG Distinguished Lecture Series
- Conferences & Seminars
- Trainings/Workshops
- Knowledge platform management



India - Netherlands International Center of Excellence on water safety, water availability and water quality

Work Plan 2025-2026: first foreseen activities

1. Exposition on Dutch water solutions
2. IFAT Mumbai + CoE Delhi combined mission
3. Water treatment pilot at NMCG sewage treatment facilities
4. Urban River Management Plan (URMP) – Delhi Flood Risk Management – NDMA-DDMA-CDRI-NMCG-CoE.
5. CDRI Urban Water Infrastructure Resilience training modules



Netherlands' contribution to the CoE:

Partners for Water – delta country budget incl. Water as Leverage

Partners for Water – all relevant innovations from IvWW subsidy rounds

All knowledge developed under Govt programs e.g. Room for the River, SLR Knowledge Program, RWS manuals also internationally developed, etc.

CDRI training modules on urban water infrastructure resilience

NWO program in India, also upcoming call

IHE Delft and IIT Delhi to develop joint training programs of interest to NMCG and Ministry of Jal Shakti

And much more!



Foreseen CoE activities on the Indian side:

1. Upgradation of URMP Framework and development of an Urban River Management Plan (URMP) for Delhi.
2. Development of the Ganga Water Digital Twin (GWDT) and a Water Cycle Atlas using Hybrid Physics-AI approaches
3. LiDAR and UAV-based assessment, design, and improvement of urban water infrastructure with a focus on drainage network.
4. Modelling and Scenario Analysis for Reuse of treated water for Aquifer Recharge with respect to existing regulatory practices in the country and comparing with international best practices
5. Understanding the Fate and Transport Dynamics of Contaminants Emanating from Plastic, Electronic, and Medical Waste Dumping Sites: Developing a Health Risk Assessment Framework and Remediation Strategies for Soil-Water System
6. Source-mapping, Health Impact Assessment, and Effective Mitigation of Fecal Pollution in the Ganga River



Next steps in the CoE:

- Develop a Work Plan – NL – NMCG – IITD
- Populate the CoE online solutions portal
- Announcement during PM Modi visit to NL
- Grand opening
- And go!



Other funded water activities in India

Agriculture transition through
productive biodiversity

Meta Meta



Objective:

Support transition of current
agricultural system through the use
of nature-based solutions which can
contribute effectively to

- a) managing biodiversity,
- b) increased food security and
- c) promotion of practical uses of
Nature Based solutions (better
water management and healthy
ecosystems).



Other funded water activities in India: WaterMappers

Solution

Real-life, data driven water budgets to improve water management practices and align availability and demand



-  Real-time water level and consumption data at customizable time intervals
-  Automated data analytics, that estimate current and future water budgets
-  Manual adjustable alerts and advices on water budgets
-  Always connected and secured end-to-end-encryption, connectable



Partners



K. J. SOMAIYA INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH



ARTESIA
WATER RESEARCH UNLIMITED



Solar Magic



WATER MAPPERS

Lead Applicant



Other funded water activities in India: Solidaridad

Full Project Title		Short Title	Duration	Sectoral Theme
	Increasing Water Use Efficiency in Sugarcane Growing in India	FDW Sugarcane	2015-2020	Promote improved water safety and Security
	Pollution Prevention and Efficient Water Use in the Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster, Uttar Pradesh, India	FDW Leather	2017-2022	Promote efficient water use and pollution abatement
	Water Efficiency in Sustainable Cotton-based Production Systems in Maharashtra, India	FDW Cotton	2019-2023	Promote improved water safety and security
	Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security and Transforming Smallholders' Livelihood in Madhya Pradesh, India	SDGP Soy	2019-2023	Contribute to improved food and nutrition security



**You are all invited to contribute to the CoE
and the strong bilateral water cooperation!**



Thank you!



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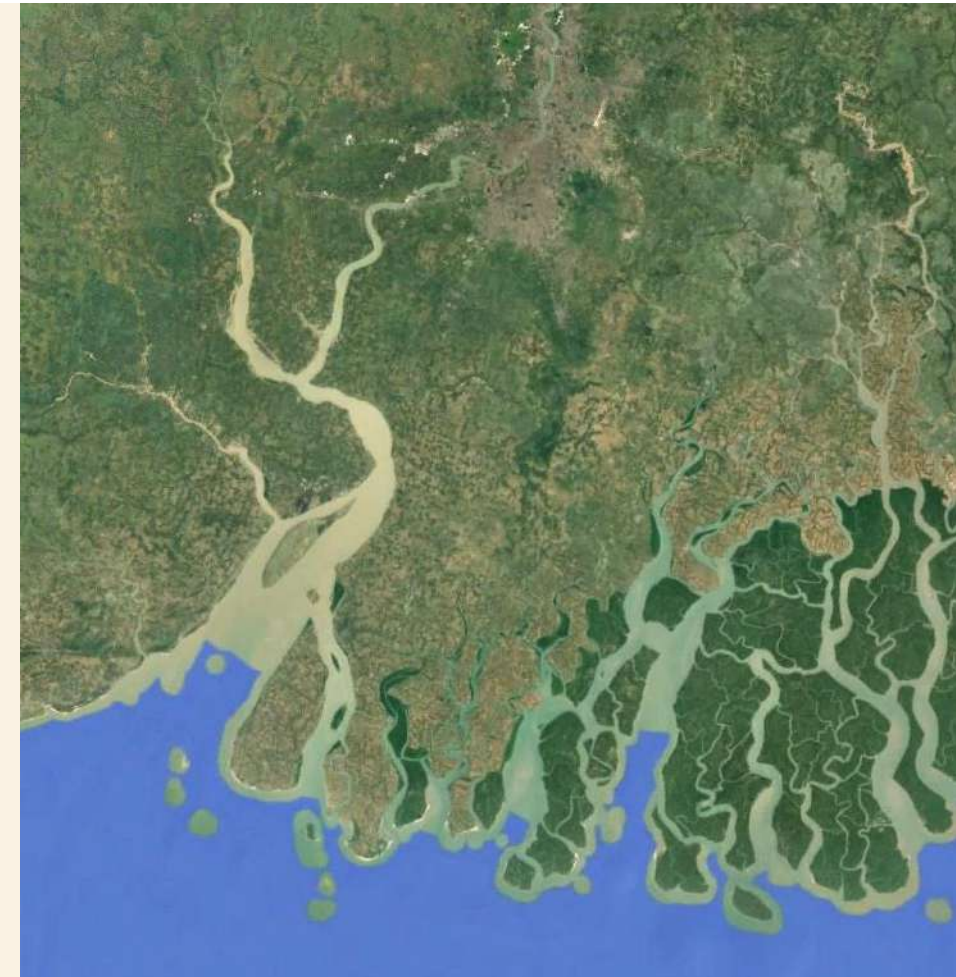
Improving flood resilience in the Sundarbans

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BJ5287-Project related

Jasper Leuven, George Peters, Floris van der Ziel, Bas van Maren, Fernanda van der Velde
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7 July 2025

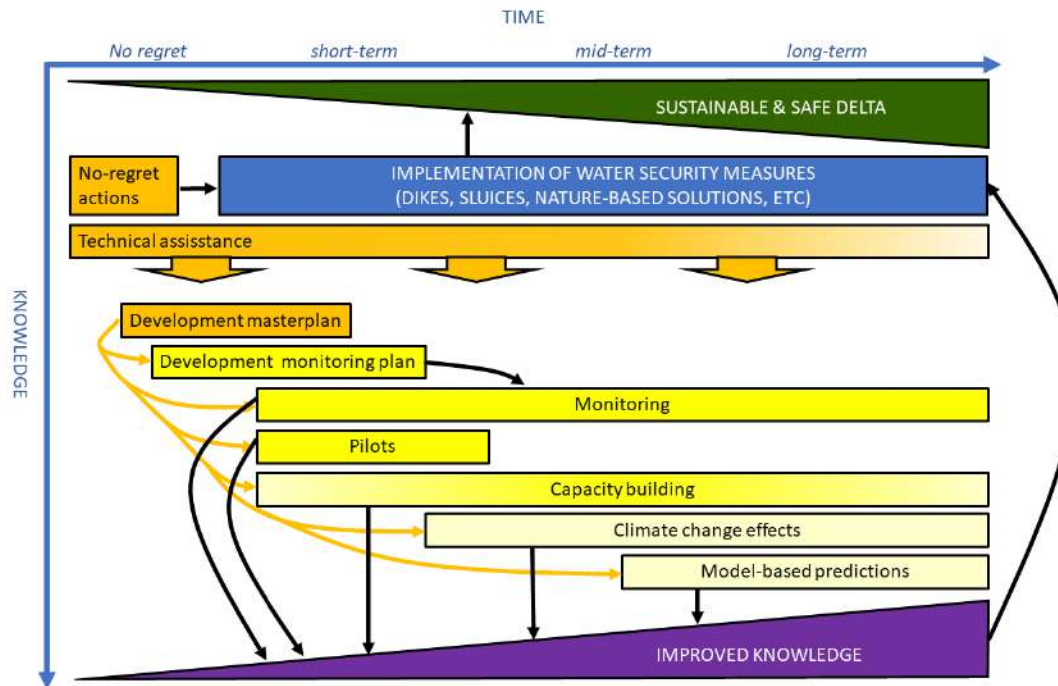




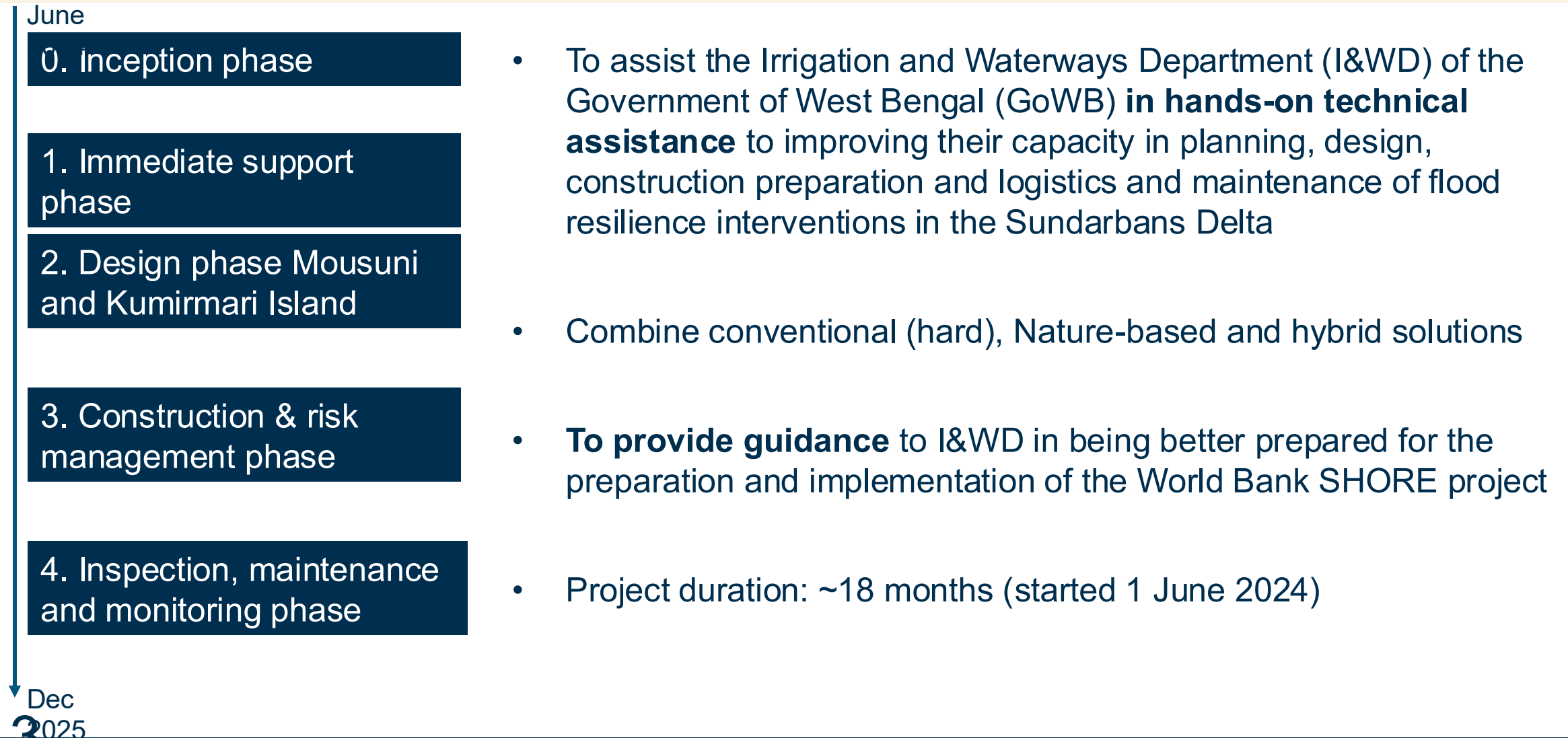
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RVO PvW – West Bengal partnership on Flood Resilience

- 2022 – DRR mission
- 2023 – Several technical assistance activities (World Bank & RVO)
- 2024 – PvW TA project RVO



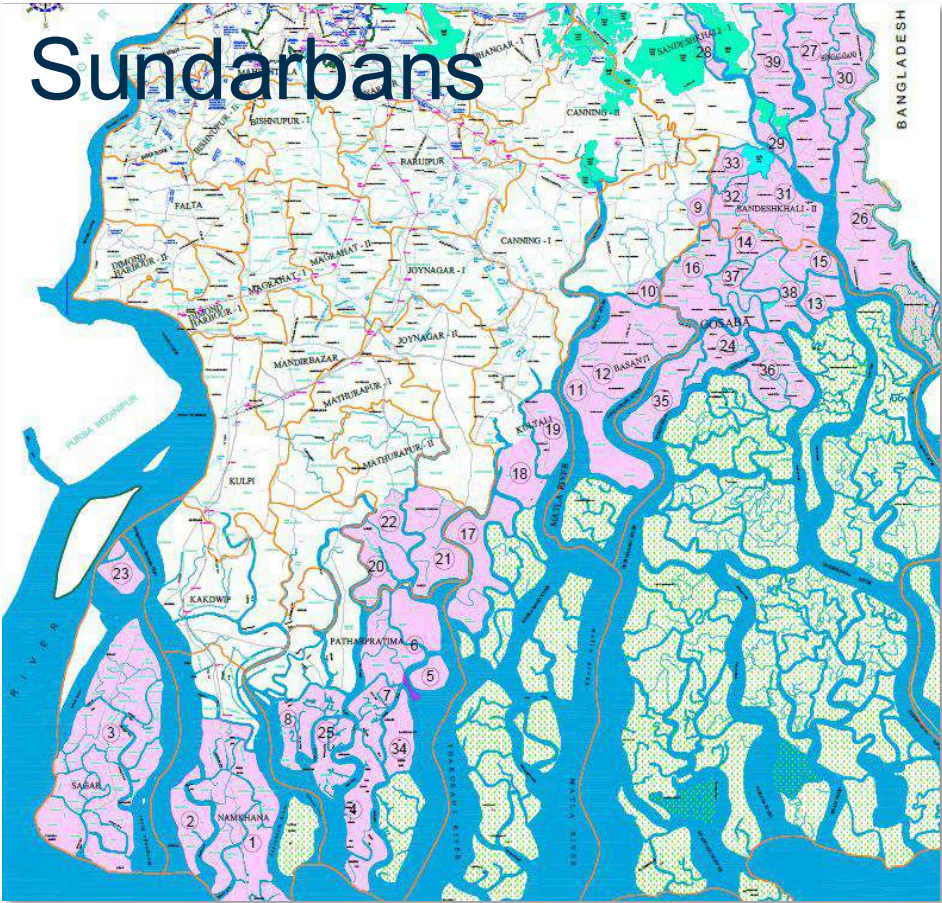
Workplan and objectives



Spatial scales

Project

Scale of the entire
Sundarbans



Masterplanning

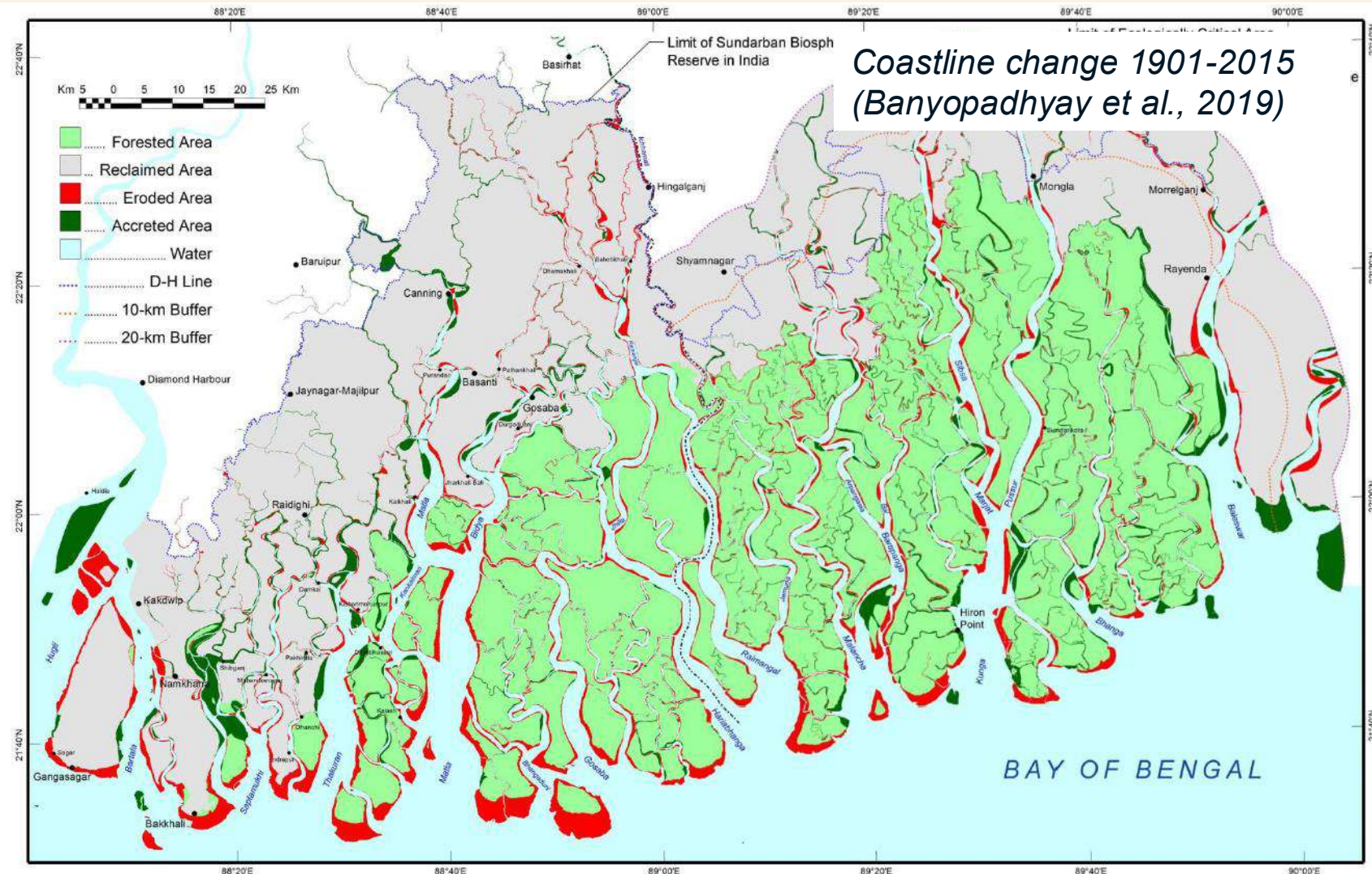
Scale of a single island



Microplanning

Master planning on the scale of the Sundarbans

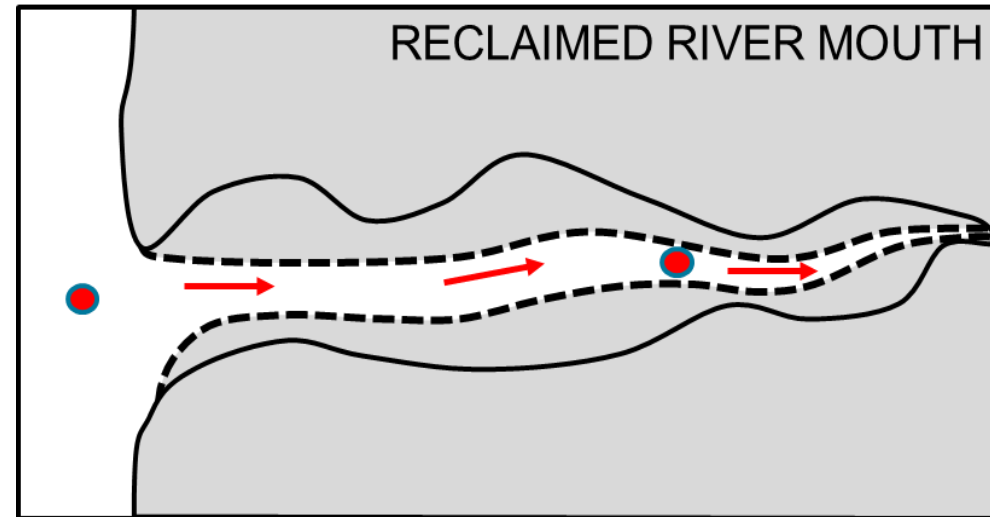
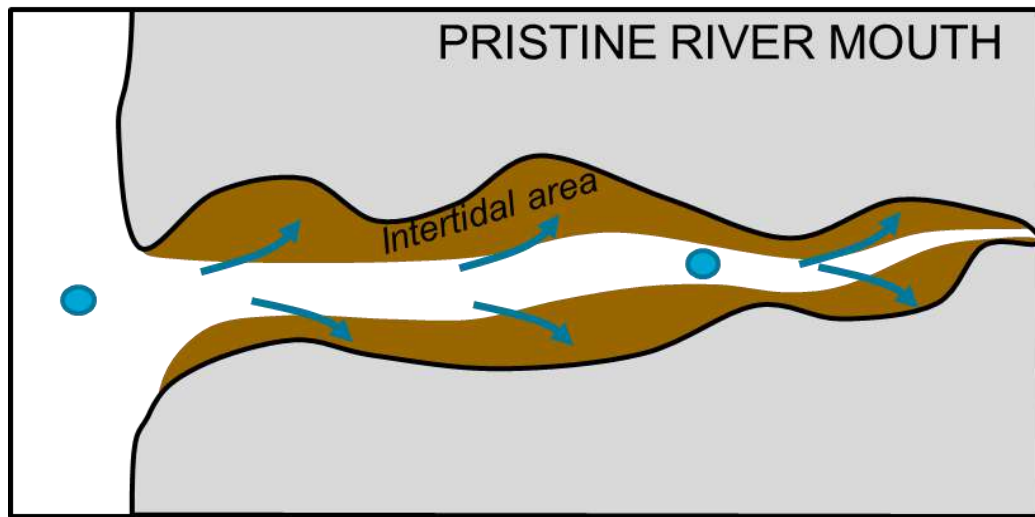
- Changing channels
- Locations where problems occur may change
- Population density and economic value may change
- Interventions you take will change the system



