

Primary research around public finance for WASH: ways forward

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There is wide consensus that domestic government investment in WASH will be a critical factor, possibly *the* critical factor, in achieving genuine progress towards universal WASH over the SDG period. How can research support this? What types of research can genuinely impact on the amount and effectiveness of government investment?

These are complex questions, and we're going to approach this by asking four leading academics to come up with a concept for a \$5 million research project running over a 5- to 10-year period. We're going to request that this research must be situated in a single country. And we're going to request that the research must have an explicit aim: to drive a massive increase in government investment in pro-poor WASH, within the lifespan of the project. What sort of project might be able to achieve this?

There is plenty of time set aside for audience inputs, so please come along and tell us how *you* think research can drive government investment in WASH! And we will ask each member of the audience to imagine themselves to be a WASH-knowledgeable funder, with \$1 million to allocate (to one project, or divided among 2 or more). How would you allocate that notional money?

Research proposal	Your allocation
Clarissa Brocklehurst (UNC)	
Jenna Davis (Stanford)	
Matt Freeman (Emory)	
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