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# Financing our future

## A global overview of funding for water management

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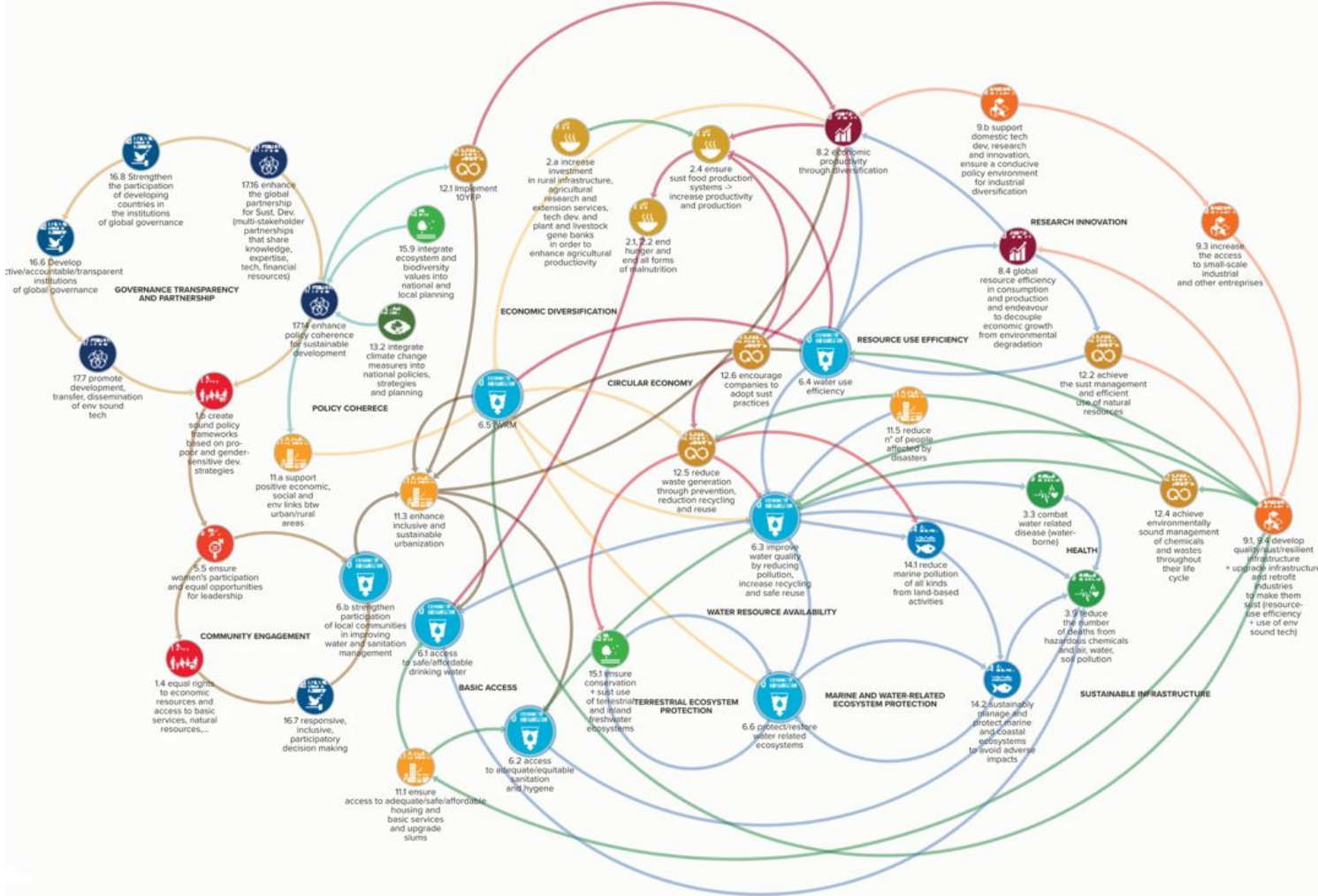
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# Why financing IWRM = securing our future?



# Our big challenges

We're quick to say "insufficient financing" ...  
... but what does that mean?