Large-scale system changes Sundarban

Main processes leading to changes:

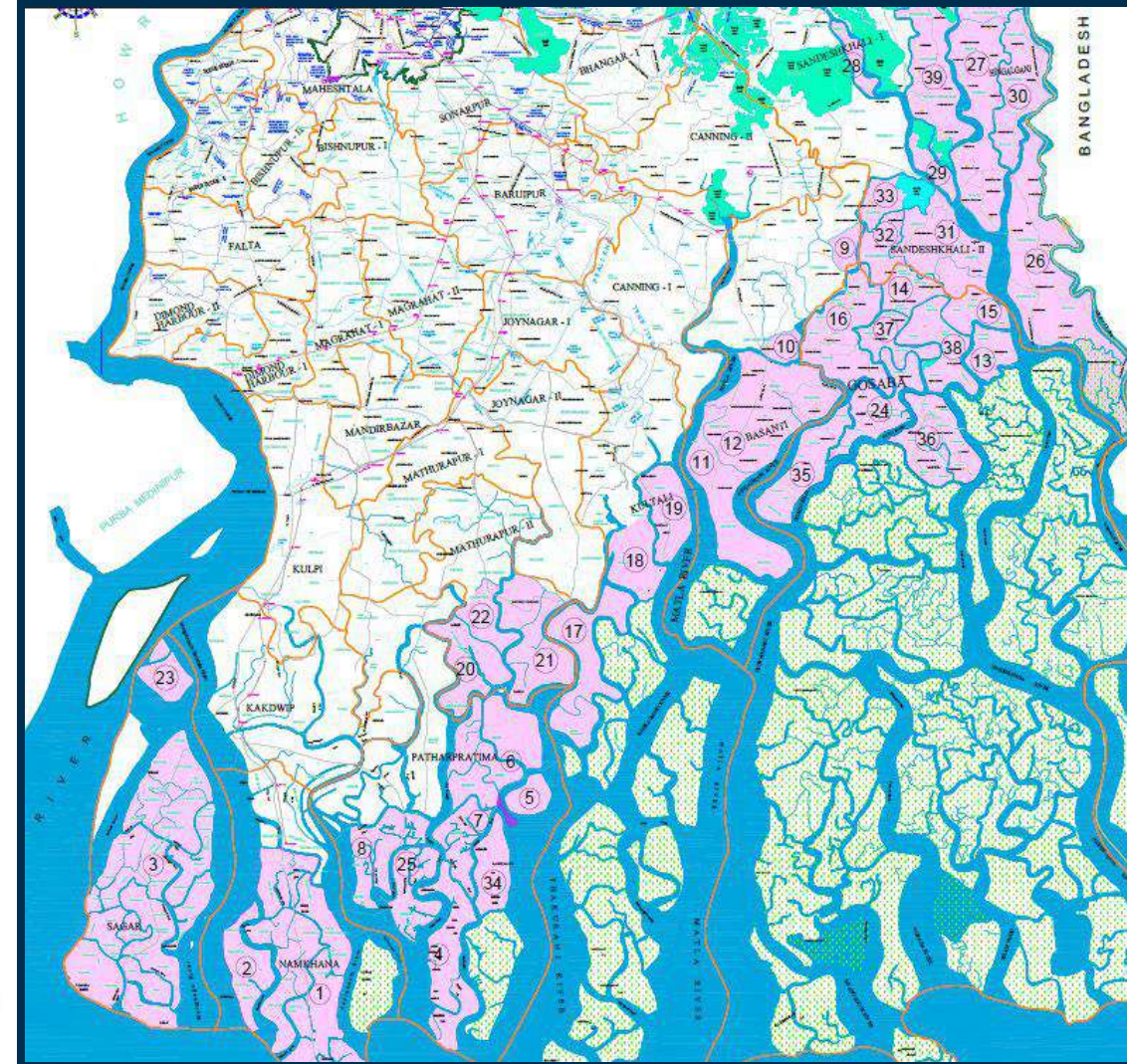
- Fresh water has been cut off
- Land has been embanked and is closed off from tidal influence
- Tidal amplification
- Sea-level rise



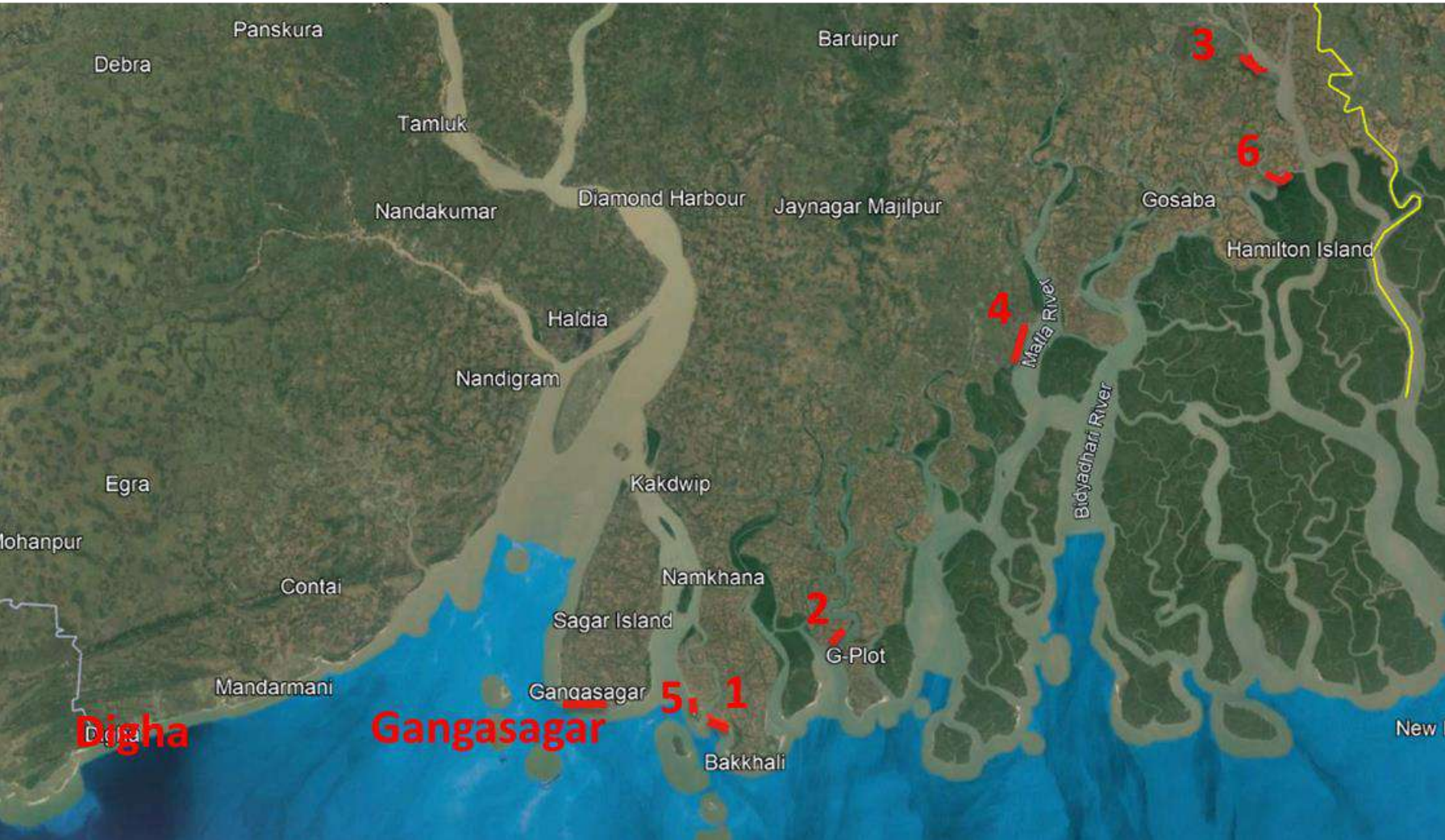
Questions for a bigger project

Scope: 39 vulnerable islands: pink area

- What is the duration of the program?
- What is the expected lifespan of the flood protection works?
- Is it possible to protect everything? (budget, logistics)
- **How does it all fit into the long-term development strategy for the Sundarban?**



Selected pilot locations and Gangasagar & Digha



1. Patibunia

2. Gobindapur Abad

3. Atapur

4. Deulbari-Debipur

5. Mousuni - Baliara

6. Kumimari -
Dakshinpara

Digha

Gangasagar

(1) Patibunia

“Direct human impacts are responsible for over 60% of mangrove loss”

Open ocean
Incoming cyclones

Big tidal flat, used to be mangrove forest, now eroding

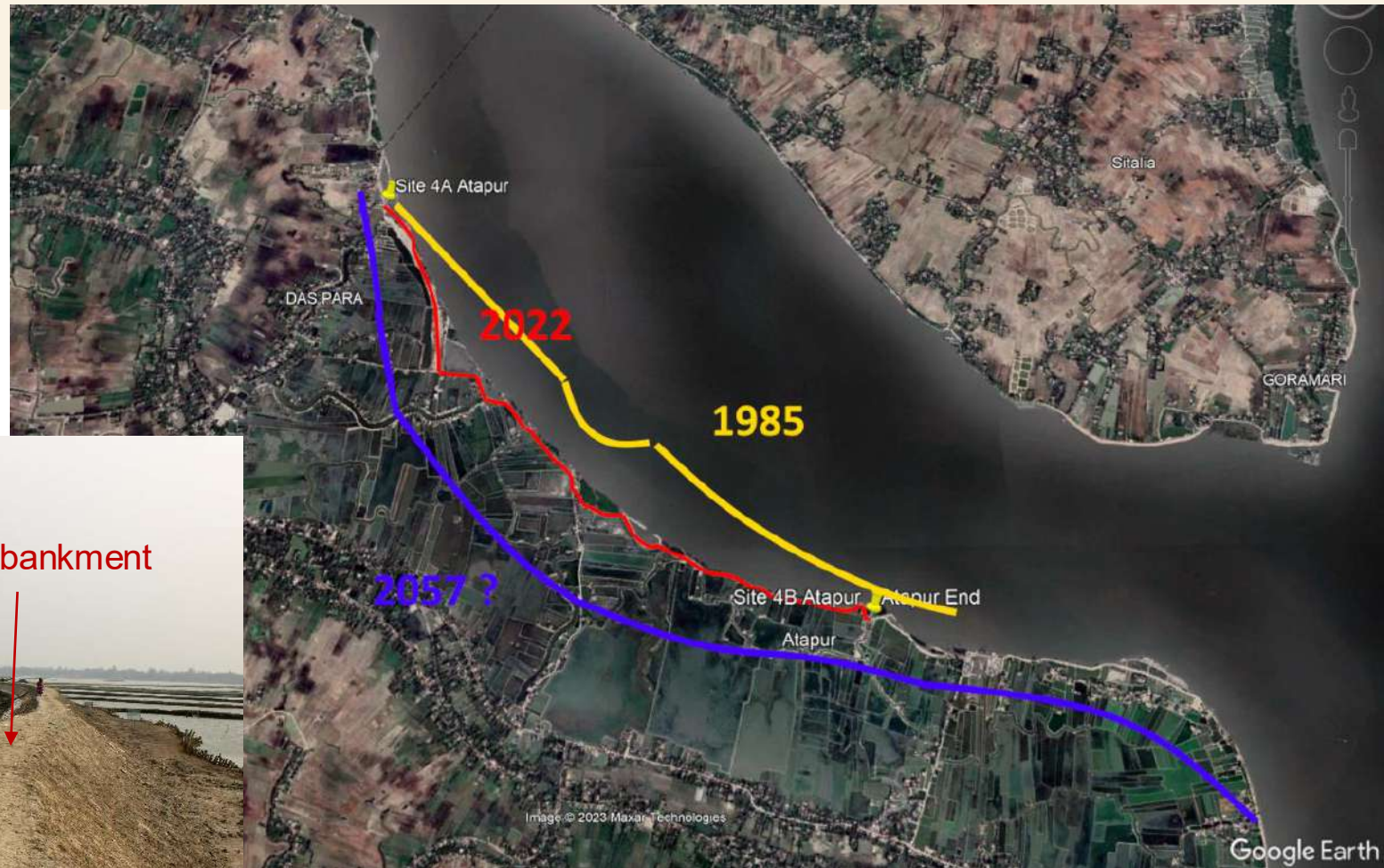
Former toe of the dyke

Extreme length of dykes to maintain, hard to construction, hard to maintain

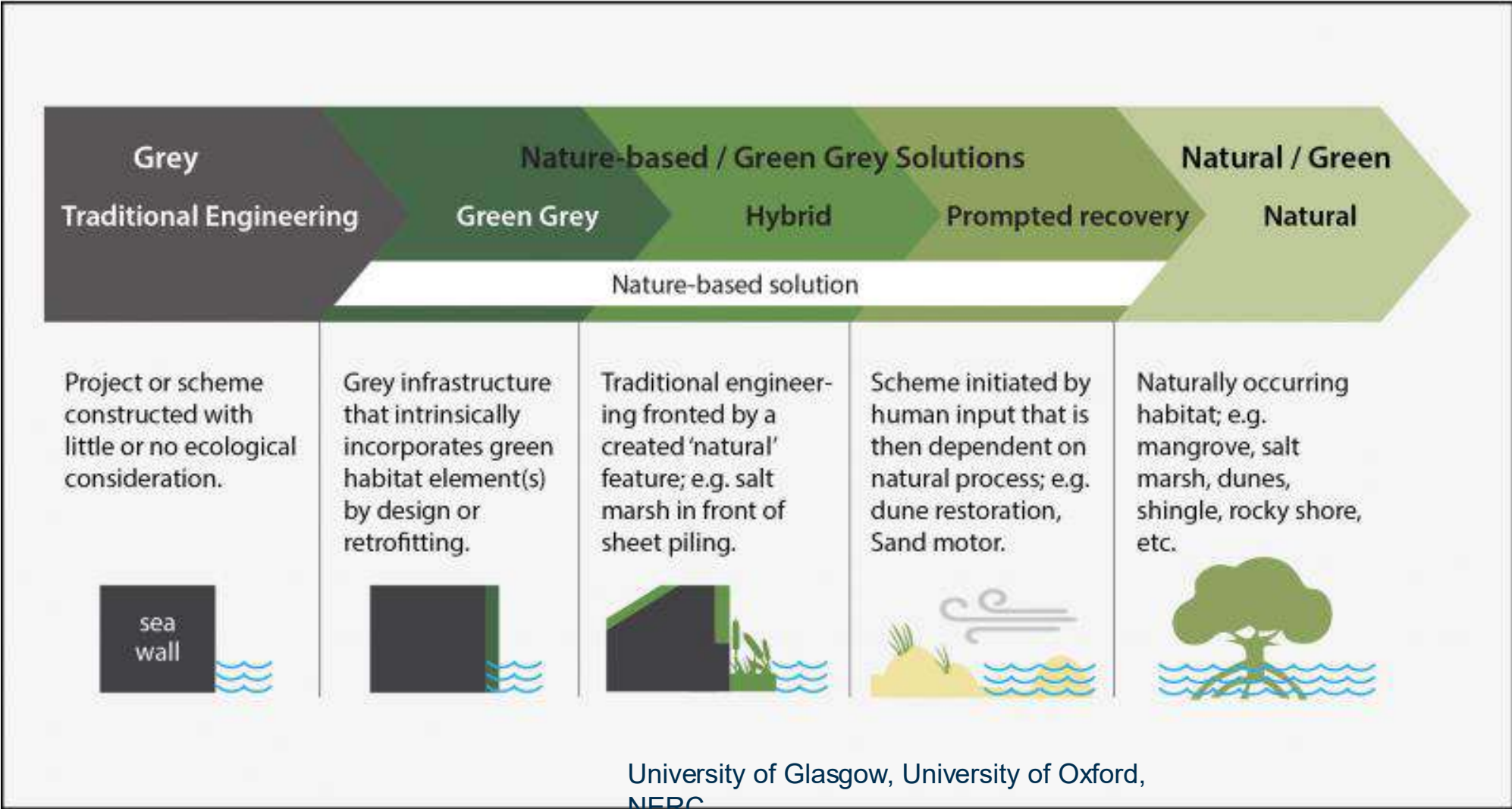


(3) Atapur

- 300m bank erosion in 37 years
- **Foreshore is not stable:** heavy erosion of the toe of existing embankments

