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| Funding source | The World Bank Group Country Partnership Strategy for Belarus, 2013–2017 (3) WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROJECT (02/09 – 09/18) |
| Targeted countries | Belarus |
| Programme objectives | The Project Development Objective is to increase access to water supply services and to improve the quality of water supply and wastewater services in selected urban areas in six participating oblasts of the Borrower. The objective will be achieved through the rehabilitation and reconstruction of water supply and sanitation facilities and networks, including the adoption of advanced technologies for water treatment. The project complements the Government's National Water Development Program "Chistaya Voda" (Clean Water) and contributes to innovation, modernisation, and capacity development in the Belarus water sector. |
| Programme description | Belarus is quite rich in water resources, and those available are sufficient to meet both current and future demands. During the past five years, total water use has declined by 5 percent, while industrial use has fallen by 17 percent, continuing a trend that began in the early 1990s. The reliability and safety of the water and sanitation services are less than satisfactory due to service interruptions, high losses in the distribution systems, and substantial operating costs as a result of aging infrastructure and the need for maintenance. The population, especially in rural areas using dug wells for water supply, is exposed to health risks. In March 2014, the Board approved an Additional Financing to the project to finance the upgrade and reconstruction of wastewater treatment plants in four towns: the rehabilitation of trunk wastewater transmission systems in the cities of Mogilev and Grodno, and the upgrade of water production facilities and distribution systems in the towns of Rogachev and Shklov. The project also strengthens the capacity of the participating utilities to provide better information to customers and develop social accountability mechanisms for water and wastewater services. The World Bank Group Country Partnership Strategy for Belarus guides World Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) support to Belarus from 2013 to 2017. |
| Website and additional links | http://www.worldbank.org/ http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Belarus-Snapshot.pdf |
| Status | Ongoing |
| Overall budget | N/A |
| Maximum budget per candidate | N/A |
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| Who can candidate? | Key Partners: Ministry of Housing and Utilities; Ministry of Finance; and the six participating oblasts and vodokanals (water and wastewater utilities). |
| What are the requirements for applying? | N/A |
| Type of activity funded | Development projects, infrastructure projects, investment projects, analytical and technical assistance |
| Link with ICT | Does the programme include ICT indirectly |

Other useful information

The World Bank is a catalyst of global knowledge and best practices in the development of ICT. A South-South knowledge exchange between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Belarus, "Together to the InfoSociety," facilitated by the World Bank in June 2014, provided a platform to discuss Korea's ICT experience in such sectors as health, land registration, and cyber security, as well as Belarus ICT sector development.