## Stakeholder Engagement for Technological and Policy Support

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Unlocking wastewater treatment, water re-use and resource recovery opportunities for urban and peri-urban areas in India





Wastewater treatment & resource recovery

Water Governance Smart Water Management

Capacity building, business development, dissemination



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## **Project Objectives**

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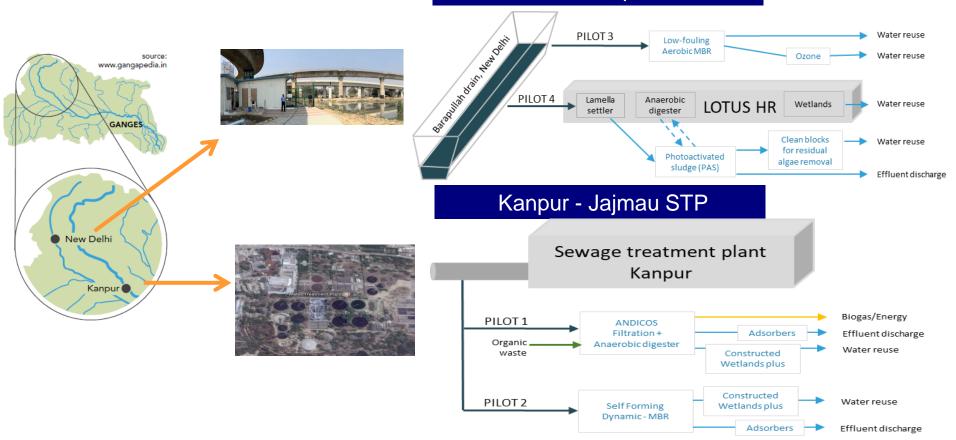
VVP 2		Water governance, stakeholders engagement and policy support	Create policy and social support for innovative technologies through stakeholder engagement
WP 3		Treatment and recovery technologies	Evaluate & improve promising wastewater treatment, reuse and recovery technologies at lab scale
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WP I 5	0	On-site piloting and performance evaluation	Demonstrate and validate innovative technologies in real Indian wastewater settings at pilot scale
WP 6		PAVITRA GANGA Technology & learning network	Establish long lasting cooperation in capacity building and knowledge sharing
WP 7	₹ €	EU-India Business Platform	Establish future market uptake and post-project exploitation of the demonstrated technologies
WP 8		Communication and dissemination	Communicate and disseminate the project activities and outcomes



## Two urban cases: New Delhi & Kanpur

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#### New Delhi - Barapullah Drain

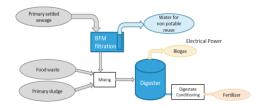




**Technological Solutions** 

Wastewater treatment: Organics & Micropollutant Removal, Energy recovery

- Bulk organics and nutrients removal. Low cost, low energy, effective & reliable:
- (ANDICOS<sup>™</sup>) combines concentrated sewage + organic waste to improve AD efficiency and water treatment
- Self-Forming Dynamic (SFD) MBR – "pseudo MBR" forms a biological layer supported by a mesh (inert material)





Polishing technologies (problem compounds)

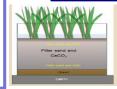
- Structured adsorbers manufactured composites with high binding capacities + fast kinetics (Cr removal 95%, P 95% removal)
- Constructed wetlands plus different adsorptive substrates (>80% heavy metal removal)

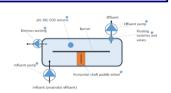
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- Ozonation removal micro organisms & micropollutants
- **Photo-activated sludge** merger of high rate algae ponds + activated sludge systems (7 mg/l/hr ammonium removal)

• Clean Blocks - Biofilm carrier for nutrient removal, filtration for suspended solids









### **Objectives**

To create policy and social support for innovative technologies & concepts through a co-creation process in which stakeholders are engaged in the framing of the problem and the creation of promising solutions leading to targeted decision support to policy makers.