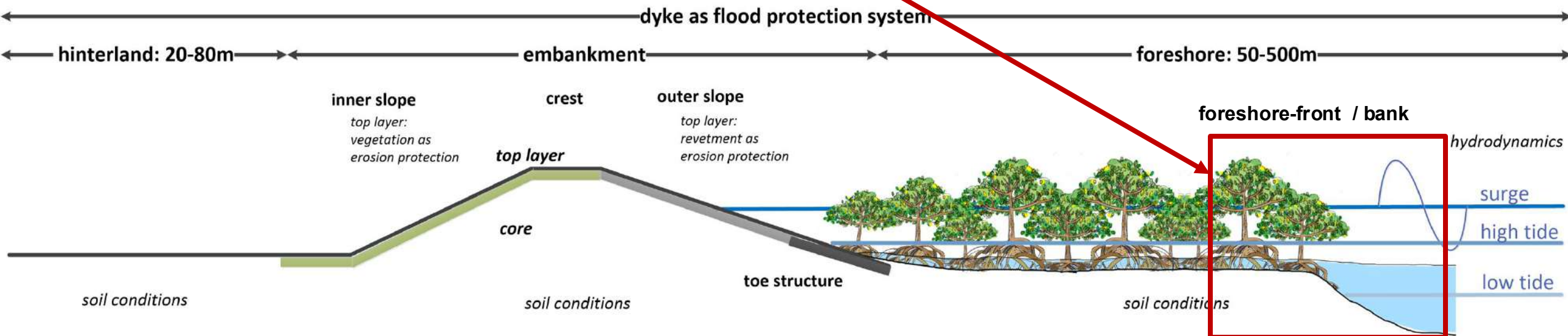


Solutions can be grey, green and hybrid



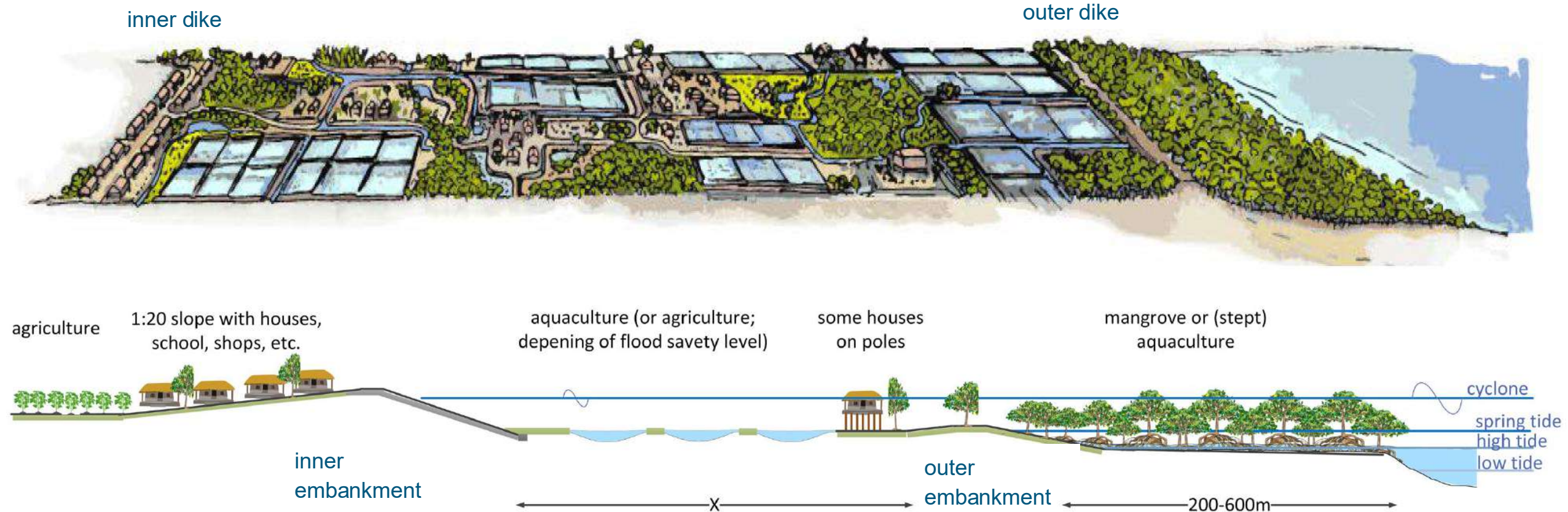
A dyke as a flood protection system

- Dyke is part of a larger flood protection system:
 - Warning system, shelters, drainage, dykes, houses on poles
- Stability of dyke depends on the soil in front, in, under and behind it
- **Early indication for problems in flood protection system, signal to take action**



Required land requires rethinking solutions

How can the land be used in a different way? In such way that livelihood and flood safety, and therefore

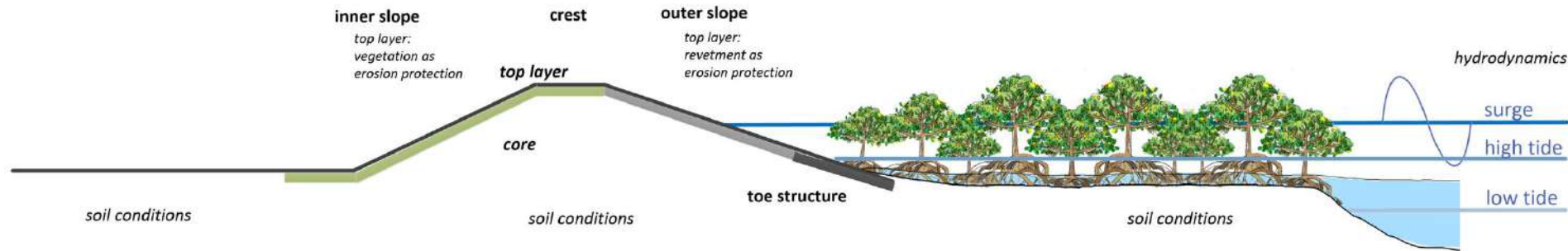


Key technical lessons learned for pilot sites

- 1. Sediment extraction is observed in many places (coastal zone)**
- 2. Dike repair/construction is not feasible without a stable foreshore**
 - Muddy/estuarine: muddy foreshore with mangroves
 - Sandy/coastal: sandy beach profile and/or beach nourishment
- 3. Required structures vary per location within the system**
 - E.g. STUs for muddy environments to enhance mud sedimentation
 - E.g. wave reduction structures to minimise beach erosion at the coast

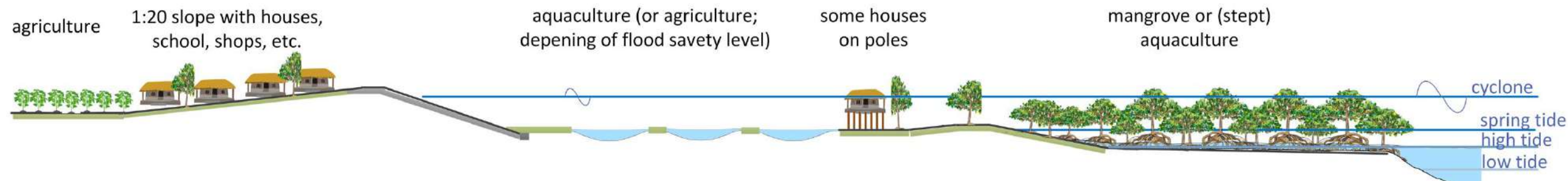
Key planning lessons learned

1. Green solutions provide a better long-term solution



2. Need for a more **holistic, flexible, adaptive and pro-active** solution:

- Redistribution of land and land-use
- Rethinking land use and livelihoods





Coffee break



Netherlands



Mirjam van Buchem

Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP)

NL



Netherlands

IFAT India

14 – 16 October, Mumbai

Bombay Exhibition Centre (BEC)

Introduction

12th edition of IFAT India

India's premier trade fair
for **environmental technologies**
covering *water, sewage, solid waste,*
recycling, waste-to-energy, air pollution,
and more

2024



Country pavilions 2024

Canada



Germany



Norway



South Korea



The Netherlands



Switzerland



IFAT India was held across three halls:

- **Hall 1** – Approx. 20,000 sqm
- **Hall 2** – Approx. 9,000 sqm
- **Hall 3** – Approx. 9,000 sqm



2024

Key highlights of 2024



488+

Exhibitors from
25 countries



17,184+

Visitors from
31 countries



300+

High quality
speakers



850+

Buyer – Seller
meetings



15,000+

Products
on display



4 Day

Conference more than
40 knowledge-
sharing sessions

2025

Joint effort:

- Ministry of Infrastructure and water management
- Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
- Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) – Coordination partner
- Netherlands Embassy of the Kingdom of the NL in New Delhi
- Netherlands Consulate in Mumbai
- Valuing Blue

2025

Hall 1 – Approx. 20,000 sqm

Hall 2 – Approx. 9,000 sqm

Hall 6 – Approx. 15,500 sqm

This expansion of 6,500 sqm is a response to growing demand and increased participation.

**Australia, Germany, Norway, Canada, Korea,
Switzerland, Netherlands, and others to confirm**

Location
TBD
48 – 60M2



Visitor Profile:

Municipal authorities & ULBs

EPC contractors

Plant operators

Industrial users (textile, pharma, food & beverage, etc.)

Environmental consultants

Distributors & dealers

Policymakers and NGOs

Programme

Tuesday 14th of October

10:00 – 18:00 Opening hours

Wednesday 15th of October

10:00 – 18:00 Opening hours

15:00 – 16:00 NL Panel meeting

17:00 – 18:00 Network reception

Thursday 16th of October

10:00 – 17:00 Opening hours

PM Departures to Delhi for CoE

Join us!

You have your own spot on the NL Pavilion

Networking reception and networking programme

Visibility on Stage

Only 8 – 10 spots available

Registration via NWP website/ events/ Ifat India

Cost €2500* per organization (3 pers. Max)





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MARKT ENTRY AND PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES ON WATERTechnology IN INDIA

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create impact with water



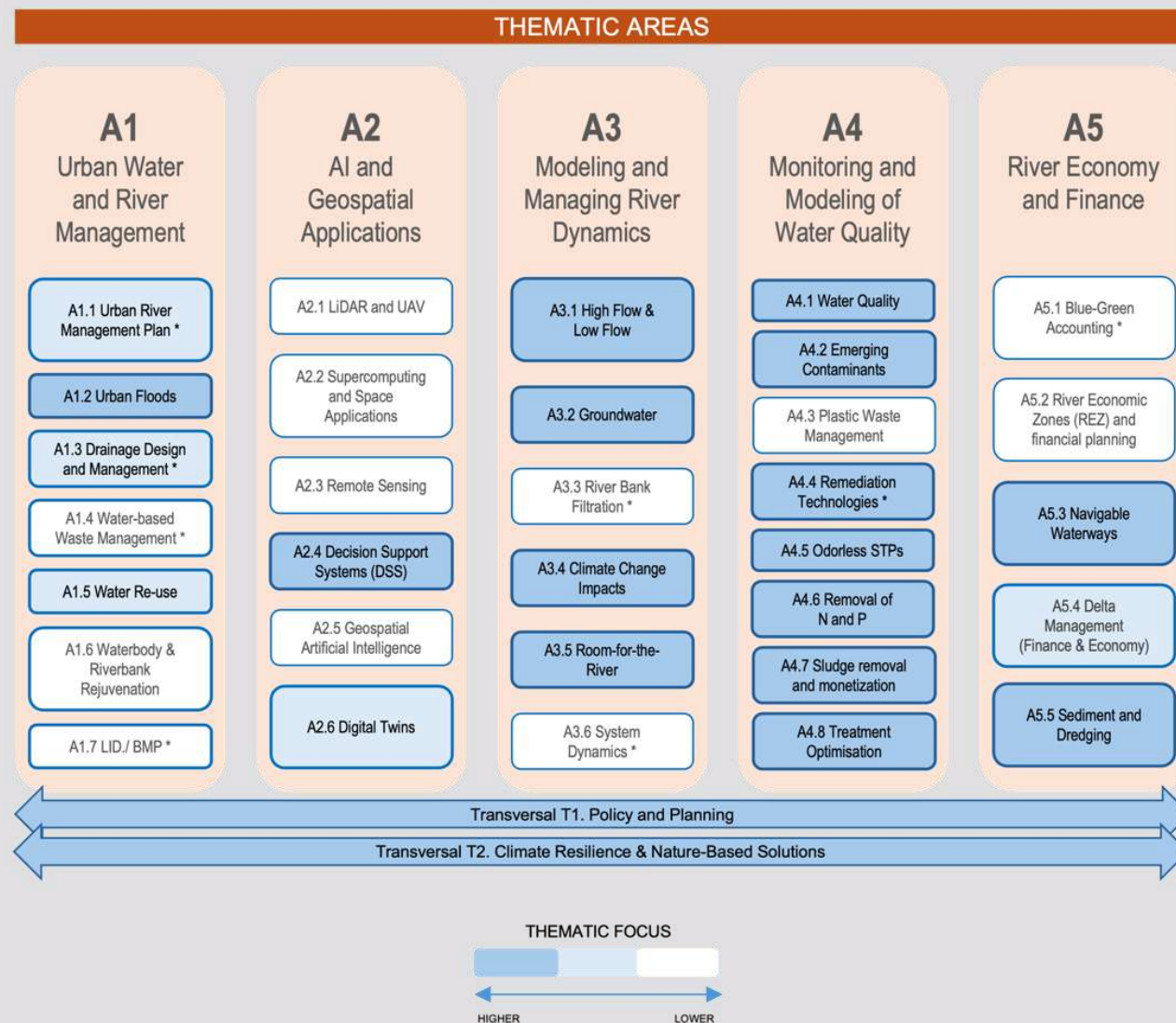
Introduction

India

- Fast growing Water technology market
- Investments Watertech 2024: > €11 billion
- Annual Capex growth Watertech 15%
- High level of education
- Need and will to innovate and make progress
- Invest International– Netherlands foreign policy
- Good relation with National Mission Clean Ganga



Themes



Themes marked with * to be discussed between the Indian and Dutch partners for scope and terminology



Way forward

Agenda - Concept

- Visit IFAT - 14-16 October
- Visit Delhi 17e October - tentative
 - Center of Excellence - Exposition of techniques
 - Visit Waste Water treatment Facility
 - Discuss challenges and solutions: NMCG & Companies
- Identify Possible Pilot projects - NMCG & Companies
- Financing of Pilot projects - Invest International?
- Start Pilot projects
- Evaluate Pilot projects
- To the market!



Next Steps

- Express interest by companies or consortia of companies -> Watertech -> Steven (Coördination)
- Participation in IFAT? -> NWP
- Preparatory session with companies early September
- Presentation of market scan
- Go or No Go
- Companies provide information and display material for Center of Excellence
- Visit from 14/16 to 17 October



Questions





Invest International



Invest International at a glance.

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The Hague

**Invest
International**



What we do

We believe Dutch innovation and expertise can provide much-needed solutions for global challenges.

We focus on 3 things:

1 Finance Dutch businesses that want to do business abroad (and resolve market failure).

2 Accelerate Dutch innovation with **project development**.

3 Invest in public infrastructure projects in emerging markets.



We invest in impact

Our take on impact investment is that it works best when everyone profits.

We focus on financing businesses and projects, with a Dutch link, that have solid economic potential, create decent jobs (SDG 8), combat climate change (SDG 13) and support the journey to a more sustainable world.



Our goal for impact is threefold

Support sustainable transitions

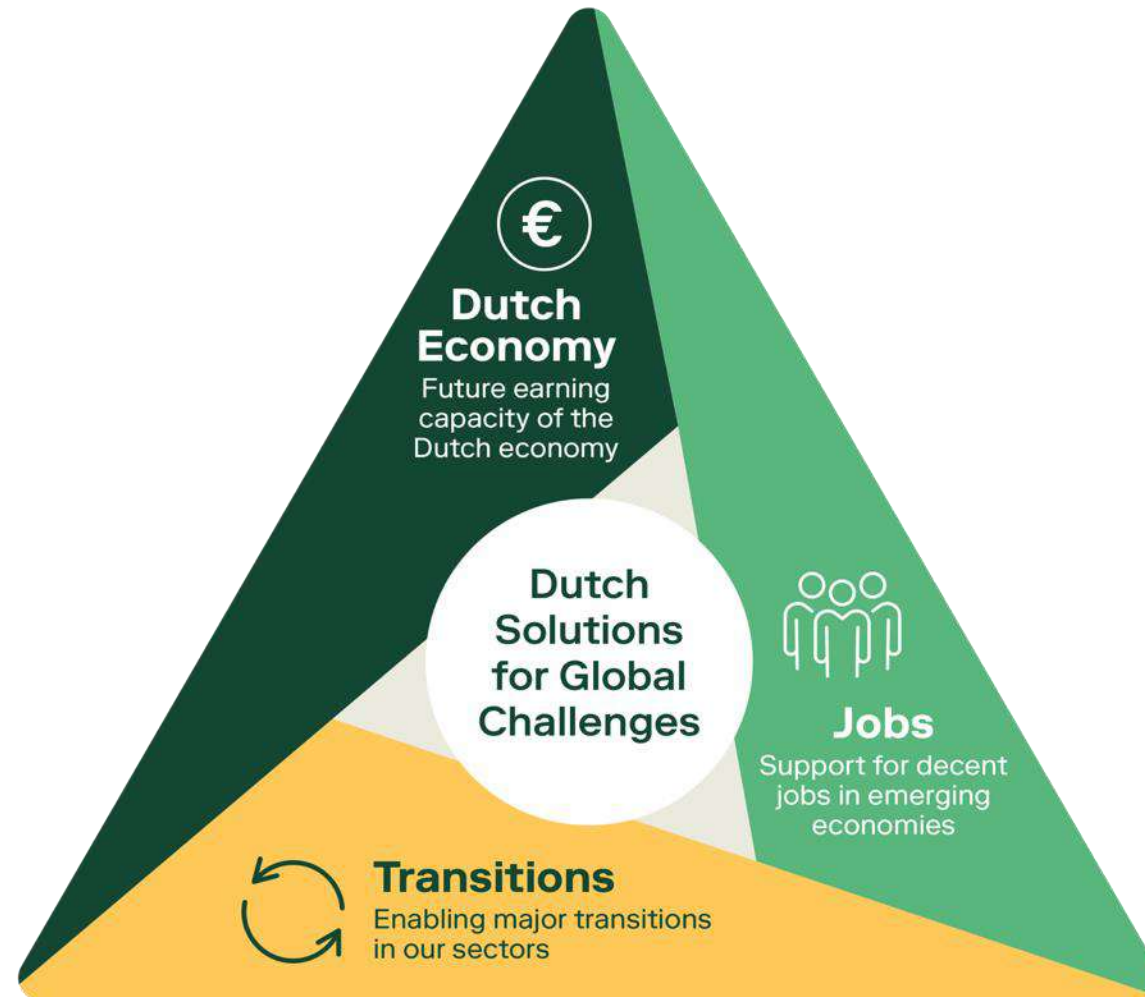
Support impactful businesses and projects that help industries and economies transition to more sustainable processes.

Job creation

Create jobs, both at home and abroad.

Earning capacity Dutch economy

Securing the future earning capacity of the Dutch economy.



Five sectors



Agri-food

We support the development of more climate resilient and nature-inclusive agricultural systems that meet the needs of today and those of future generations.



Energy

Sustainable energy will be the catalyst for the transition towards carbon neutral economies. We're working with local and international companies whose expertise can contribute to tackling climate change.



Healthcare

We want to lead the drive towards accessible, affordable and quality healthcare for everyone. Dutch specialist healthcare companies can make a difference in everything from primary healthcare to prevention and access to medicines.

Five sectors



Manufacturing

Innovative expertise can help develop circular economies to replace linear manufacturing that heavily impacts climate and the availability of resources.



Water & Infrastructure

As leaders in the field, the Netherlands can help contribute to development goals in other countries by delivering innovation through nature-based solutions and green infrastructure.



Our solutions

Governments of Partner Countries

Looking for green and sustainable impact financing

- We offer grant finance and technical assistance.
- We focus on sustainable infrastructure that contributes to economic development, jobs and climate action.

Private sector clients



Start-ups

For start-ups we go the extra mile to engineer tailor-made deals for worthwhile transactions.



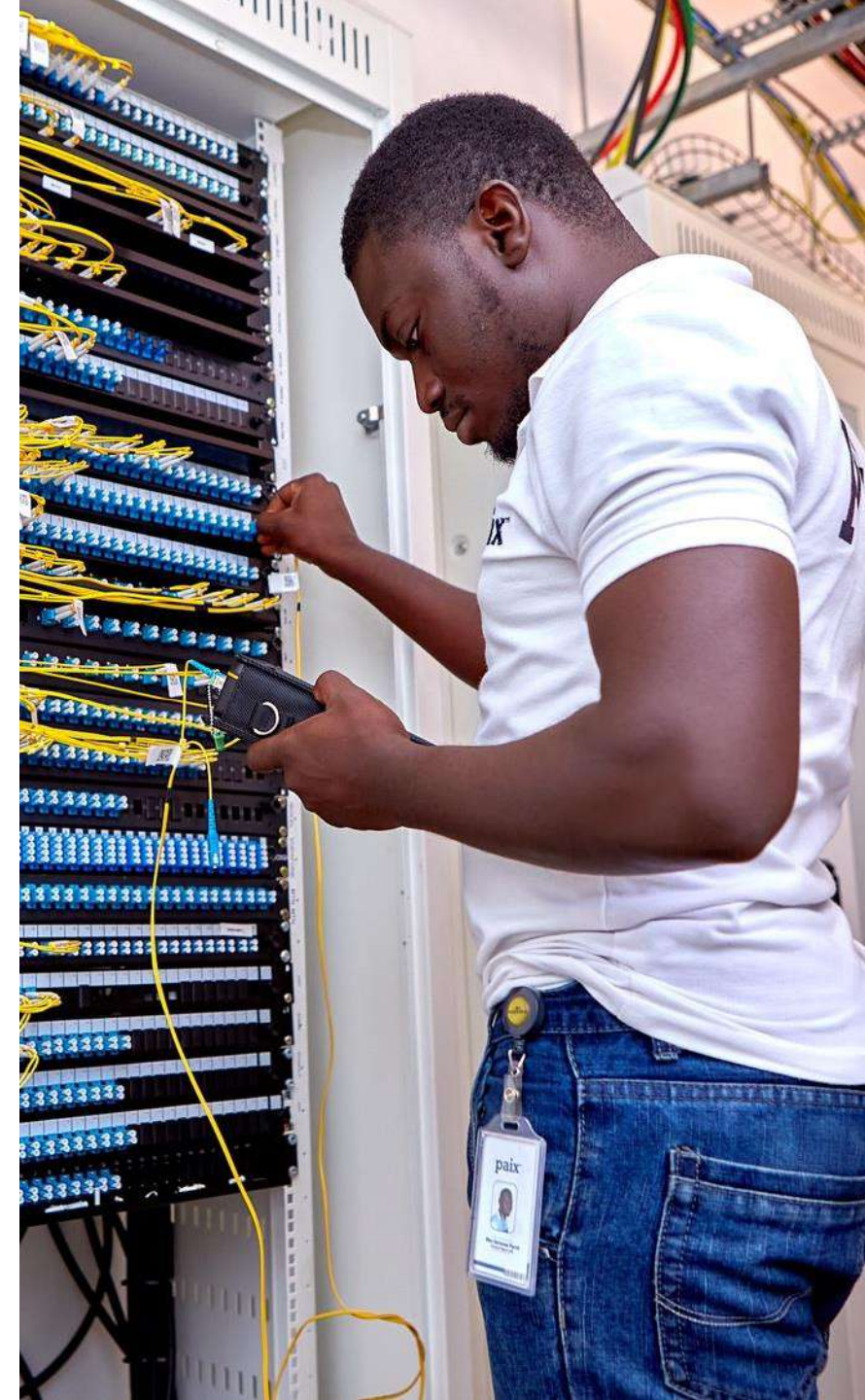
SMEs

We work with SMEs to realise their ambitions for overseas activities. Our network of investment partnerships provides tailor-made financial solutions, and our ESG consultancy helps to build more sustainable futures, both here and abroad.



