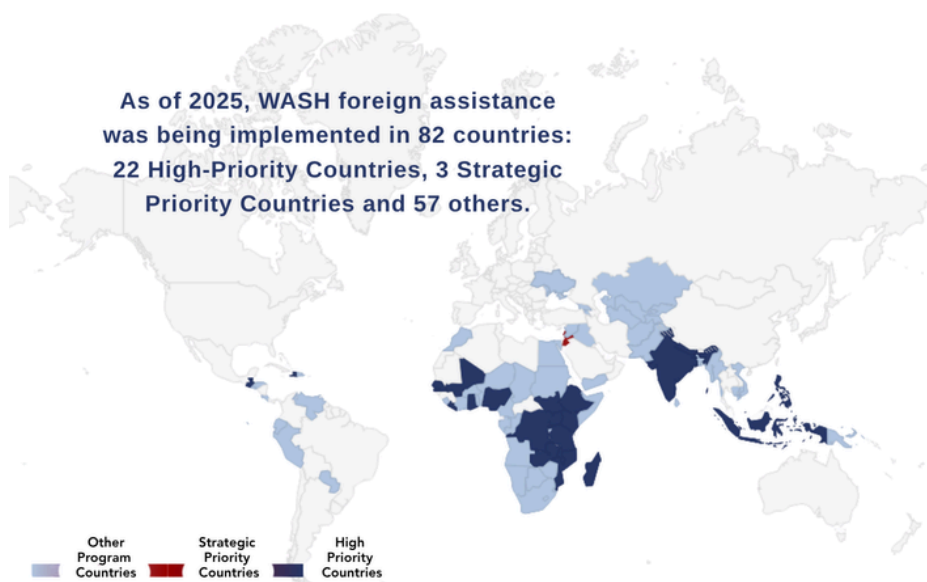


TWO DECADES OF IMPACT: U.S. GOVERNMENT WATER SECURITY, SAFE DRINKING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE ASSISTANCE

Under the bipartisan *Water for the Poor Act of 2005* (WFTP) and *Water for the World Act of 2014* (WFTW), the United States has been a global leader in safeguarding global water security and safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for two decades. These programs:

- **Advance core U.S. foreign policy priorities**, including global health security, commercial diplomacy, counterterrorism, regional stability, workforce participation and economic growth while saving lives and meeting basic needs;
- **Support partner governments, utilities, small businesses, and communities to lead** in their own water and sanitation solutions, maximizing U.S. investments over the long term, preventing infrastructure breakdown, and reducing the need for foreign aid over time; and
- **Protect Americans at home and around the world** by preventing and controlling infections like Ebola and Cholera, mitigating terrorist recruitment, promoting stability, and building strong relationships with countries and communities of strategic importance to the United States.



Since 2005, **bipartisan Congressional appropriations** for WASH have **steadily increased**, under both Republican and Democratic leadership. By law, at least half of these funds are spent in **high-priority countries** designated pursuant to WFTW, where the need for WASH is greatest.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Unlike short-term humanitarian WASH programs, investment in long-term water security and WASH access under WFTW ties to the success of 14 Federal departments and agencies under the U.S. Global Water Strategy, including the U.S. Development Finance Corporation, the U.S. International Trade Administration, and the U.S. Department of Defense.



Since 2001, it is estimated that American investment in WASH programs in low and middle-income countries **saved 11 million lives - mostly children** - that would otherwise have been lost to diarrheal diseases arising from unsafe drinking water, lack of sanitation, and poor hygiene.



Since 2008, **76 million people gained access to safe drinking water** as a result of USG assistance. Water translates to income, education, health, nutrition, conflict prevention, and more. It grows businesses and partnerships for America.*



Since 2008, **56 million people gained access to a durable latrine or toilet** as a result of American investments. That's more dignity, more safety, and more protection from health crises around the world.*



Manufacturers and distributors of American-made WASH products and technologies employ more than 200,000 workers across 25 states, **export to 178 countries**, and maintain a positive trade balance in more than 115 countries.



Since 2018, development-focused water and sanitation partnerships **leveraged an additional \$1.4 billion in non-U.S. funding** from private companies, financial institutions, partner governments, and communities



American engagement helped **strengthen 985 water and sanitation institutions** like local government and utilities, in 2023 alone. This institutional strengthening helps create a sector that can sustain itself.*

**Fiscal Year 2023 results are the most recent available data.*