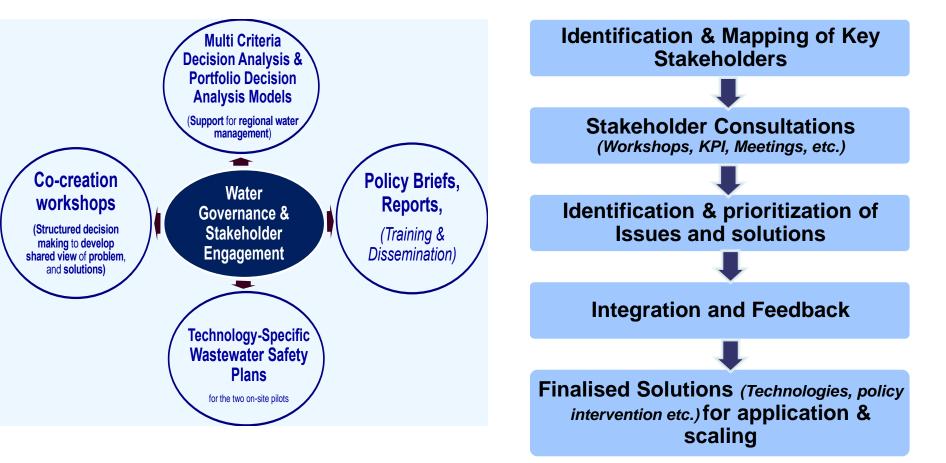
### Specific objectives:

- Analyse (successful & unsuccessful) water governance systems across India and internationally for delivering improved (WW treatment, reuse & RR) solutions
- Identify critical water quality issues and related socio-economic problems for (WW treatment, reuse & RR) in urban & peri-urban areas
- Develop structured decision support processes and multi-criteria decision analysis models to support regional water management in the case study area
- Develop technology specific sanitation safety plans to assess, prioritise and mitigate exposure risk associated to wastewater treatment and reuse



## **Stakeholder Engagement**

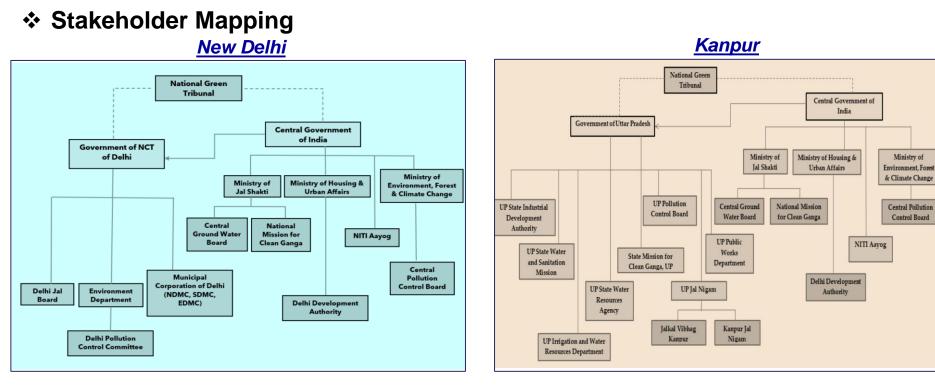






## **Stakeholder Engagement**

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#### New Delhi (Agencies): NGT, MoJS, MoH&UA, MoEF&CC, NMCG, CPCB, MCD, DJB, CGWB etc.

Kanpur (Agencies): UPPCB, UP Jal Nigam, Kanpur Jal Nigam, UP-Irrigation & WR Dept., SMCG, PWD, etc.



### Water Governance Stakeholder Consultation Workshops

- Project Pavitra Ganga Launch on 2<sup>nd</sup> March'20 by Shri U. P. Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti in presence of NMCG & other dignitaries
- Stakeholder Consultation Workshops



Policy Brief:

Mainstreaming Governance on Wastewater treatment, water reuse and Resource Recovery: Learnings from India and the EU







Kanpur (6th March'20)



### **Key Messages**

- Need for target-based regulations, defined national reuse standards for treated wastewater and sewage sludge and effective enforcement strategy.
- Policy and guiding frameworks need to establish detailed guidance on wastewater and sewage sludge treatment and reuse technologies (fit-for- purpose treatment)
- Need of effective financing mechanisms (funds, taxes, tariffs) that permit sufficient cost- recovery for long-term O&M of wastewater and sewage sludge treatment infrastructure.
- Strengthening of institutional and monitoring capacity



## **Communication and Dissemination**

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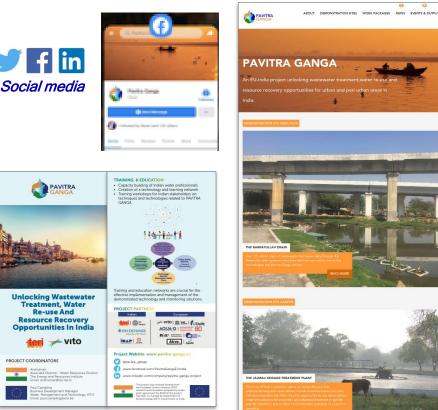
- Maximizing visibility of project
- **Dissemination of project activities &** outcomes to stakeholders in India and EU
- Facilitate the outreach and engagement of key actors
- Creating support among local actors
- Ensure replication of the demonstrated technologies
- **Information Sharing**