Corporates

We support corporates with project development and by co-designing tailor-made international financing arrangements.



Invest International Public

Invest
International



Public infrastructure development

We provide government-to-government funding for the implementation of public infrastructure projects.

Our goal is to speed up the implementation of high-impact, high-quality and sustainable long-term infra solutions.

Bring Dutch solutions to face global challenges

Develop-to-Build & DRIVE TA: Grant for project development

- Facilities leading to getting infrastructure projects ready to tender and increasing their quality
- Typical contract value between EUR 50k – 800k
- Focus on Full Feasibility Phase of project development

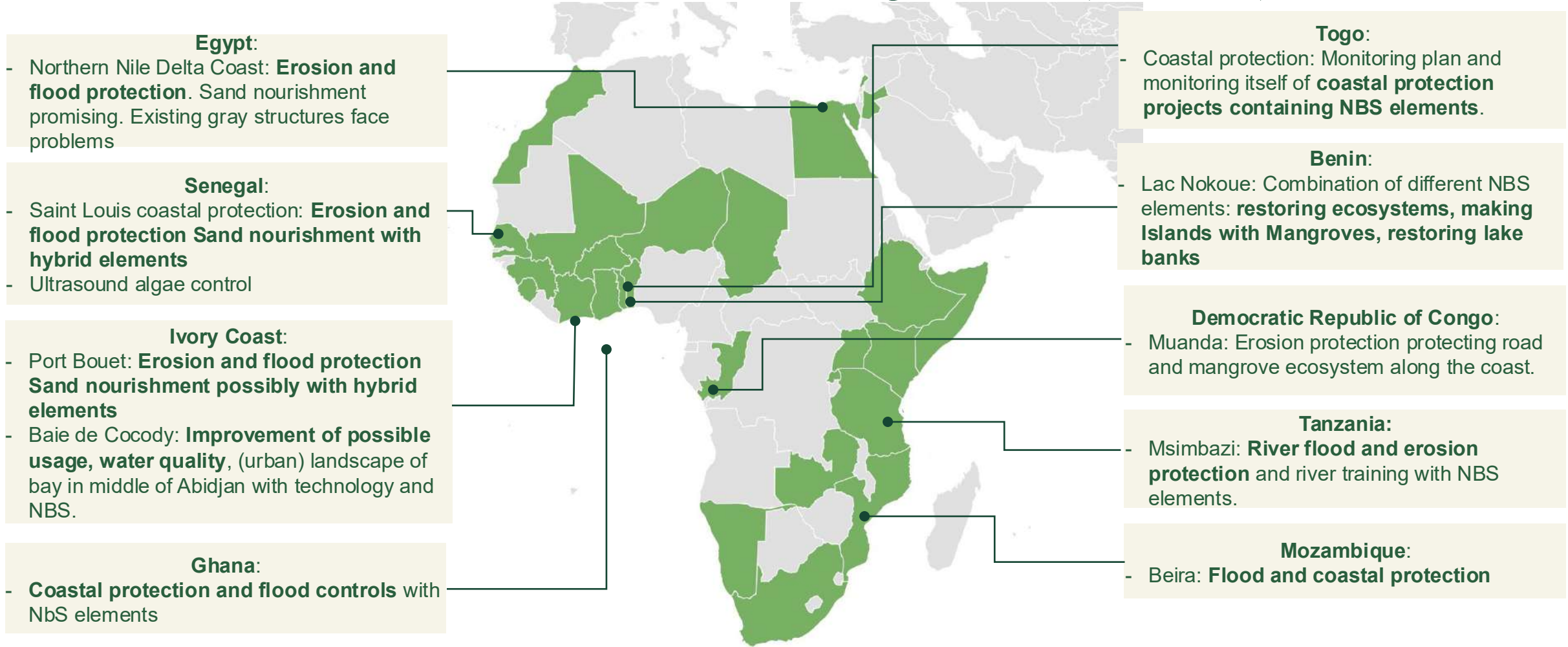
DRIVE: Grant for infrastructure implementation

- Typical contract value: between EUR 20 -100 million
- Grant size depending on OECD/DAC guidelines and viability gap
 - Up to max. 35% (India) of eligible project costs
- Residual 65% of eligible project costs through other sustainable financing source:
 - loan from Invest International (100% concessional financing possible)
 - IFI or commercial loan
 - own budget of partner government
- Project needs to be additional to the market (e.g. not commercially viable)

Project appraisal: general requirements

Ownership	Public infrastructure, priority for State and Federal Government
Impact	SDG 8 (decent work), SDG 13 (climate change) and other relevant SDG's
Additionality	Commercially non-viable
Viability of the project (defined during the feasibility study)	Financial, economic, technical, institutional regulatory viability and Value for Money
ESG (defined during the ESIA)	Complies with IFC performance standards and local regulations
Financing plan	Max. 35% Grant + sustainable and secured residual financing
Procurement	1) Unsolicited proposal and direct award (independent price verification) 2) International call for tenders (OECD, based on quality and cost, sustainability requirements) 3) Institutional, regulatory and legal compliance
Contract	FIDIC yellow book/money (design, construction (and operation))

Public Infrastructure Projects (2024)*



Nature Based Solutions

Definition and added value

- IUCN definition: *Nature-based Solutions **address societal challenges** through actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems, benefiting people and nature at the same time*
- Cost-effective approach to support climate-resilient infrastructure
- Maximise net-gains over the lifespan of the public assets
- Diversify economic activities
- Contribute to achieving SDGs



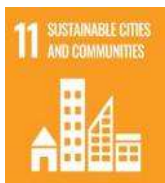
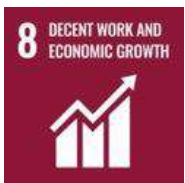


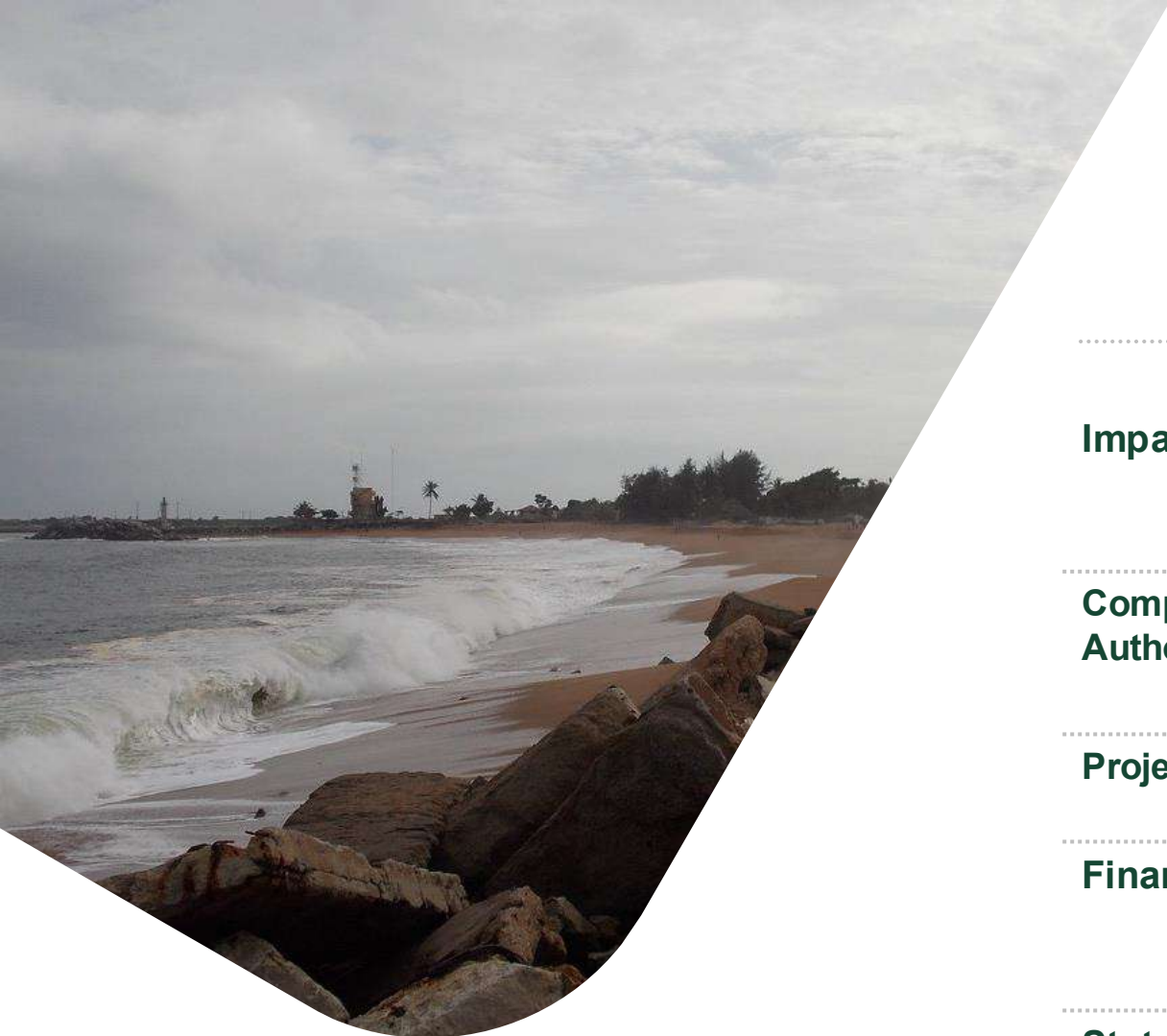
Beira Coastal Protection



Mozambique

Impact	Development, construction, equipping and subsequent use and maintenance of a coastal flood and erosion protection system in Beira, Mozambique.
Competent Authority	Administração de Infra-Estruturas de Águas e Saneamento (AIAS)
Project cost	EUR 60 mln
Financing	50% Invest International 25% The World Bank 25% KfW
Status	Procurement of works is ongoing





Protection Côtière Port Bouet – Grand Bassam (WACA-ResIP)

Côte d'Ivoire



Impact	The proposed adaptation solution is based on both hard and soft measures, to enable long-term sustainability for the protection of key infrastructures.
Competant Authority	Ministère de l'Environnement, du Développement Durable et de la Transition Écologique (MINEDDTE).
Project Cost	EUR 55-65 mln (estimated)
Financing	100% grant – feasibility study 35 - 50% grant IIPP– Implementation 65 – 50 % loan – Implementation
Status	L'appel d'offres pour l'étude de faisabilité a été lancé. La réalisation est prévue en 2025.



Invest International Capital

Invest
International



Guiding Principles



Clear Dutch link

Dutch content: $\geq 20\%$ of financing is used for sourcing Dutch products/services; or

Dutch shareholding: $\geq 25\%$ of client shares are owned by Dutch company; or

Dutch interest: Future Dutch earning capacity.



Additionality

Higher risk appetite longer tenors, early stage, small tickets, ESG support, etc.

Act as a Market Economy Operator (MEO).



State Aid Compliant

Every financing must comply with the State Aid rules.



IESG & Good Governance

Mitigate negative ESG impacts and encourage positive ESG impacts, according to IFC performance standards.



Customer & Solution Oriented

Offering an integrated and harmonized financing solution with multiple products under one roof to serve Dutch companies.

Connecting role in the landscape of international business and development, by sharing leads for import, export and investments abroad.



Other principles

Sufficient rate of return

According to internal Risk appetite

Focus on developing countries

Structured Finance Products



Investment Loans

Loans to expand the business abroad. For example, to set up or expand a processing facility for local or export markets, or to import goods from a long-term supplier abroad when a business needs to bridge the gap between purchasing goods and their delivery. This product is for private clients.

- Senior Debt
- Junior Debt and Mezzanine Finance (in specific cases)



Export finance

Finance for exporting Dutch capital goods or services abroad, especially to emerging markets and developing countries, through loans including working capital. This product is for both public and private clients.

- Non-ECA covered Buyer's Credits
- ECA covered Buyer's Credits
- PRI covered Buyer's Credits
- Supplier's Credit Solutions via OHV



Project Finance

Financing for a project in one of the focus sectors. These projects rely heavily on projected cash flow for repayment. Sponsor support (recourse) will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. This may be combined with insurance from Atradius Dutch State Business.

- ECA covered Project Finance
- Non-ECA covered Project Finance
- Public Private Partnerships

CASE STUDY

Five bridges in Guinea

Guinea | Water & Infra | Sovereign
Solution: ECA-covered Buyer's Credit

Transaction

- Invest International is providing 100% financing for the construction of five bridges in Conakry and Coyah in the Republic of Guinea, through both a DRIVE grant and a loan.
- A loan of EUR 35 mln was extended to finance the 50% of the export contract and 50% of the Atradius premium. This has recently been topped up by an additional EUR 3 mln due to changes in the export contract.
- Concessional funding through a commercial bank was not possible.
- **The impact of this project is primarily social:** The new bridges will enable people to travel easier within the capital city and will attract businesses to these areas.



Twelve bridges in Laos

Laos | Water & Infra | Sovereign

Solution: ECA-covered Buyer's Credit

Transaction

- The loan is used to finance the turn-key re-construction of 12 bridges on National Road 20, connecting the Provinces of Champasak and Salavan in Laos.
- A loan of EUR 15 mln was provided to finance the 55% of the export contract and some additional
- Concessional funding through a commercial bank was not possible.
- **Development of critical infrastructure.** The re-construction of the bridges will increase living standards of the population in the two provinces as it improves access to medical care, education, markets and tourist attractions



Closing



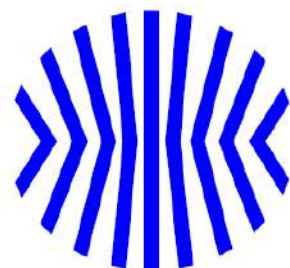
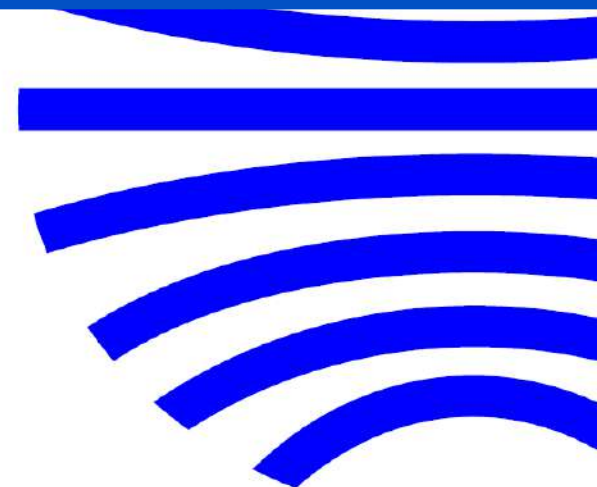
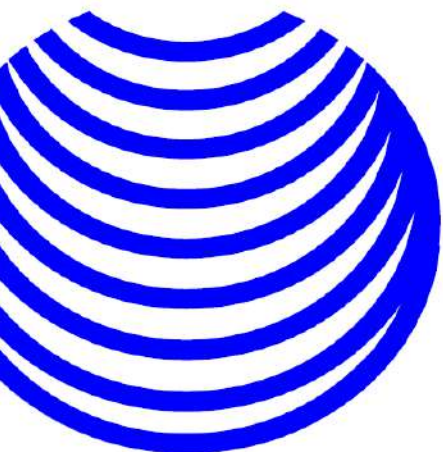
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THE CONCEPT AND METHODOLOGY OF WATER AS LEVERAGE

Invest in the early phase of project development to ensure a more informed, effective and innovative implementation later on

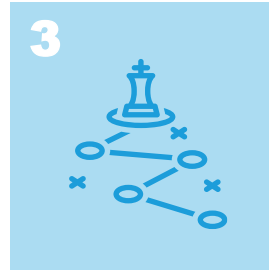
‘invest millions to spend billions wisely’



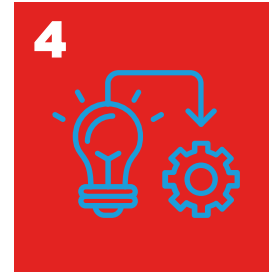
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Initiation and
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2
Project
ideation



