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## Solution Exchange for WES-Net India Consolidated Reply

**Query: International funding agencies supporting NGOs in water conservation/ from Haritika, Uttar Pradesh/ Advice**

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I am Avani Mohan Singh, chief functionary of HARITIKA. The Haritika supports community participation efforts for the sound management of water resources, poverty eradication in the drought-prone Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Haritika was established on 28th October 1994 under society act 1860. Since then we are engaged in the field of rural development and watershed development, health and water & sanitation, sustainable development in the needy villages, State project support unit, Bhopal under DPIP project, but we think, still we have not achieved the target as many villages are left want of such types of development activities. In the mean time, we are engaged in DPIP project funded by the World Bank in which we have achieved good results even in the adverse circumstances and hopefully will achieve the given target too in the right time. Now the progress of the work of the Haritika has been extended beyond expectation and lot of work is being done in several villages.

Dear members, please can any of you tell me if there is a **directory of international funding agencies that can support NGOs** like us in the noble cause of water conservation?"

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Solution Exchange received Responses, from:

1. [Prema Gera](#), UNDP, New Delhi
  2. [Devyani Rana](#), GEF Small Grants Programme, South Asia Region (UNDP), New Delhi
  3. [Diwakar Sinha](#), Uttaranchal Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (The Swajal Project), Dehradun
  4. [Tejinder Kaur](#), WESNet India, New Delhi
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## Summary of Responses

This query provided us an opportunity to gather information on **financing opportunities for NGOs** involved in water conservation activities for the Network. In this effort, I thank [Tejinder Kaur](#) for compiling a list of international donors (see, <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res29070501.xls>), [Devyani Rana](#) for her recommendations on opportunities offered by the private sector and the Small Grants Programme (<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res27070501.doc>), and [Diwakar Sinha](#) for pointing towards a specific opportunity for NGOs.

We have not limited this response to the international donor agencies, but have also included other significant sources. This information will be maintained as a resource for this Network and updated as we get more information.

### **Funding sources identified**

**International donor organizations:** These include **development banks, multilateral and bilateral organizations**. However, some of the bilateral donors, including AUSAID, DANIDA, CIDA, and SIDA, are in the process of phasing out their country programmes in India.

1. **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** [[www.adb.org/Water/default.asp](http://www.adb.org/Water/default.asp)].  
*ADB promotes stakeholders participation in the management of water resources at all levels. It encourages partnerships between governments, private agencies, NGOs, and communities.*
2. **Australian Aid Agency (AUSAID)** [[www.ausgovindia.com/ausaid/](http://www.ausgovindia.com/ausaid/)].  
*AUSAID delivers aid to India in the sector including water and environmental sanitation.*
3. **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)** [<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca>]  
*CIDA supports policy reform and investment by stimulating bilateral relationships which include private sector, NGO and institutional linkages, and government-to-government co-operation.*
4. **Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)** [[www.wdcoindia.org](http://www.wdcoindia.org)]  
*A key area for assistance is water and sanitation, with focus on ground water based rural water supply systems. The Watershed Development Programme has supported five major projects and NGO involvement.*
5. **Delegation of European Commission** [[www.eudelindia.org](http://www.eudelindia.org)]  
*EC supports programmes for rural and natural resources development including integrated watershed management. Though a large part of the assistance is channeled to government implemented bilateral programmes, projects undertaken by NGOs are also supported.*
6. **Department for International Development (DFID)** [[www.dfidindia.org/about/about.htm](http://www.dfidindia.org/about/about.htm)]  
*DFID's partners include members of the government, private sector, NGOs, civil society and the research community. One of the priority areas is promoting increased investment in clean water.*
7. **German Development Cooperation (GTZ)** [[www.gtz.de/en/weltweit/asien-pazifik/607.htm](http://www.gtz.de/en/weltweit/asien-pazifik/607.htm)]  
*GTZ technical and financial assistance for protection and sustainability of natural resources including watershed protection.*
8. **German Development Bank (KfW)** [[www.kfw.de](http://www.kfw.de)].  
*KfW focuses on contributing towards improving living conditions and combating poverty.*
9. **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** [[www.jica.go.jp/india/english/about.html](http://www.jica.go.jp/india/english/about.html)]  
*JICA has introduced a NGO related schemes called JICA Partnership Program which aims to encourage a joint effort of the Indian and Japanese NGOs for better services, facilities and welfare to achieve a sustainable livelihood of the communities in India.*
10. **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** [[www.jbic.go.jp](http://www.jbic.go.jp)].