Pavitra Ganga Launch Event (2/3/20)

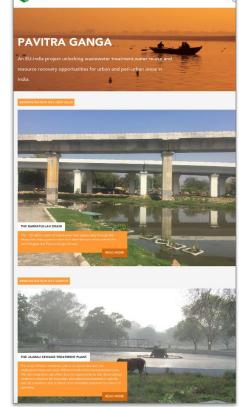


#### Newsletter



#### **Project Flyer**

#### Website: https://pavitra-ganga.eu/en





## **Expected Impacts**

- •Efficient and cost effective technical solutions for waste water treatment, reuse and resource recovery
- Smart solutions for monitoring and modelling that provide relevant information for local stakeholders
- Improved local water governance and engagement with stakeholders

## **Addressing Climate Change and Agricultural Water Security:** A case of the Krishna Basin in India

"Impacts of Climate Change and Watershed Development on Agricultural Water Security in the Krishna and Murray-Darling Basins"



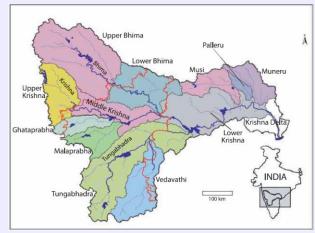
## Krishna Basin: U/S & D/S interstate Issues

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- Increasing shallow tube wells. Groundwater irrigated area exceeds surface water irrigated area in the basin
- Closing of Basin: Cumulative impact of large irrigation expansion (since 1960s) & extensive WSD programs
- Mean annual runoff to ocean decreased despite no significant decrease in rainfall
- The basin is nearly closed and stream flow to the ocean (1995-2005) was only 20% of pre-irrigation discharge (1900-1960).
- Urban and industrial effluents from U/S cities (e.g. Hyderabad) are drained into the Musi River. The urban wastewater, mostly untreated, is then reused in agriculture further downstream.

#### Krishna Basin: Total area- 2,65,812 km<sup>2</sup>. River length:1485 km The Basin falls in the states of • Maharashtra : 70,348 km<sup>2</sup> • Karnataka : 1,11,381 km<sup>2</sup>

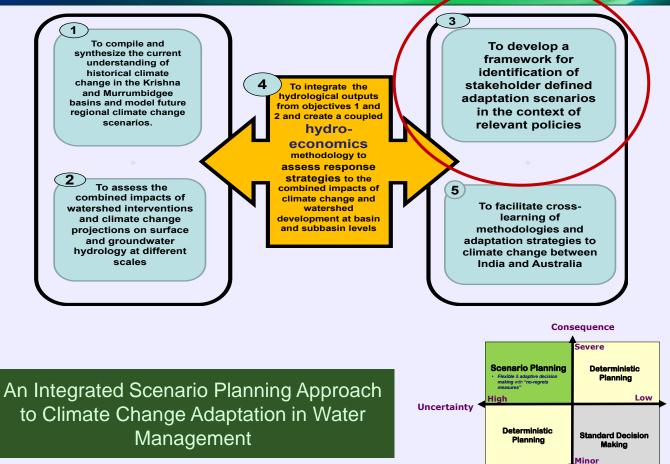
• Andhra Pradesh : 84,083 km<sup>2</sup>



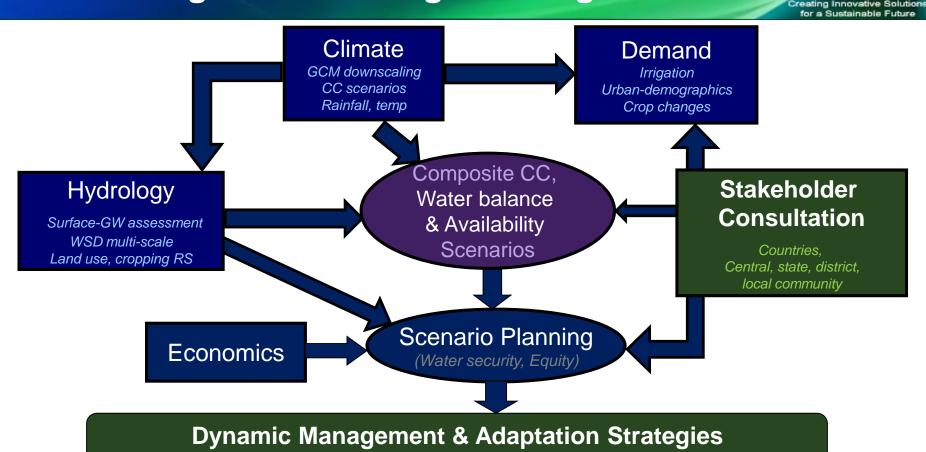
Source: IWMI

## The Project Objectives...

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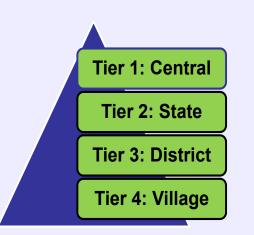