3
Pre-feasibility
and feasibility



4
Implementation

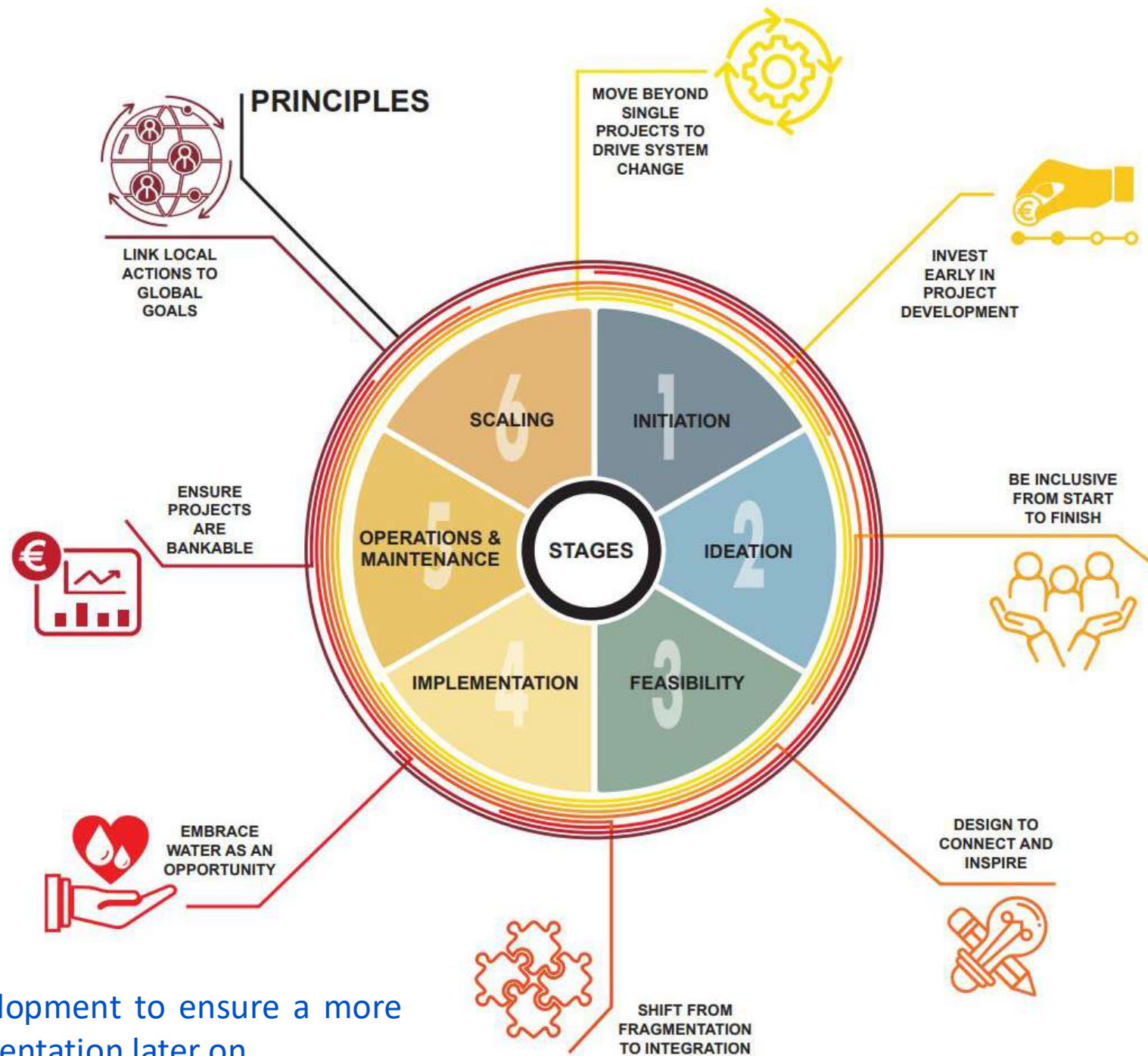


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Operation and
maintenance



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Upscaling

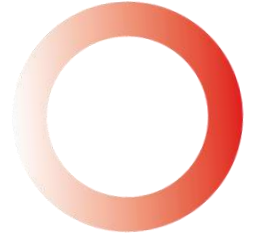
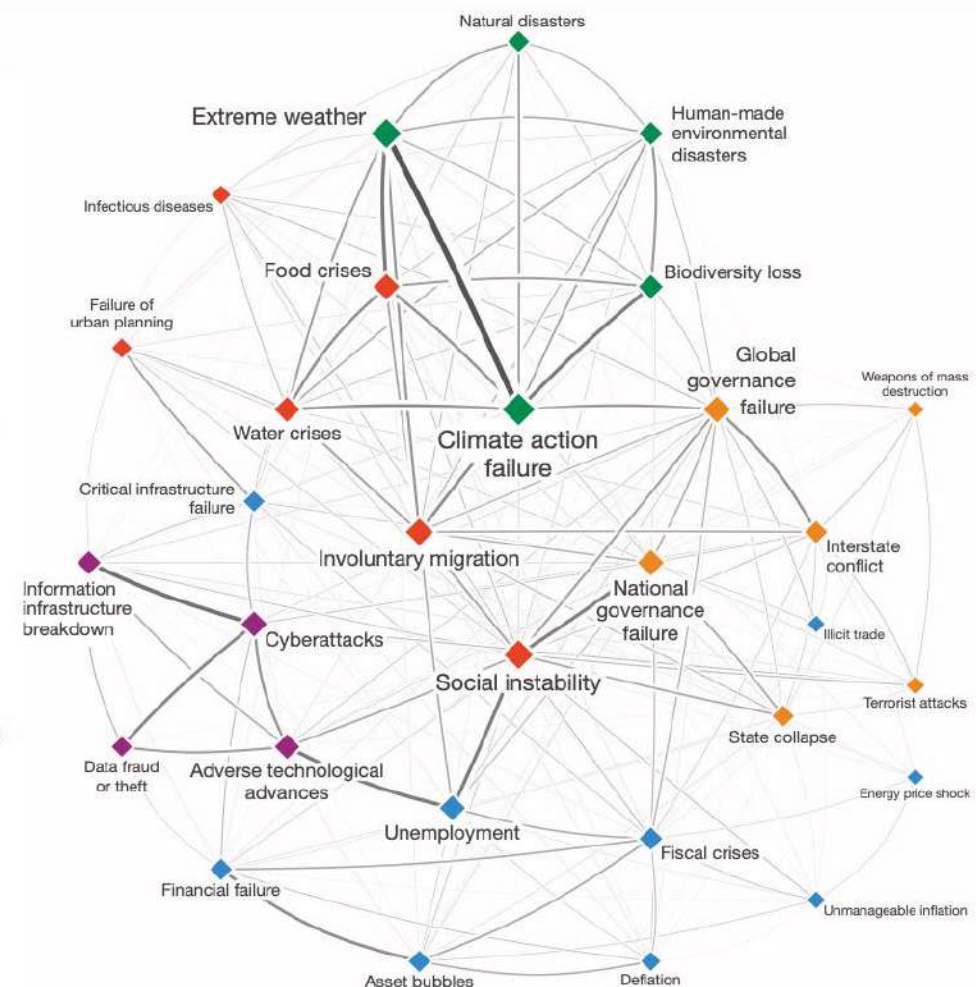
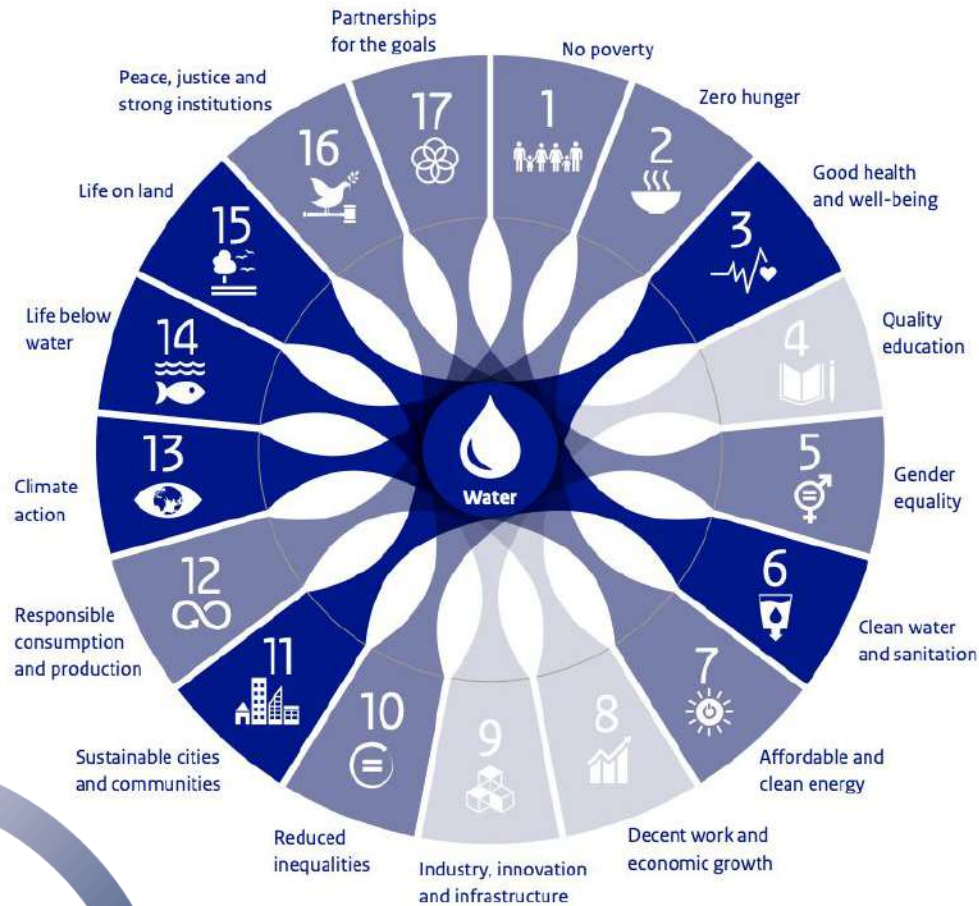
! Lack of investments for the formulation
phase of integral and innovative projects



The WaL approach rethinks urban water climate resilience through 8 project lifecycle principles.

Invest in the early phase of project development to ensure a more informed, effective and innovative implementation later on.

WATER AS A LEVER, CONNECTED TO ALL SDG's



Global Wal Journey

Scaling up the methodology,
incorporating the lessons-learned,
expanding partnerships

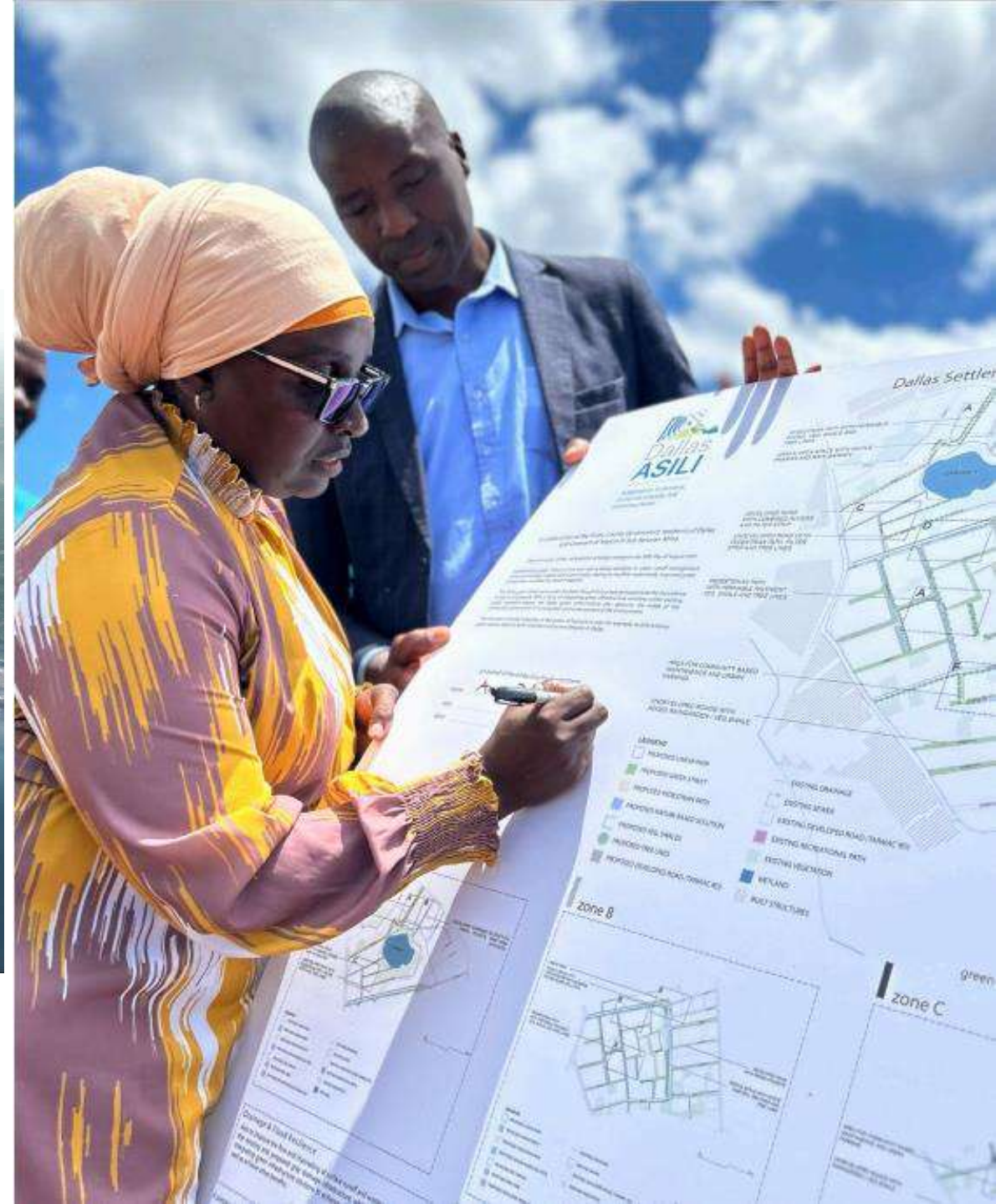




Water as Leverage For Resilient Cities

build a vision together

Building community and fostering mutual learning
across different initiatives



Water as Leverage - Chennai City of 1000 Tanks



WATER AS LEVERAGE NAMAMI CLEAN GANGA

Meeting of the 4th Joint Working Group Meeting under the Strategic
Partnership on Water under Indo – Dutch Collaboration
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HYDROLOGICAL ANALYSIS AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Hydrology
- Flood
- Hydro Geo Morphology
- Droughts: Too Little Water
- Climate change
- Ecosystem
- Surface water and Groundwater Availability
- Heat stress
- Water Quality and Pollution
- Summary and Recommendation

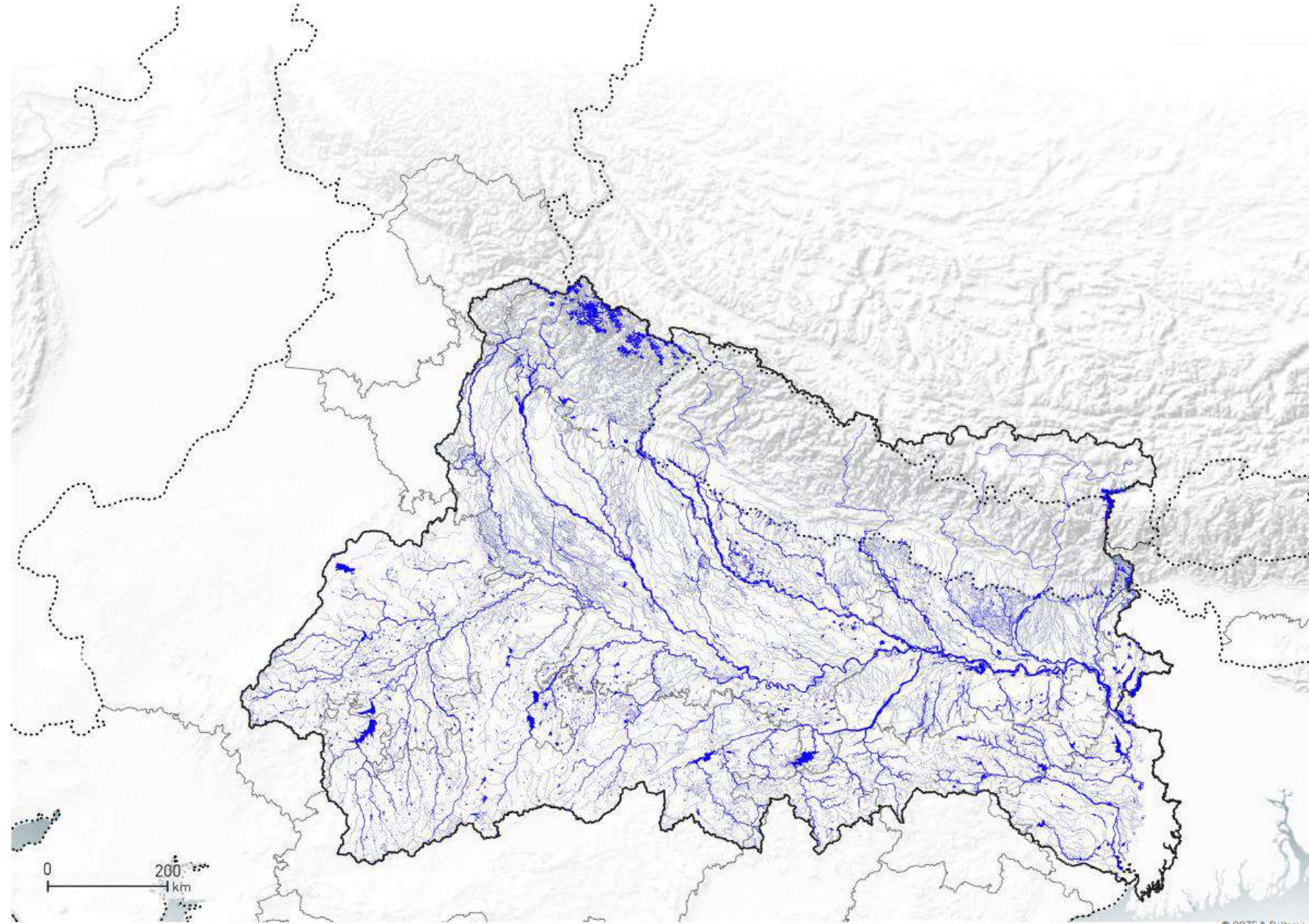
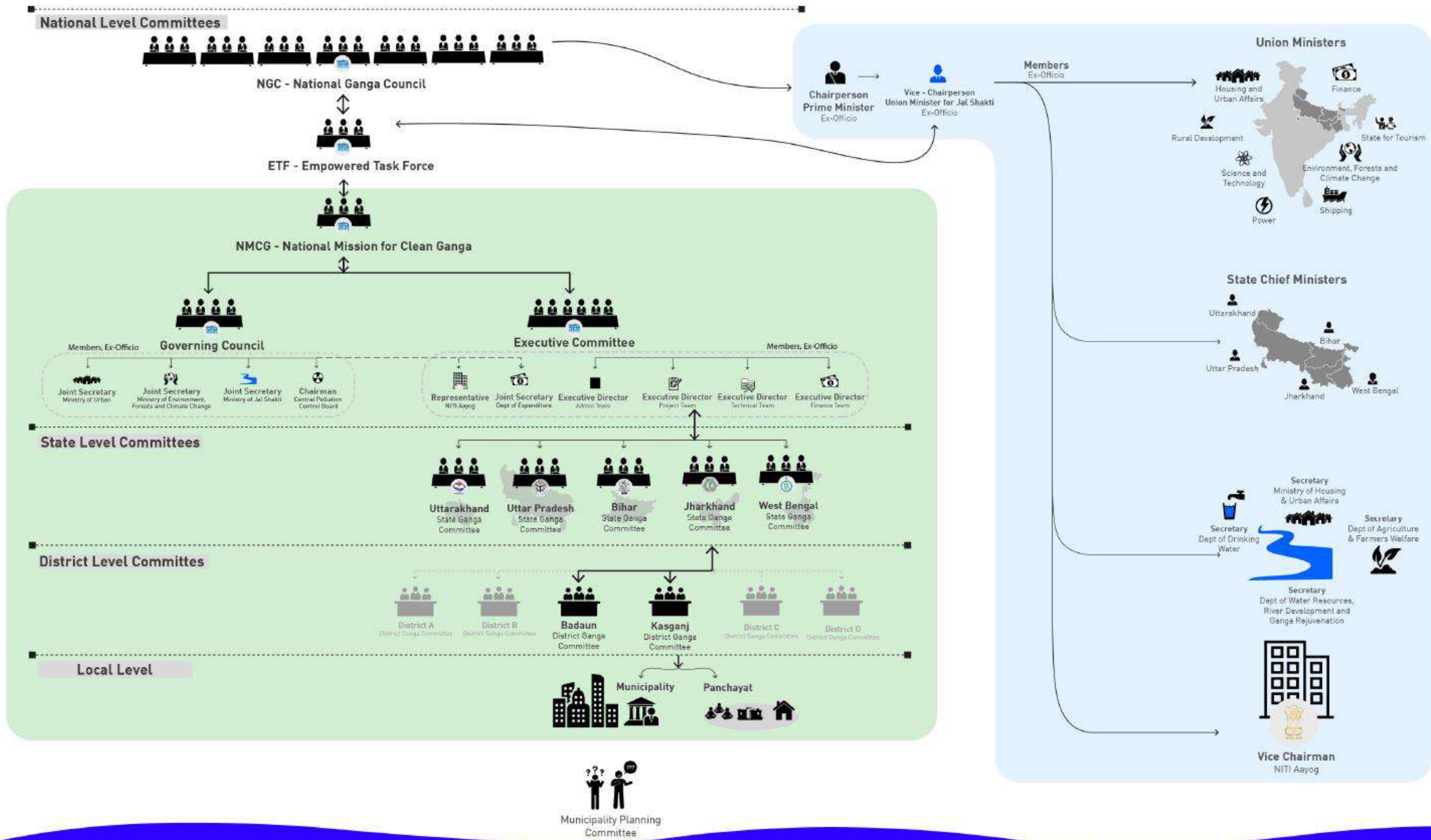


