

Sanitation and Water for All

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WASH aid policy

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works with a wide range of partners to invest in effective sanitation, water and hygiene approaches that will contribute to a world where children and families lead healthier, more productive lives.

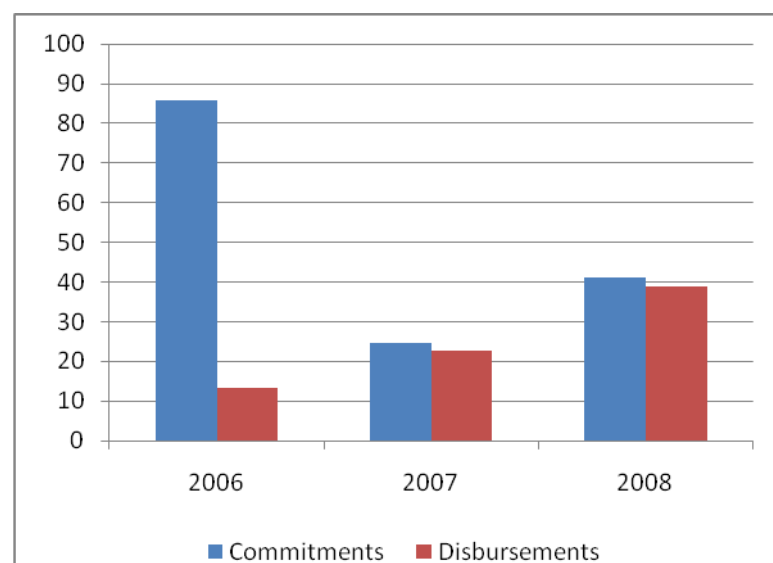
Specifically, the Foundation is focusing on sanitation and investing in: (i) approaches that will help end open defecation and unsafe sanitation in rural communities; (ii) tools and technologies that will allow the urban poor access to sustainable non-piped sanitation; (iii) policy and advocacy in support of non-piped sanitation; and, (iv) limited water and hygiene opportunities.

WASH aid prioritization criteria

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's funding is not country based. Sub Saharan Africa and Asia are priority regions, given poverty levels and the limited access by poor households to sustainable sanitation and water services.

WASH aid commitments

Million USD



Accountability

Specific target

The Foundation has a goal to expand approaches such as community-led total sanitation to help over 30 million people gain access to safe, sustainable sanitation by 2014. The Foundation aims to support activities that incentivize ongoing sustainability of sanitation and water services, not just provision of taps and toilets.

Reporting

The Foundation publishes an annual report on its activities. Information about the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene strategy and the Foundation can be found at www.gatesfoundation.org.

Predictability

A majority of Foundation funding for water, sanitation and hygiene is provided through 3-5 year grants to a range of public, private, and NGO actors. These grants test innovative approaches, develop evidence around what works, and support at-scale delivery of sustainable sanitation and water services.

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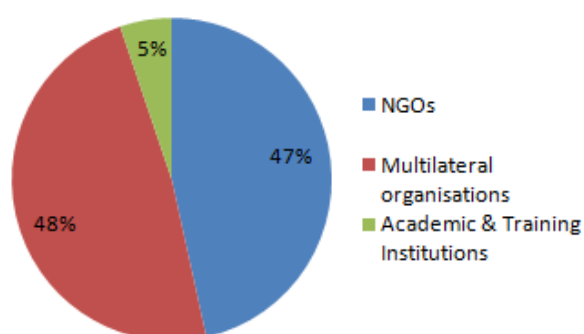
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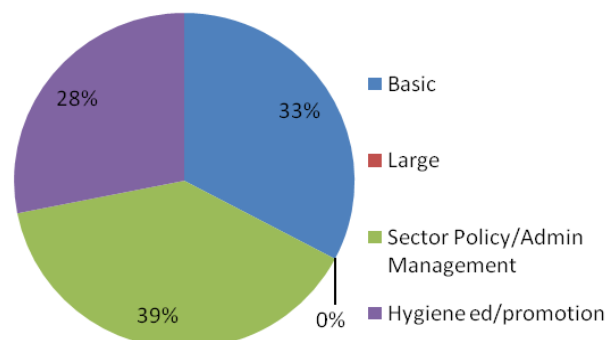
Outreach

In 2008, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation had 14 active grants in Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, operating through grantees in 11 countries. Grantees include the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP), IRC-International Water and Sanitation Centre, Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor, PATH, CARE, UC Berkeley, CEPT University, and Stanford University.

Funding channels (disbursements, 2008)



Basic vs. large systems (disbursements, 2008)



Sanitation vs. drinking-water (disbursements, 2008)

Sanitation: 62%

Drinking-water: 38%

Alignment and Harmonisation

Tied vs. untied aid

100% untied

Aid coordinated with country programmes

All grantees are encouraged to be familiar with country co-ordination mechanisms and to engage with these as relevant, although aid is not directly co-ordinated with donor or Government country programs.

Use of country procurement systems

Not applicable

Use of Project Implementation Units

The Foundation works through grantees that either have country offices or work through sub grantees as host agencies.

Several of the Foundation's grantees are part of sector co-ordination efforts in the sanitation sector in India, Indonesia and Tanzania, as well as at an international level. Likewise, several grantees participate in sector co-ordination efforts in the drinking-water sector in Ghana and Uganda, and at an international level.