## **Integrated Planning & Management**



(Allocation/Sharing, Storage, Conservation, Demand management, Policies)

## **Multi-stakeholder involvement**



- Stakeholder consultations: Four tier/level:
  - Central: MoWR (CWC, CGWB), MoEF, MoRD/MoUD, MoST (DST)

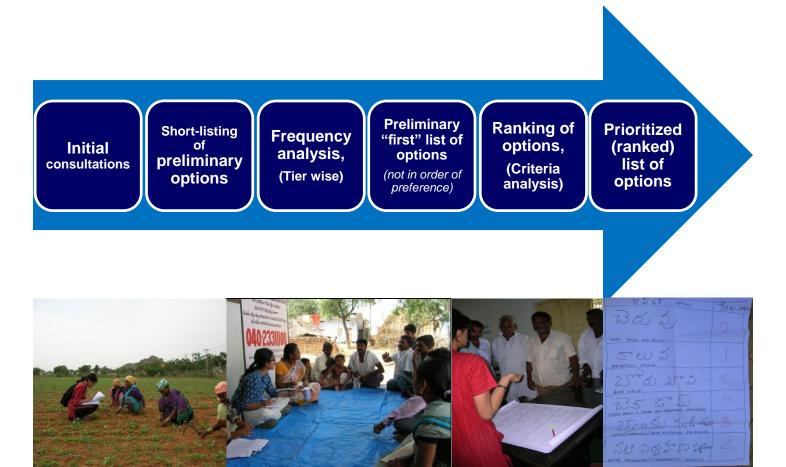
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- State: WRD, I&CADD, Watershed Development & Management, PWDs, SGWB, Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal & RBOs eg. MKVDC, MWRRA
- District: Local authorities eg. DCs, PHED, Jal Boards, MCs, Planners, Chief Engineers
- Village/Civil Society: PRIs, Community associations/local community, NGOs, KVKs

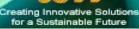


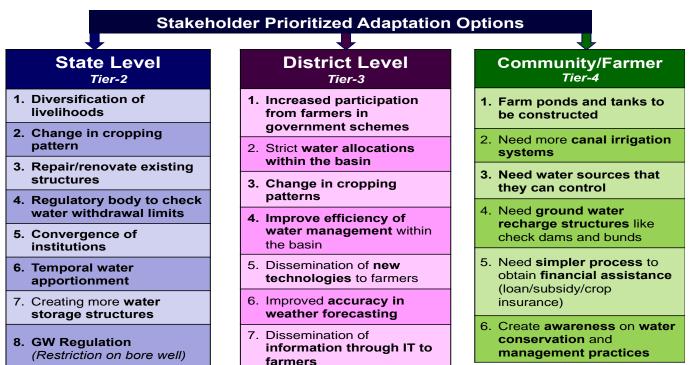
### **Consultative Prioritization Process**

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# Finalized Adaptation options prioritized by stakeholders at different levels





#### **Selected Adaptation Options**

- Changing cropping patterns
- Increasing watershed development
- Improving irrigation efficiency

## **Conclusion & Recommendations**

Implementing a Crop Diversification policy would appear to have the greatest returns.

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- WSD and Efficiency improvements result in values of water being much lower than currently experienced. There is significant variability in the regions.
- Potential policy intervention should be evaluated for both its water security and its economic outcomes at a catchment scale. What is optimal and ideal from a physical perspective in water security does not necessarily provide the best economic outcome
- In response to climate change, it is ideal to focus on 'no-regret' flexible adaptive approaches (like changing cropping patterns) over the less flexible WSD and the highly inflexible improvements to irrigation efficiency

## **Stakeholder Engagement: Recommendations**

- Project strategies needs to be designed keeping in view the individual catchments and whole-of-basin perspectives, and must be aligned with the political structure and stakeholder interests through a multi-tier consultation and negotiation process.
- Transparency and data sharing through common authority or commission. Dissemination of information through various media & channels is equally important
- Stakeholder consultative process is important for sustainability of various interventions developed in a project
- More flexible and adaptive approach should be undertaken based on plausible future scenarios combined with associated adaptive responses.
- A wide-based stakeholder consultative approach should be used to elicit basic scenarios, plausible responses and design water management strategies.





## **Thank You for Your Attention**

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