Figure 3: Ganga River Basin
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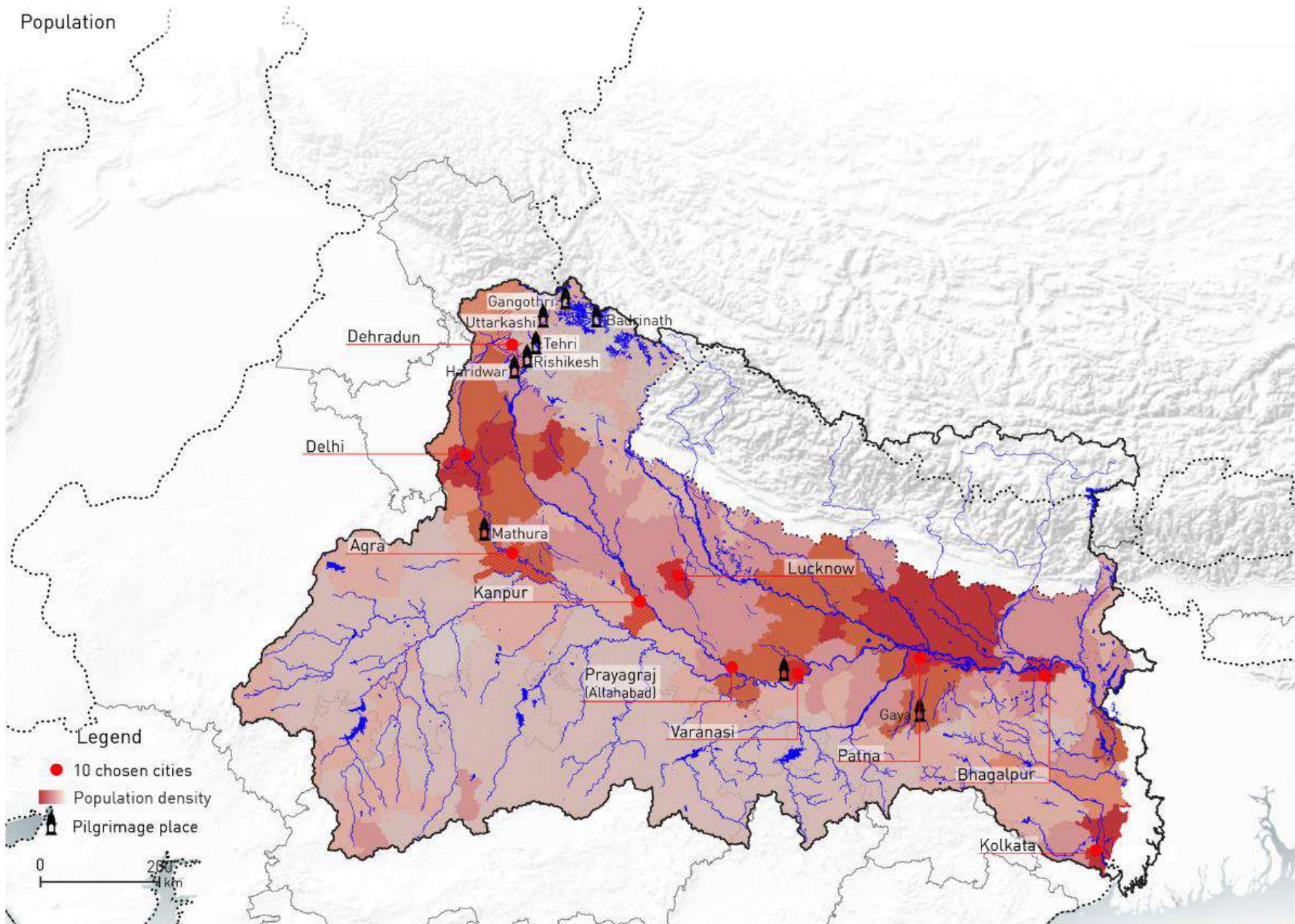
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES OF NAMAMI GANGA MISSION



CURRENT AND FUTURE TRENDS

POPULATION TRENDS/ URBANISATION TRENDS

- Greying of the basin
- Building into wetlands
- Rapid urbanisation



SELECTION OF TEN CITIES



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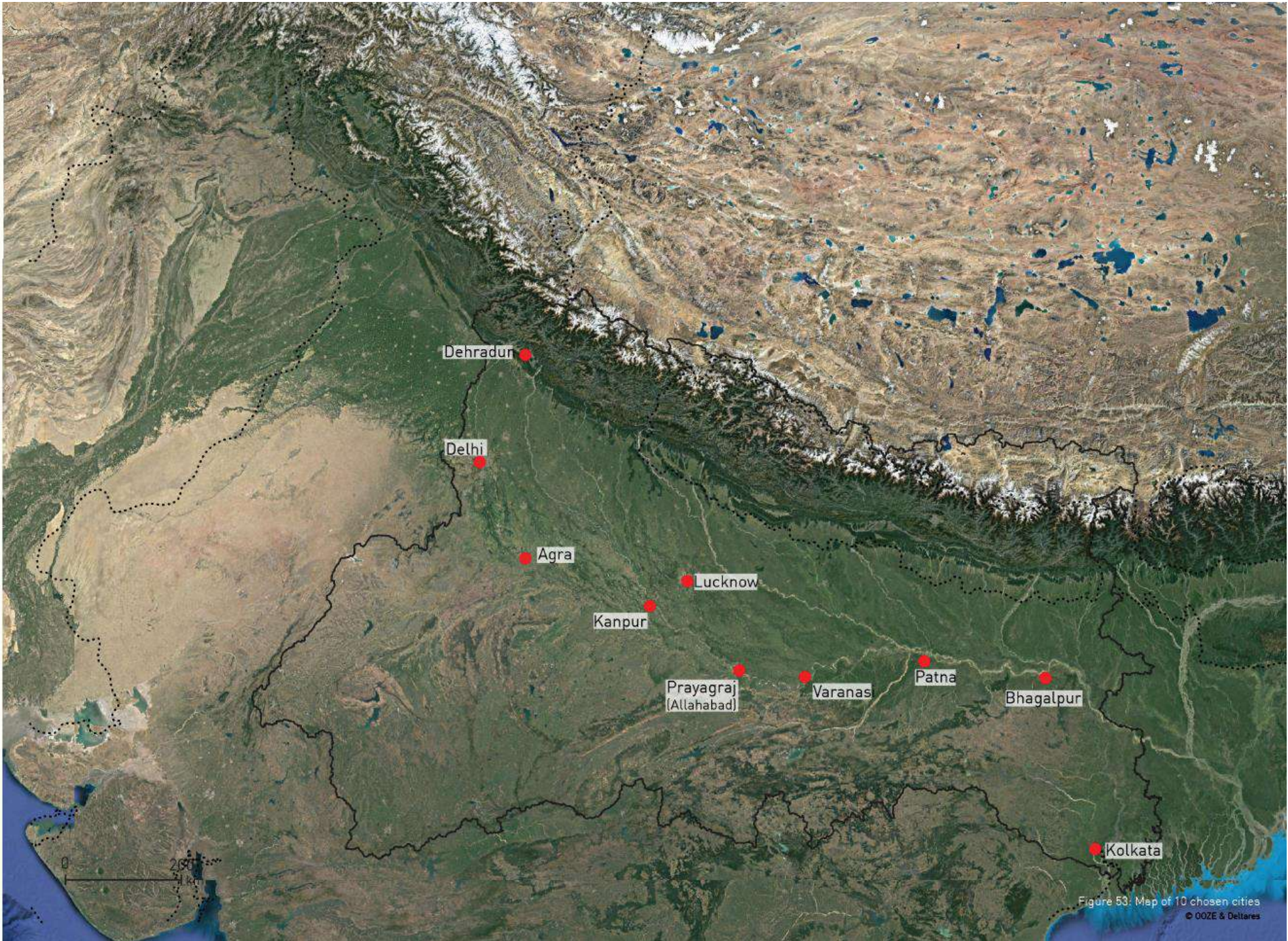
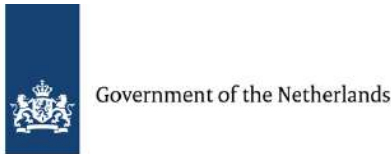
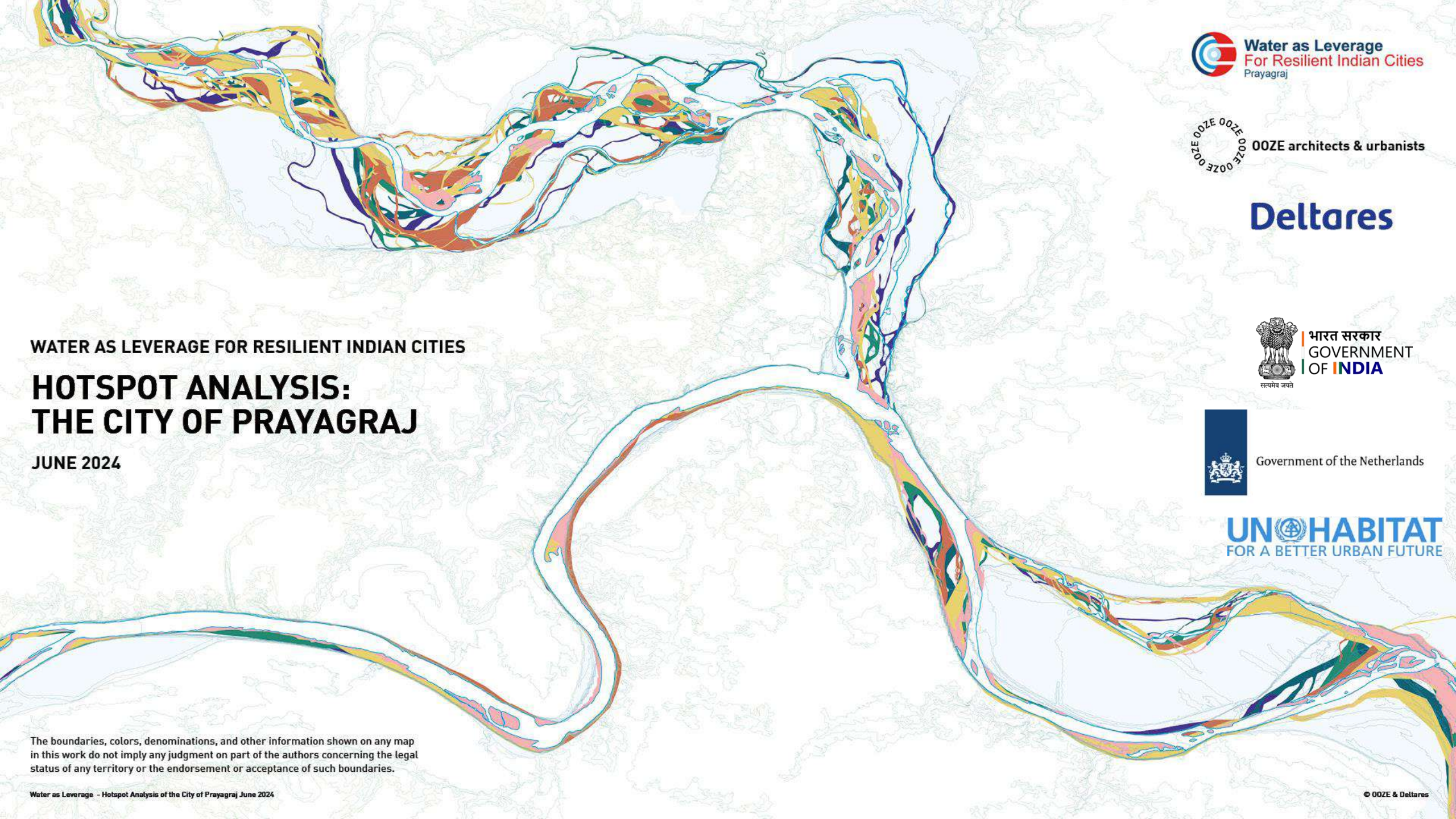


Figure 53: Map of 10 chosen cities
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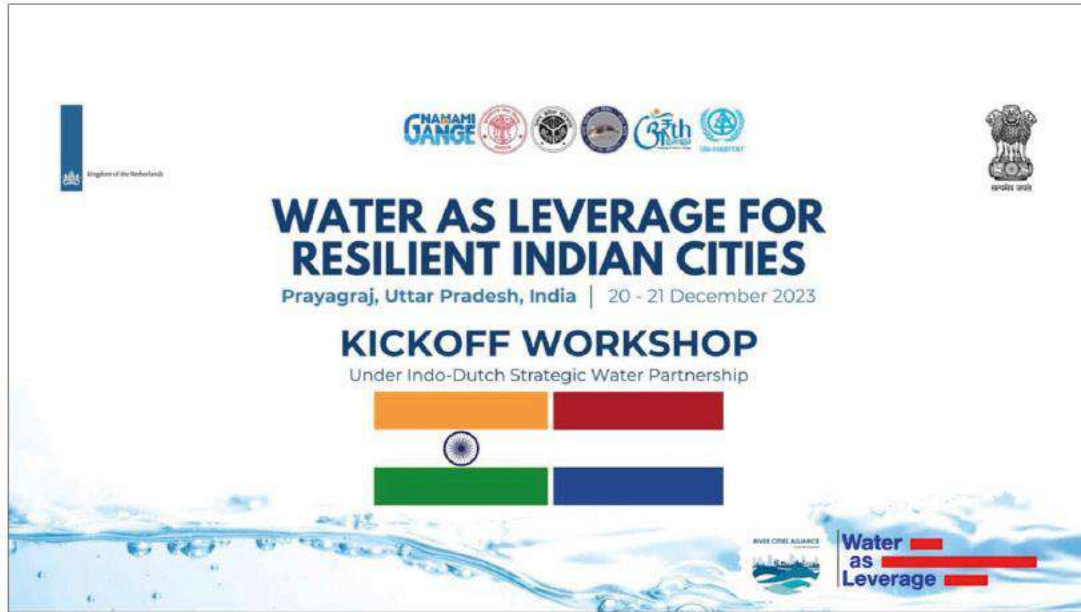
WATER AS LEVERAGE FOR RESILIENT INDIAN CITIES

HOTSPOT ANALYSIS: THE CITY OF PRAYAGRAJ

JUNE 2024

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WATER AS LEVERAGE KICKOFF WORKSHOP - DEC 2023, PRAYAGRAJ.



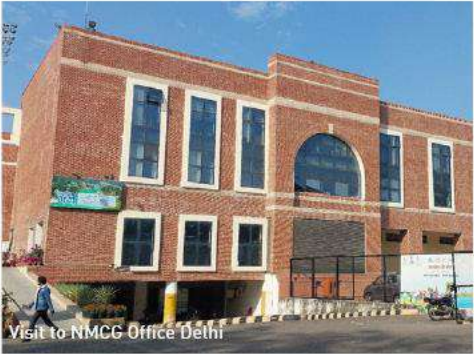
Group photo, Kick-off workshop, Prayagraj December 20-21, 2023.



SITE VISITS, PRAYAGRAJ, NAINI, JHUSI & PHAPHAMAU ON 19 DECEMBER 2023



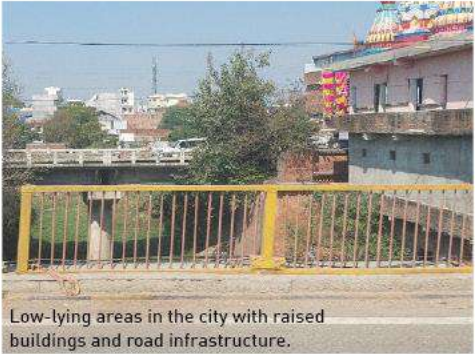
Boat ride on the Ganges



Visit to NMCG Office Delhi



Akbar fort



Low-lying areas in the city with raised buildings and road infrastructure.



Visit to STP in Jhusi



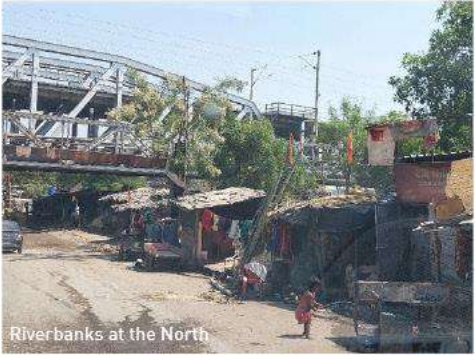
Visit to STP in Jhusi



Visit to Prayagraj Mela Authority



Mela bridge across the Ganges



Riverbanks at the North



Water Treatment Plant, Prayagraj



Visit to STP in Naini



Visit to Prayagraj Development Authority



Boat services along the Ganges

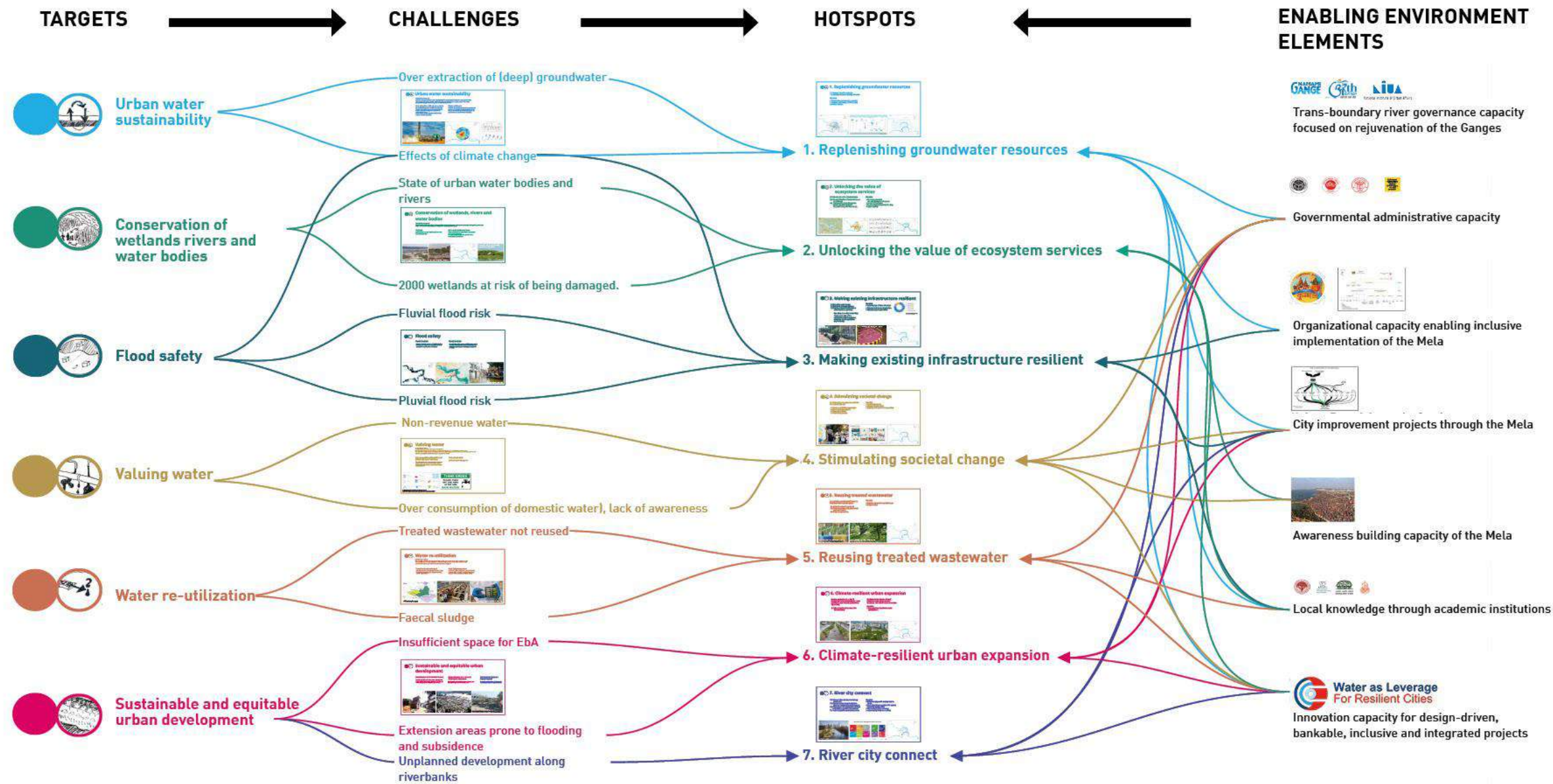


River plain North of the Ganges near Curzon Bridge



Treated water quality, STP Jhusi

HOTSPOT MATRIX OVERVIEW





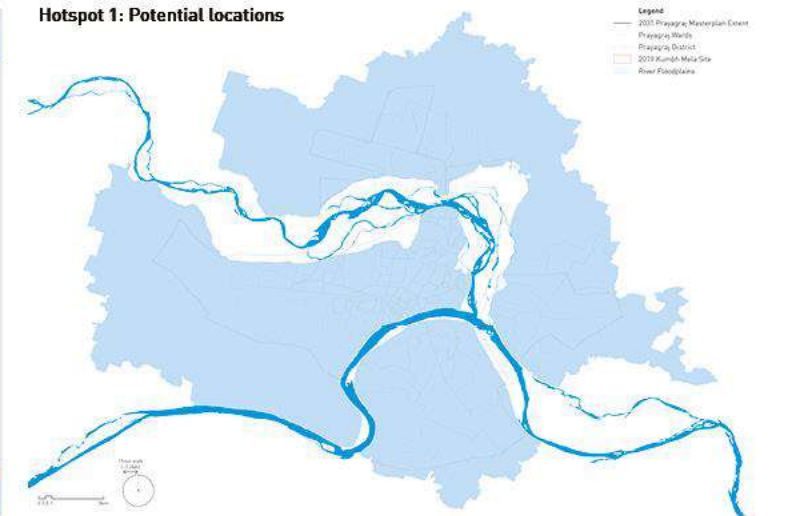
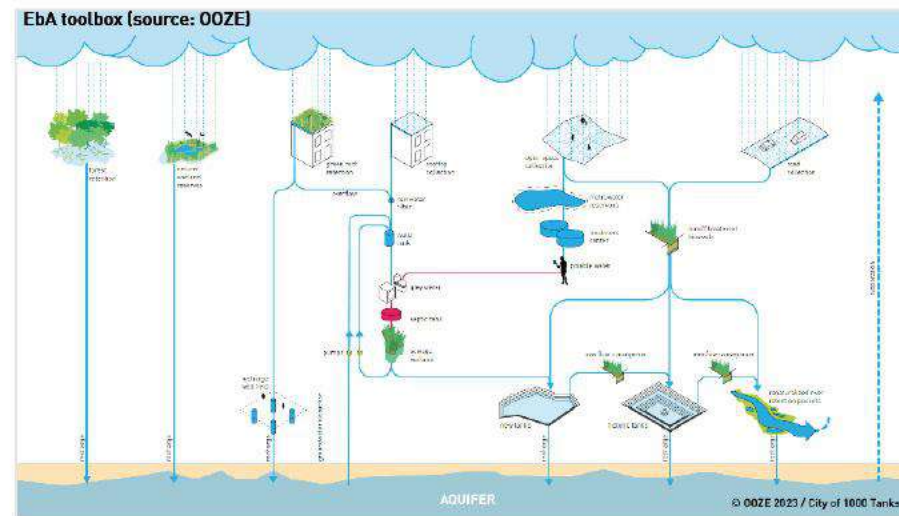
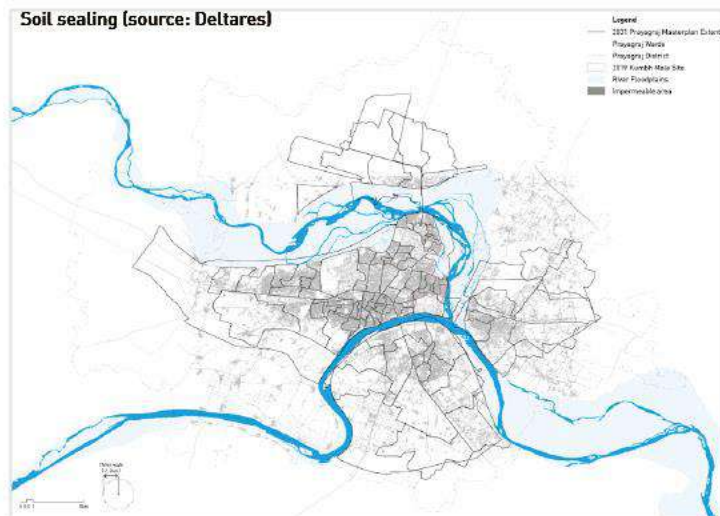
1. REPLENISHING GROUNDWATER RESOURCES

1.1 Managed Aquifer recharge

1.2 Collect, store and recharge rainwater

Benefits:

- › Replenishing ground water quantity.
- › Reduced peak-loads at STPs during monsoon season.