*JBIC supports economic infrastructure development, poverty reduction and environmental improvement and protection in India.*

11. **Royal Netherlands Embassy** [[www.hollandinindia.org](http://www.hollandinindia.org)]  
*The priority areas include water and sanitation with focus on few states – AP, Kerala and Gujarat*
12. **Swedish Development Cooperation (SIDA)** [[www.sida.se](http://www.sida.se)]  
*SIDA is working with various organizations including NGOs and multilaterals, and focuses on environment and poverty issues especially lack of clean water in select states.*
13. **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)** [[www.deza.ch](http://www.deza.ch)]  
*SDC promotes human and institutional development through partnerships and contributing to the reduction of poverty in India. One of the focus areas is sustainable management of water.*
14. **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** [[www.unicef.org/india/wes.html](http://www.unicef.org/india/wes.html)]  
*UNICEF supports developing and implementing a range of replicable models for water and sanitation sector*
15. **US Agency for International Development (USAID)**  
[[www.usaid.gov/in/about\\_usaid/overview.htm](http://www.usaid.gov/in/about_usaid/overview.htm)]  
*One of the key focuses is the link between dependable electricity supply and water conservation.*
16. **The World Bank** [[www.worldbank.org.in](http://www.worldbank.org.in)].  
*The World Bank is partnering with various organizations to reduce poverty and improve living standards. Among the focus areas is infrastructure development which includes water and sanitation sector.*

#### **International foundations and programmes:**

1. **Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)** [[www.akdn.org](http://www.akdn.org)].  
*AKF is Involved with rural development programmes in India. Majority of its projects are grants to grassroots organisations interested in testing innovative approaches in a variety of settings.*
2. **Ford Foundation** [<http://www.fordfound.org/global/office/index.cfm?office=New%2BDelhi>]  
*Focuses on rural development in India, including assisting efforts to improve the management of both large-and small-scale irrigation facilities using pumped groundwater.*
3. **Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility (SGP-GEF)** [[www.sgpindia.org/](http://www.sgpindia.org/)]  
*Provides grants to NGOs, CBOs and other for projects that benefit the global environment and promote sustainable livelihoods in local communities, including water conservation projects*

**NGOs and research institutes:** There are also several international and national level institutions and research organizations that undertake water conservation projects in partnership with NGOs, such as:

1. **WaterAid** (<http://www.wateraid.org.uk/>)  
*WaterAid is an international charity working on issues related to water and sanitation. It also promotes networks among government, NGOs and community groups.*
2. **International Water Management Institute (IWMI)** ([www.iwmi.org](http://www.iwmi.org))  
*IWMI is an international organization, which works along with their partner organizations and NGOs different water related issues. Through its IWMI-Tata policy program, it collaborates with a range of partners in India to analyze and document relevant water-management approaches.*
3. **Action for Food Production or AFPRO** (<http://www.afpro.org/>)  
*AFPRO is a socio-technical development NGO working to reduce rural poverty in India, with core competencies in land and water management among others. It provides technical guidance and back-up support to grassroots-level NGOs in implementing its mandate related projects.*

**Private Sector and consultancy organizations:** There are corporate sector foundations and forums with interests in the environment and water sphere, for example:

1. The **Georg Fischer Bicentenary Foundation**, Switzerland (<http://www.georgfischer.com/628/869/875/876.asp> )
2. **Nestle** ([http://www.nestle.com/Our\\_Responsibility/](http://www.nestle.com/Our_Responsibility/) )
3. **Alcan** (<http://www.alcan.com/web/publishing.nsf/content/Donations+and+Sponsorship+Home> )
4. **The Skoll Foundation**, USA (<http://www.skollfoundation.org/> )
5. **The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum** (<http://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/trusts/>)

In addition, there are national level private sector and financial institutions (for example, **Sir Ratan Tata Trust** [www.tata.com/0\\_about\\_us/history/pioneers/ratan\\_tata.htm](http://www.tata.com/0_about_us/history/pioneers/ratan_tata.htm), **Usha Martin** [www.ushamartin.com](http://www.ushamartin.com).) that have taken up work as per their social responsibilities and may also include water conservation projects.

**Government department and agencies:** Initiatives are being undertaken by the central and state governments and departments, and may also be approached via the communities and Gram Panchayats.

1. The **Ministry of Water Resources** ([http://wrmin.nic.in/mi/guideline\\_tanks.pdf](http://wrmin.nic.in/mi/guideline_tanks.pdf))  
*Has published guidelines for initiatives to be taken by the state government and departments under the "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture"*
2. **Uttaranchal Decentralised Watershed Development Project (UDWDP)**, Government of Uttaranchal. (<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res29070502.pdf>)  
*This is a World Bank-funded project for participatory watershed development and management. Expressions of interest are invited from NGOs to work as project partners, up to 20 August.*

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## Related Resources

### Recommended Documentation

**Small Grants Programme in India** (contributed by [Devyani Rana](#))  
(<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res27070501.doc>)  
*Provides an overview of the SGP-GEF programme*

**Guidelines on national project for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies directly linked to agriculture.** Ministry of Water Resources (2005) ([http://wrmin.nic.in/mi/guideline\\_tanks.pdf](http://wrmin.nic.in/mi/guideline_tanks.pdf) )  
*Provides the guidelines of the new water project of the Central government*

**Uttaranchal Decentralised Watershed Development Project.** Dept of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture) (<http://agricoop.nic.in/PolicyIncentives/udwsp.htm>)  
*Provides a short write up on the project under which expression of interest is currently being sort for partner NGOs*

### Recommended Websites

**Directory of donor agencies funding water supply and sanitation projects.** Global Applied Research Network in Water Supply and Sanitation (GARNET)  
<http://info.lut.ac.uk/departments/cv/wedc/garnet/dirdon.html>

*The site provides an overview of the main agencies funding applied research in the water supply and sanitation sector globally.*

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## **Solution Exchange Responses in Full**

### **Prema Gera, UNDP, New Delhi**

This is with respect to a query you had posed on WESNet. One of our partner organizations, Pragmatix, is in the process of developing an updated list of donors funding water sector interventions as the earlier ones that exist are pretty outdated. The moment we get it from them, we will share it with you.

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### **Devyani Rana, GEF Small Grants Programme, South Asia Region (UNDP), New Delhi**

This is with reference to the query about a directory of international funding agencies that can provide support for NGOs with water conservation projects and programmes. I was wondering whether you have tried approaching the corporate sector foundations and forums with interests in the environment and water sphere. Organisations like –

The Georg Fischer Bicentenary Foundation (Switzerland),  
Nestle,  
Alcan,  
The Skoll Foundation (USA)  
The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum

– are just a few names in the corporate social responsibility sector that support Water initiatives. It might be interesting to try tapping into their resources - technical/financial.

I have also attached for your perusal, information about the Small Grants Program of the Global Environment Facility (<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res27070501.doc>) which provides grants to NGOs, CBOs and civil society organizations in developing countries for local initiatives/activities that offer solutions to global problems in areas of:

1. Global Environmental Impacts
  - Biodiversity
  - Climate Change
  - International Waters
  - Land Degradation
  - POPs/Chemicals
2. Poverty Reduction
3. Empowerment

I do hope this information will be of some use to you and your organization.

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**Diwakar Sinha, Uttarakhand Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (The Swajal Project), Dehradun**

This is to inform you that Uttarakhand Decentralised Watershed Development Project (UDWDP) is presently offering opportunity to NGOs to work with them as Partner NGO. This is a World Bank aided project. You may kindly explore. The contact no. of the Project Director is 0135-2760170.

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**Tejinder Kaur, WESNet India, New Delhi**

Please find attached the list of international donor agencies funding water sector interventions (<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res29070501.xls>). Hope you would find the list useful.

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**Many thanks to all who contributed to this query and for the information provided!**

**Reminder:** There is another query that is circulating on the mail-group pertaining to '**Solid waste management in urban settings**' send in by Nidhi Prabha Tewari from Sanket Information & Research Agency, New Delhi. In case you have any advice, case studies and experiences or information related to the theme, please do share it with the Network.

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