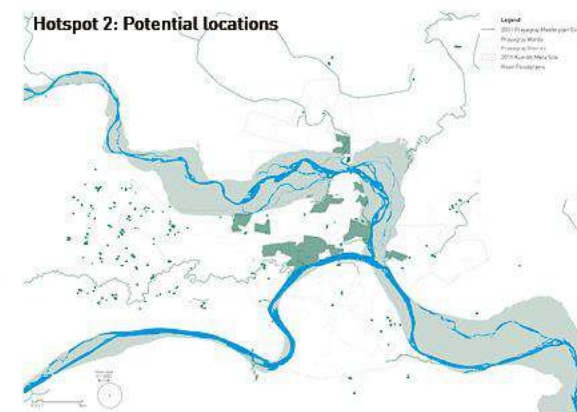
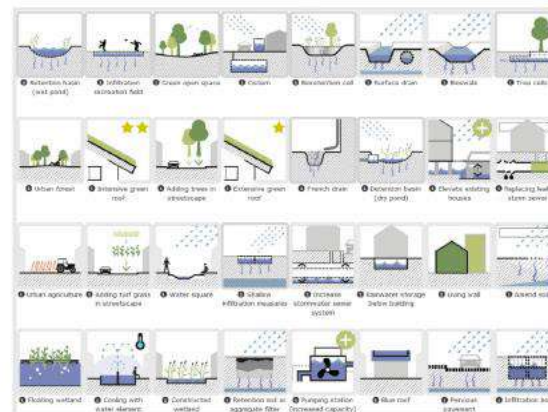
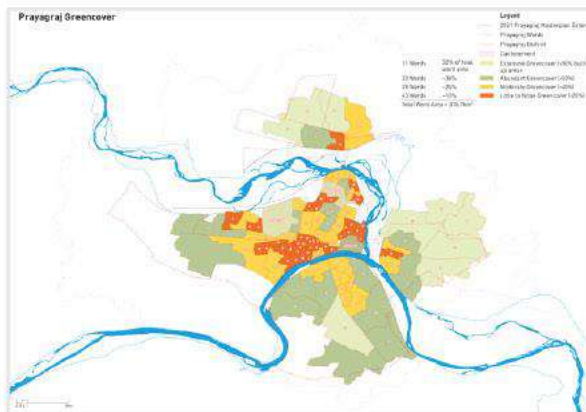


2. UNLOCKING THE VALUE OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

- 2.1 Conservation of wetland ecologies
- 2.2 Re-naturalization of urban rivers and water bodies
- 2.3 Implementing urban Ecosystem-based adaptation projects viz. green roofs, mini forests etc.

Benefits:

- › Resource potentials viz. aquatic plants, fishery etc.
- › Source of livelihood.
- › Reduced impact of pluvial flooding.
- › Urban cooling



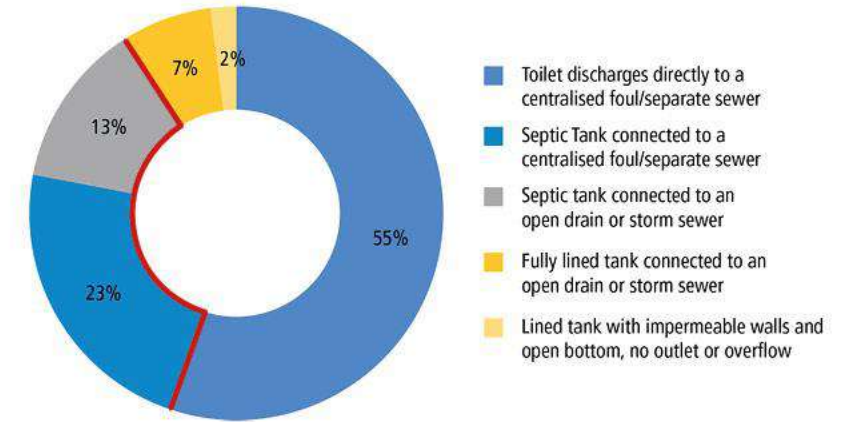


3. MAKING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENT

- 3.1 Repairing water supply
- 3.2 Repairing drainage systems
- 3.3 Implementing re-localized EbA water treatment systems.

By adding secondary and tertiary treatment to 40% of the wastewater collection system, which has on-site sanitation (septic tanks).

- Benefits:
- › Less wastage of domestic water
 - › Reduced environmental pollution
 - › Reduced peak load on STPs



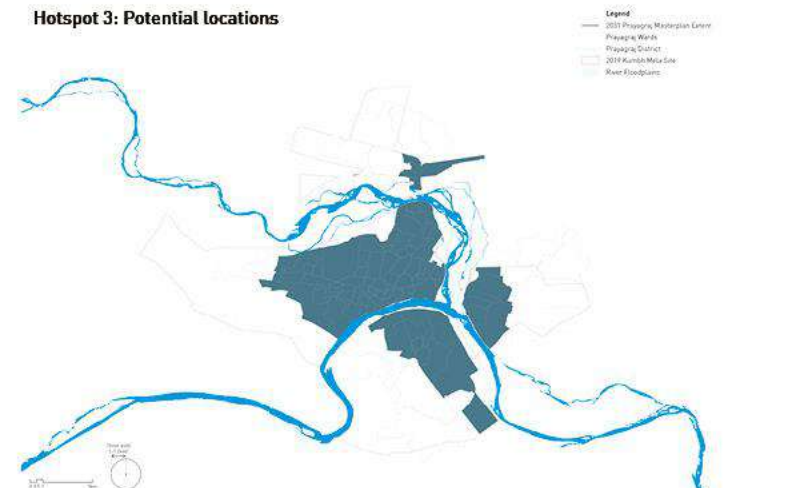
Sewage collection systems, Prayagraj
source: 2020, "Shit flow" diagram, CSE.



Sewage pipe works alongside a small creek, Malviya Road, Prayagraj
(source: Deltares)



Anaerobic Reactor, Water Balance Pilot, City of 1,000 Tanks, Chennai
(image: Cynthia van Elk)





4. STIMULATING SOCIETAL CHANGE

To value water, manage waste,
maintain re-localized EbA etc.

- 4.1 Awareness Building campaigns
- 4.2 Demonstration projects
- 4.3 Capacity building
- 4.4 Monitoring devices

Benefits:

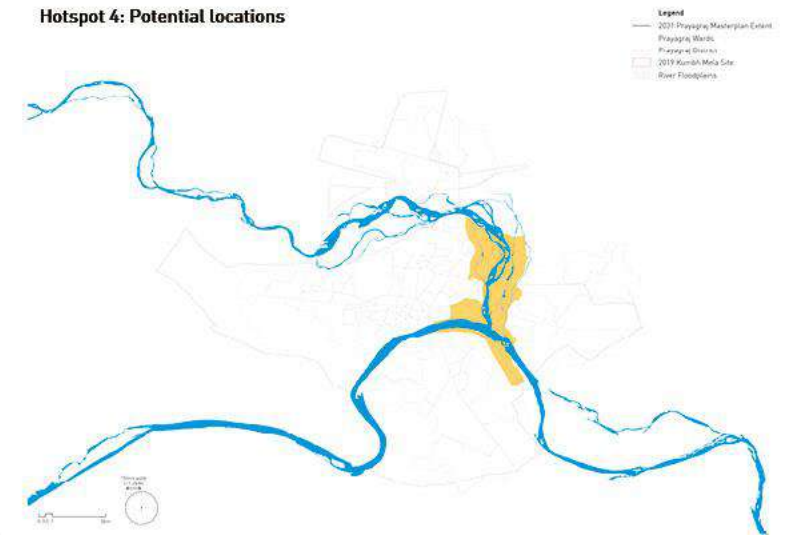
- › People value water
- › Community ownership
- › Enabling environment for up-scaling



Bi-lingual animation films, City of 1,000 Tanks
[source: Ooze]



Hotspot 4: Potential locations





5. REUSING TREATED WASTEWATER

Generated by centralized STPs and re-localized water treatment plants

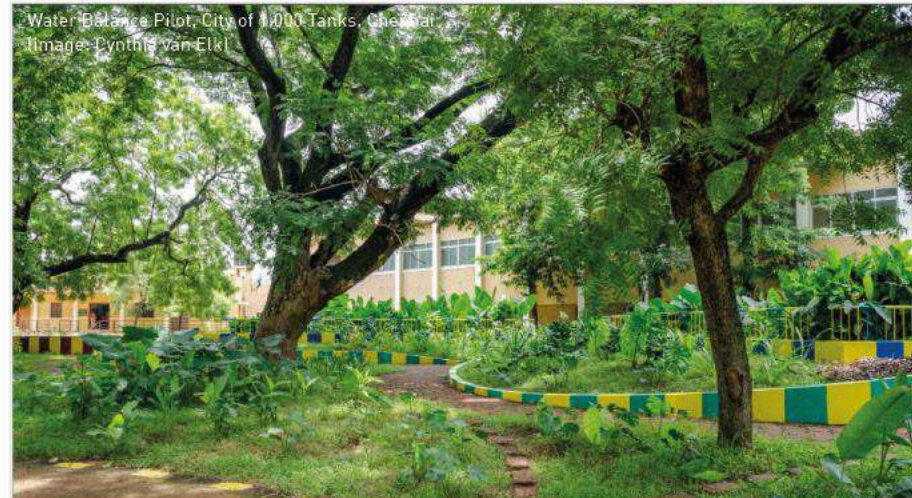
Benefits:

- › Reduces demand for portable water
- › Urban cooling

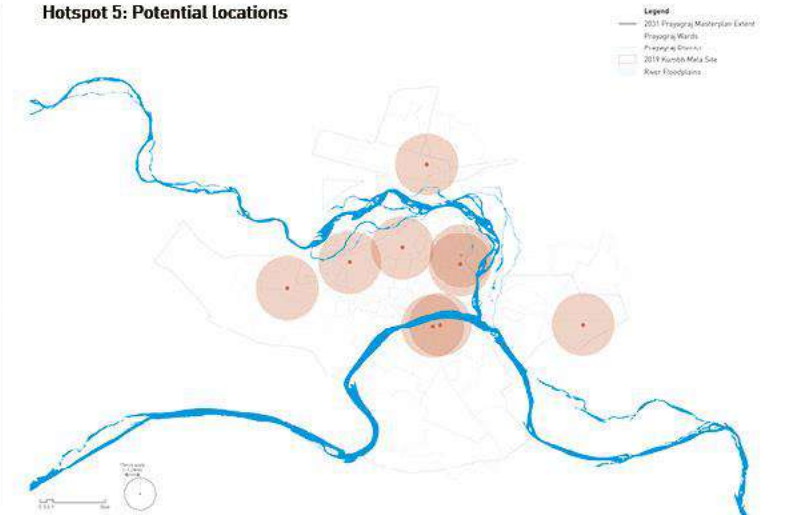
5.1 Water for urban EbA projects

5.2 Water for urban parks, green roofs and mini forests.

5.3 Water for agriculture



Hotspot 5: Potential locations





6. CLIMATE-RESILIENT URBAN EXPANSION

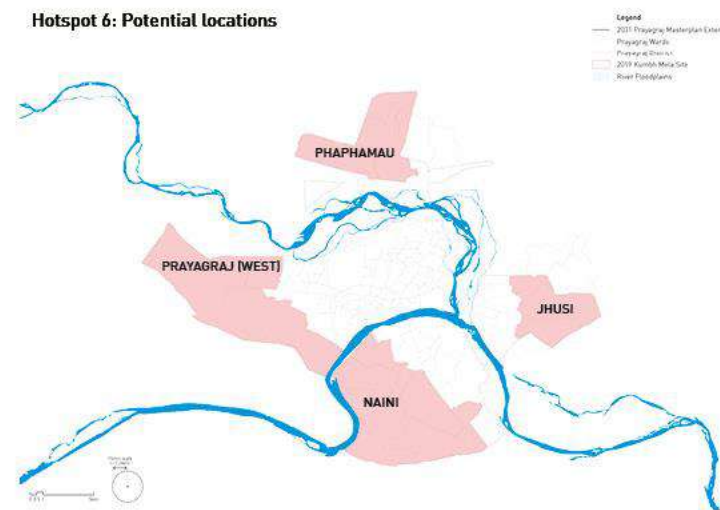
in urban expansion areas (Draft Masterplan 2031) including Naini, Jhusi and Phaphamau, Prayagraj (westward expansion).

5.1 EbA integrated into new public infrastructure.

5.2 Dutch “water-bodem sturend” principle for low-lying area with extremely soft soils from riverine origin.

Benefits:

- › Integrated and sustainable water management.





7. RIVER CITY CONNECT

- 7.1 Planned urban development along river banks
- 7.2 Riparian zones along flood plains function as parks and public spaces
- 7.3 More venues for recreational, cultural and religious activities along rivers
- 7.4 Improved public transit across rivers

Benefits:

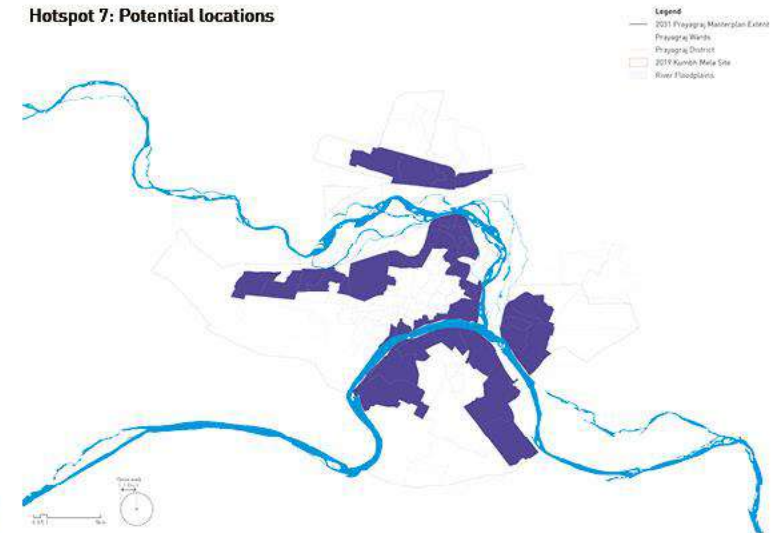
- › Citizens engage with and appreciate rivers
- › River edges become vital public spaces improving quality of life
- › Year-round tourism economy
- › Improved city-wide connectivity



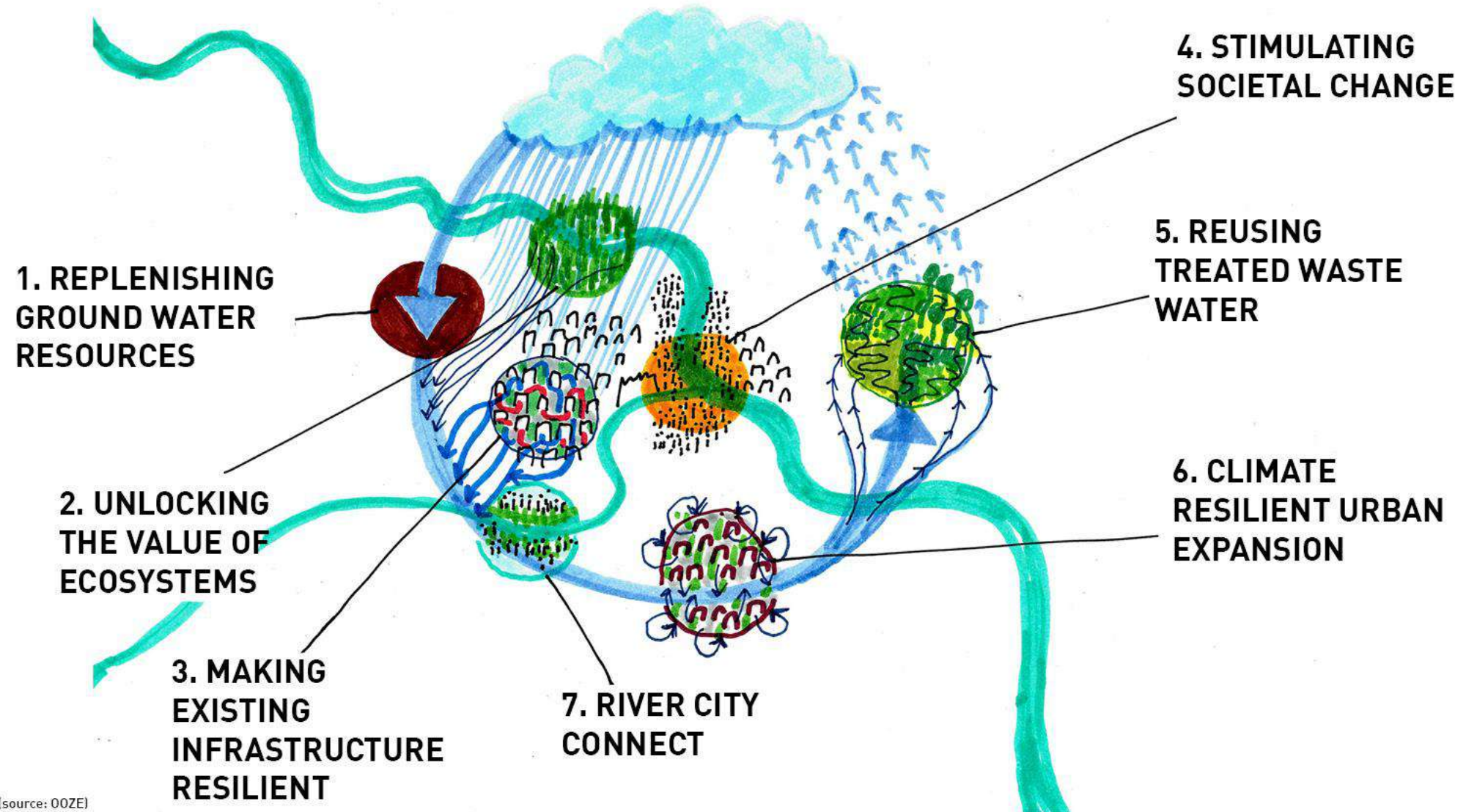
The Urban River Management Plan Framework



Hotspot 7: Potential locations



WATER AS LEVERAGE FOR PRAYAGRAJ



[source: 00ZE]

Managing Urban Rivers in Praygaraj

Through an integrated **Urban River Management Plan** framework and **Water as Leverage** approach

Draft for discussion

June, 2025

What is a URMP?

Coordination between agencies



Planning



Projects



An **integrated** approach to manage the river and its
associated elements in a city **sustainably**

Water bodies



Wetlands



Nallahs



Others

Environment

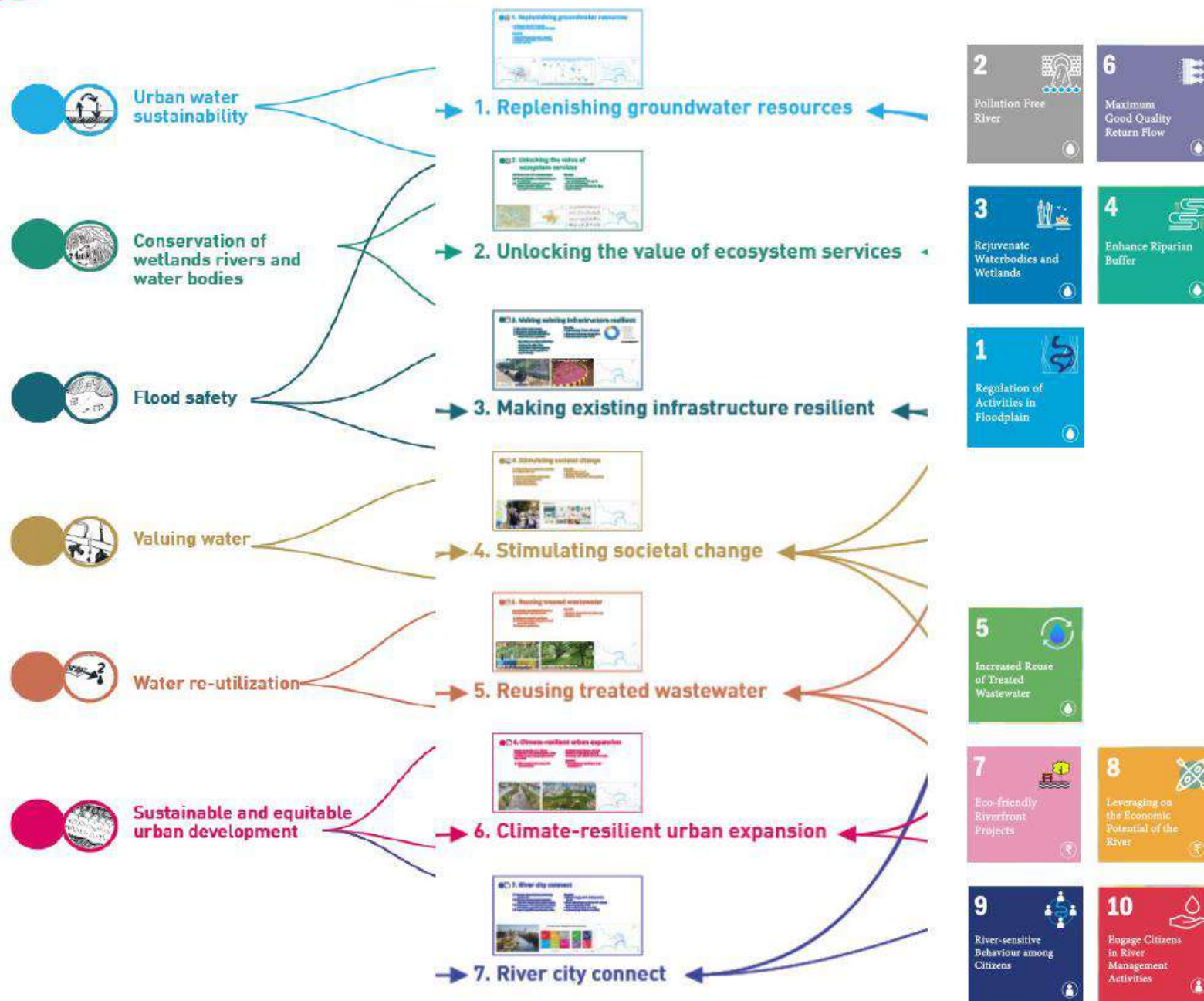


Social



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Environmental

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SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS



Religious, Cultural, and
Heritage Importance



Strong Educational and
Administrative Presence



Robust Regional
Connectivity



Infrastructure & Disaster
Preparedness

OPPORTUNITIES



Natural Features and
Agricultural Potential



Riverfront Redevelopment
and Eco-Tourism



Treated Water can be
Reused



Sustainable Infrastructure
through Blue-Green Planning



Chatnaag Area Development

WEAKNESS



Encroachment on
floodplains



Pollution and Inadequate
Sewage Treatment



Unaccounted-for
non-revenue water



Inadequate Stormwater
Management



Weak People - River Connect

THREATS



Climate Change &
Increasing Flood



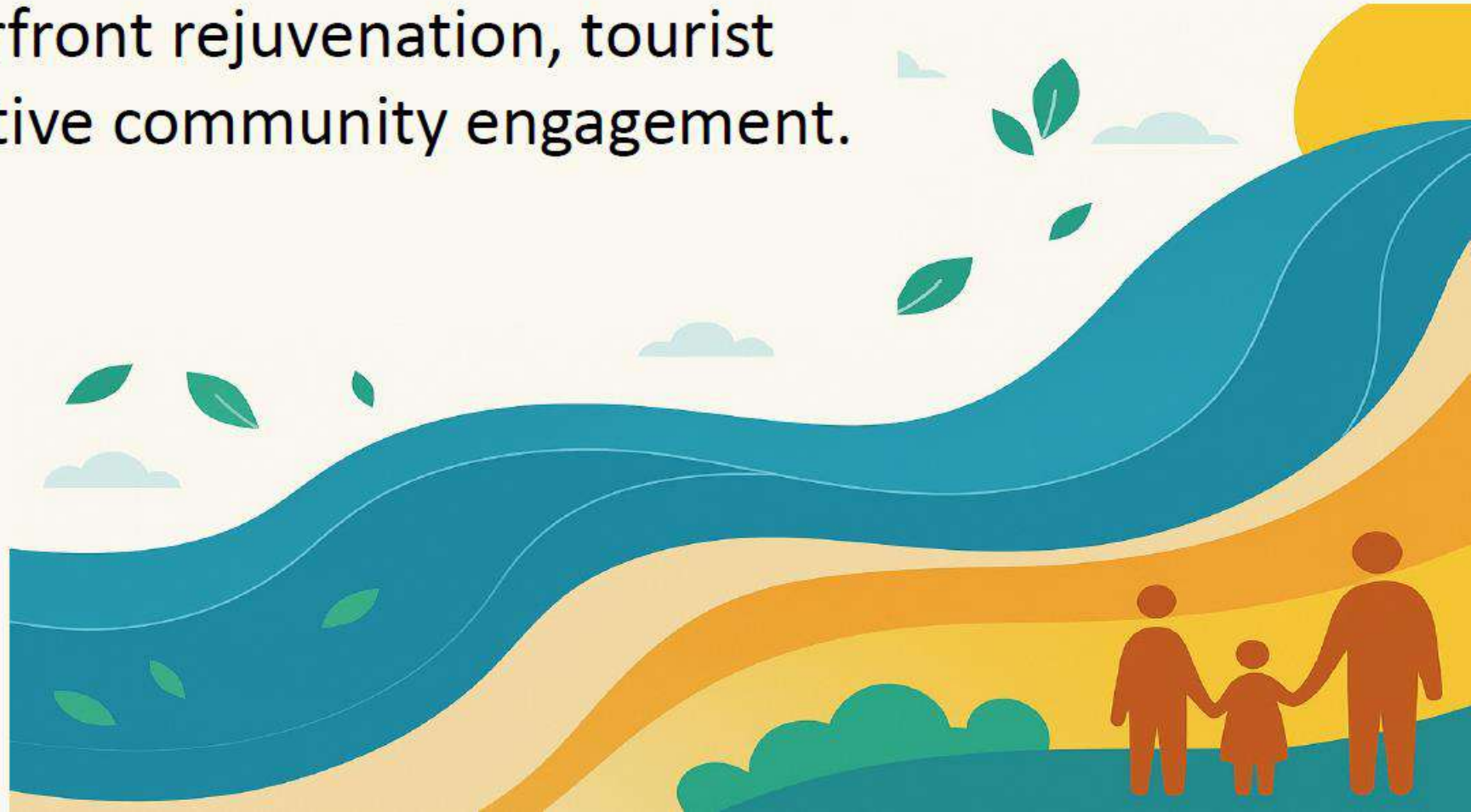
Depleting Groundwater
Resources



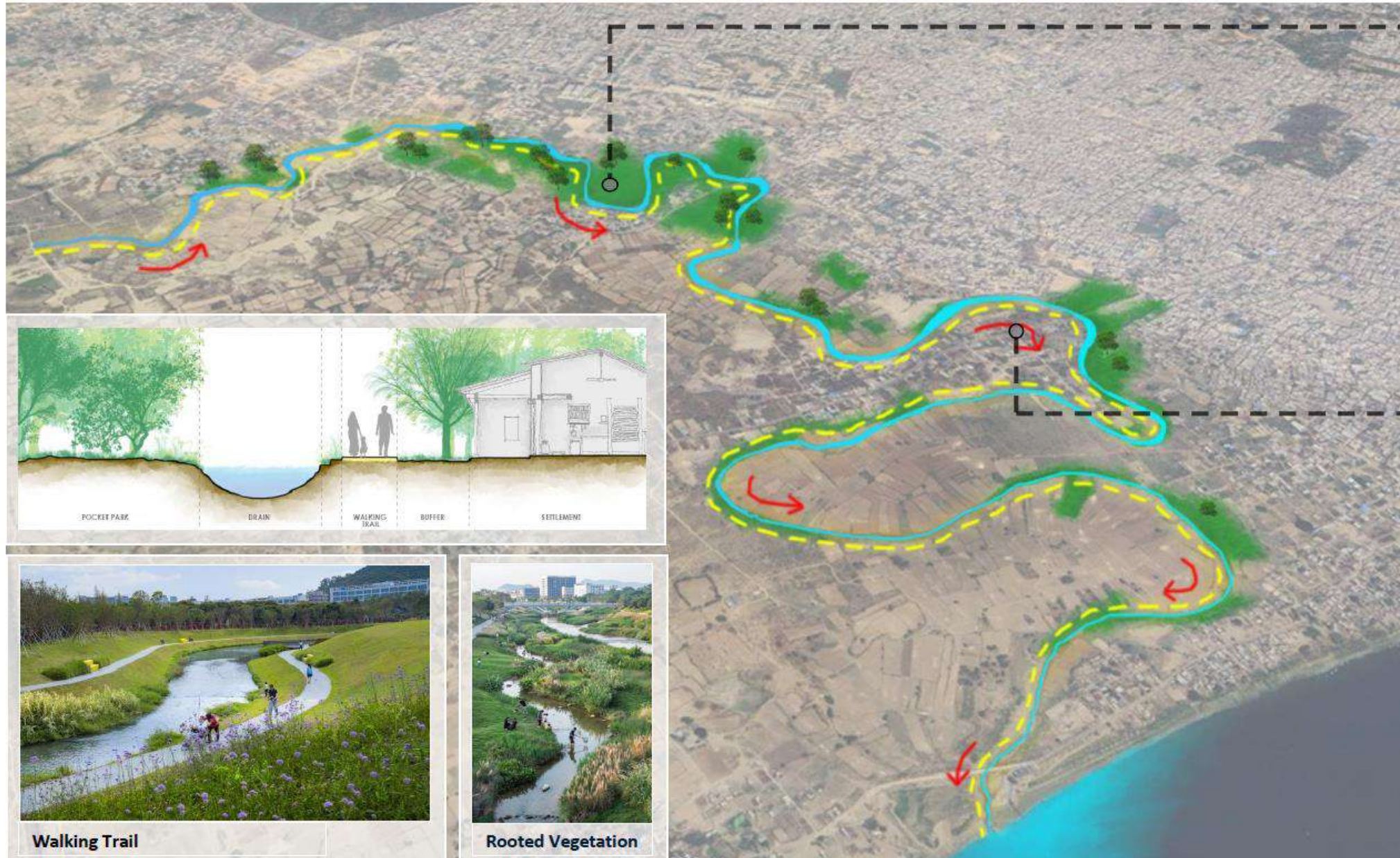
High Floating Population Pressure

The vision is to rejuvenate Prayagraj as **Living Heritage Corridors** through a comprehensive strategy for riverfront rejuvenation, tourist attractions, and active community engagement.

The strategies have
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INTERVENTIONS



Drain Rejuvenation



Pocket Parks & Green Spaces: Create small parks and green spaces at strategic locations along the drain for community gathering and recreation.



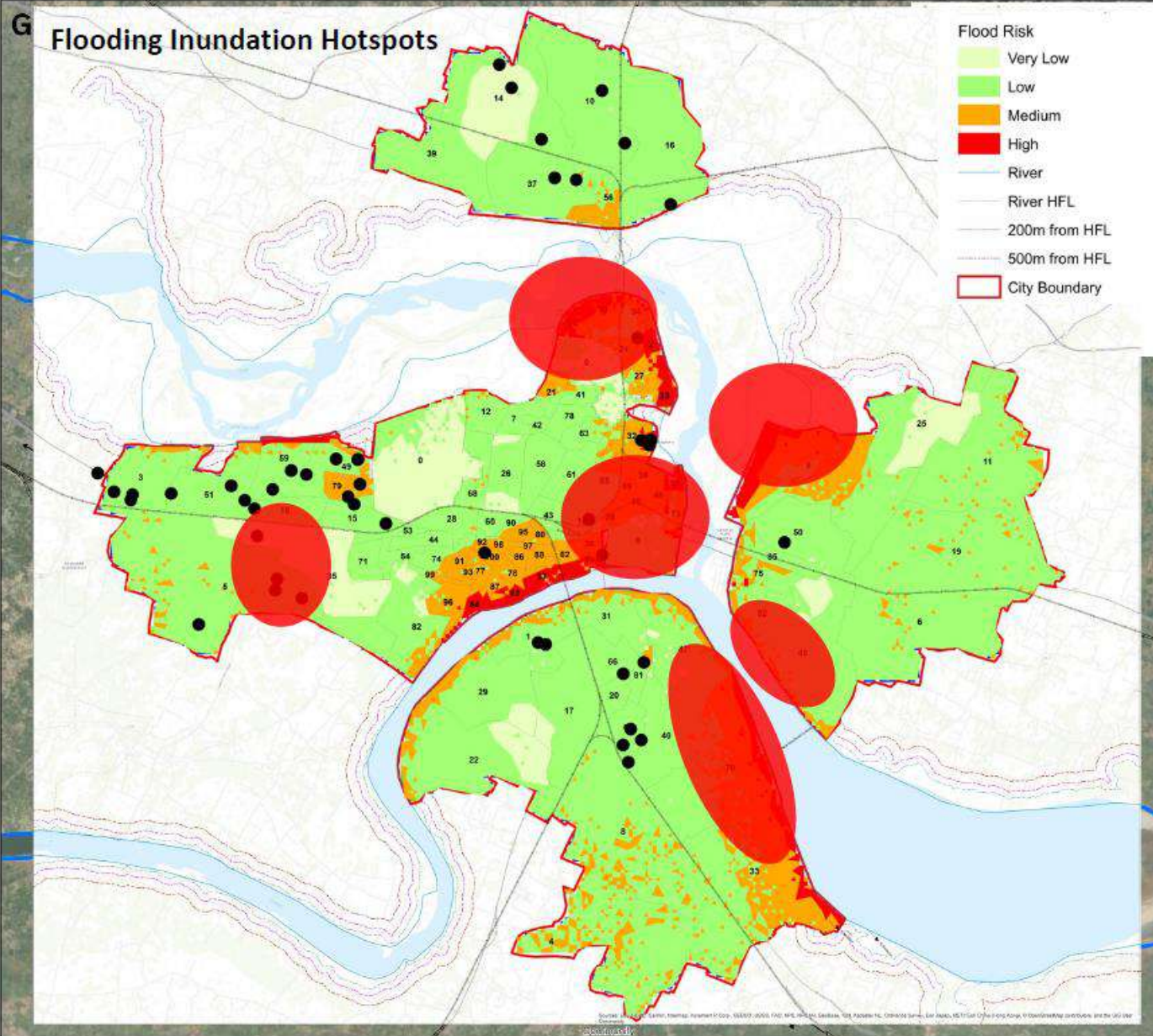
Walking Trail : use of permeable pavements, green roofs, and porous materials in areas adjacent to the drain to reduce stormwater runoff and promote groundwater recharge.



Walking Trail

Rooted Vegetation

Flood Resilience Via Recharging



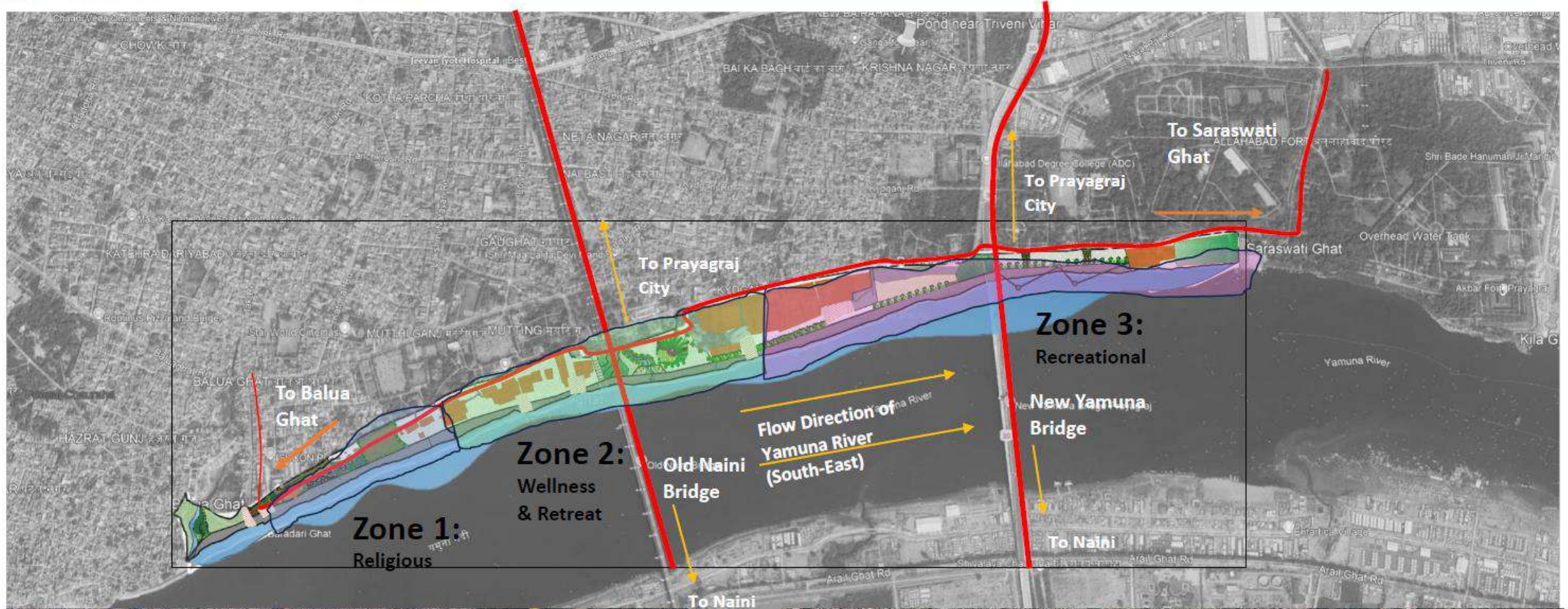
Designing water-sensitive models for urban growth in Prayagraj, Naini, Jhusi and Phaphamau

- Positive water cycles will be integrated with appropriate urban form and water governance models.
- The project will proactively integrate the sustainability of water sources (ground, surface, re-used water) into the urban growth model.
- Streets will incorporate urban nature-based solutions, and the management of water will be designed proactively. (Suggested by Deltares)

Recharge Potential Areas Identified

Chandrasekhar Azad Park
 Bai Ka Bagh
 Saraswati Park
 Tiranga Park
 Roxberg Botanical Garden

Riverfront Development



Riverfront Zone pre-monsoon



Riverfront Zone during-monsoon (Inundated Area)

THANK YOU...



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Wrap-up and closing

Thank you!

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