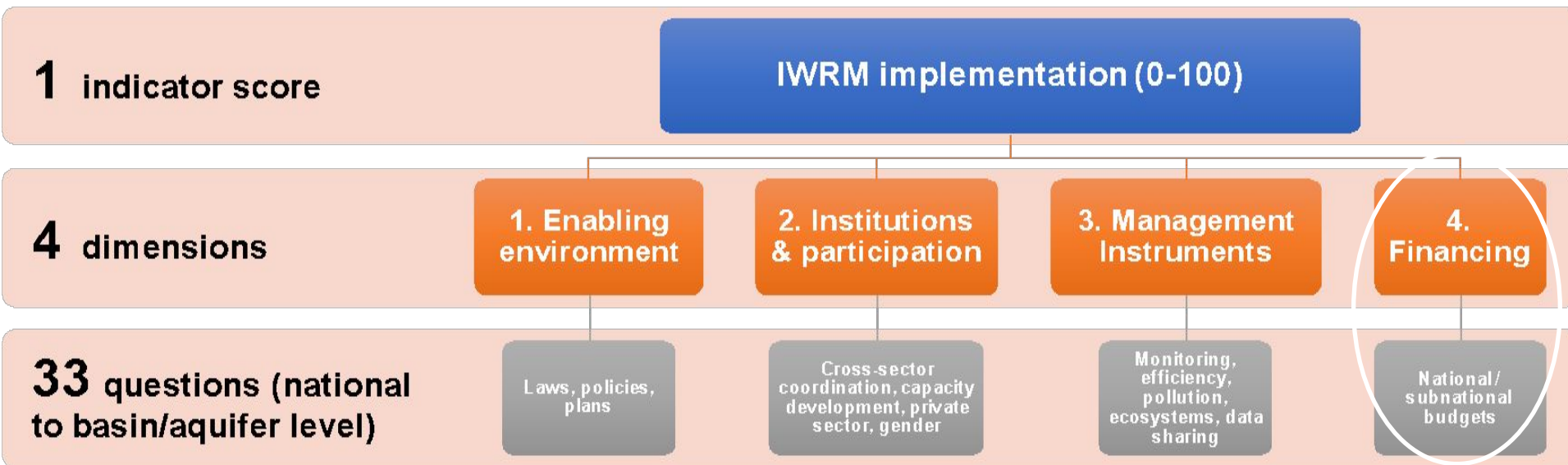
Some examples:

- Lack of political awareness and prioritization in budgeting
- Insufficient capacity to absorb and disburse funds
- Poor coordination between water-related initiatives
- Inadequate legal framework and institutional capacity to support budget allocation and revenue raising



# How do we know this?

SDG 6.5.1 IWRM survey



## SDG 6.5.1 in-country multi-stakeholder reporting process

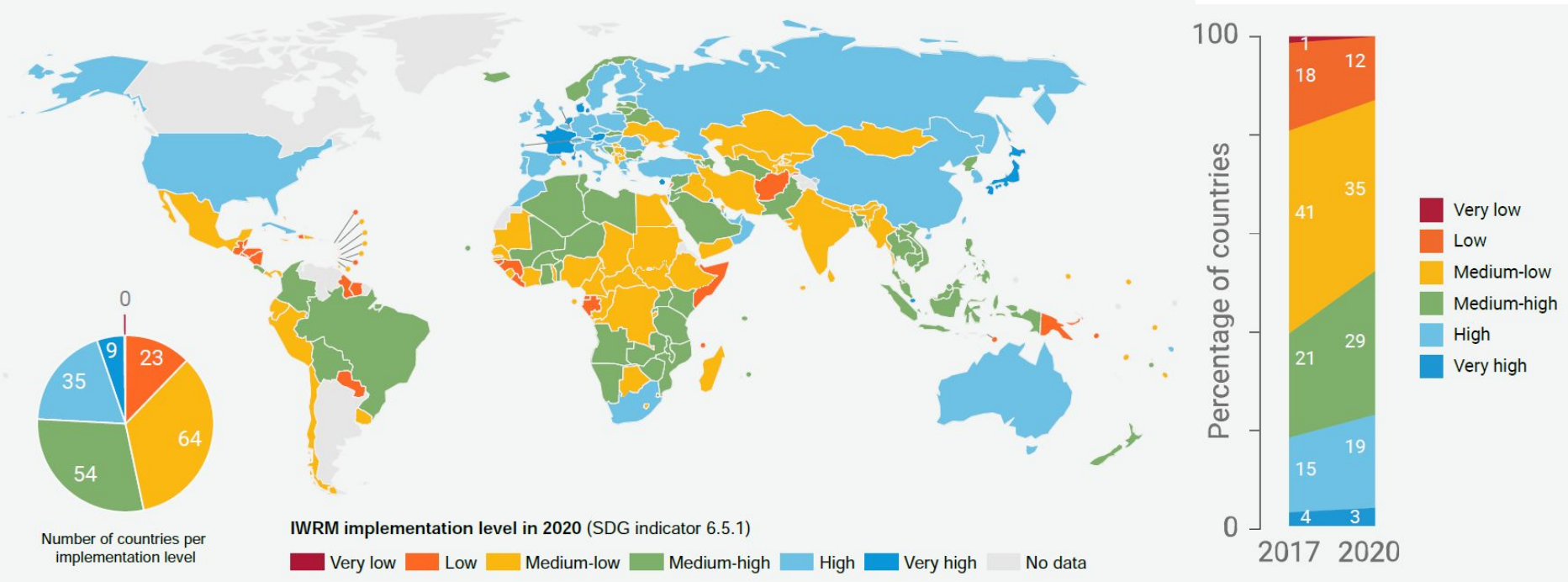
**1 national SDG 6.5.1 IWRM survey**

**National SDG 6.5.1 Focal Point coordinates multi-stakeholder, multi-level consultation process.**

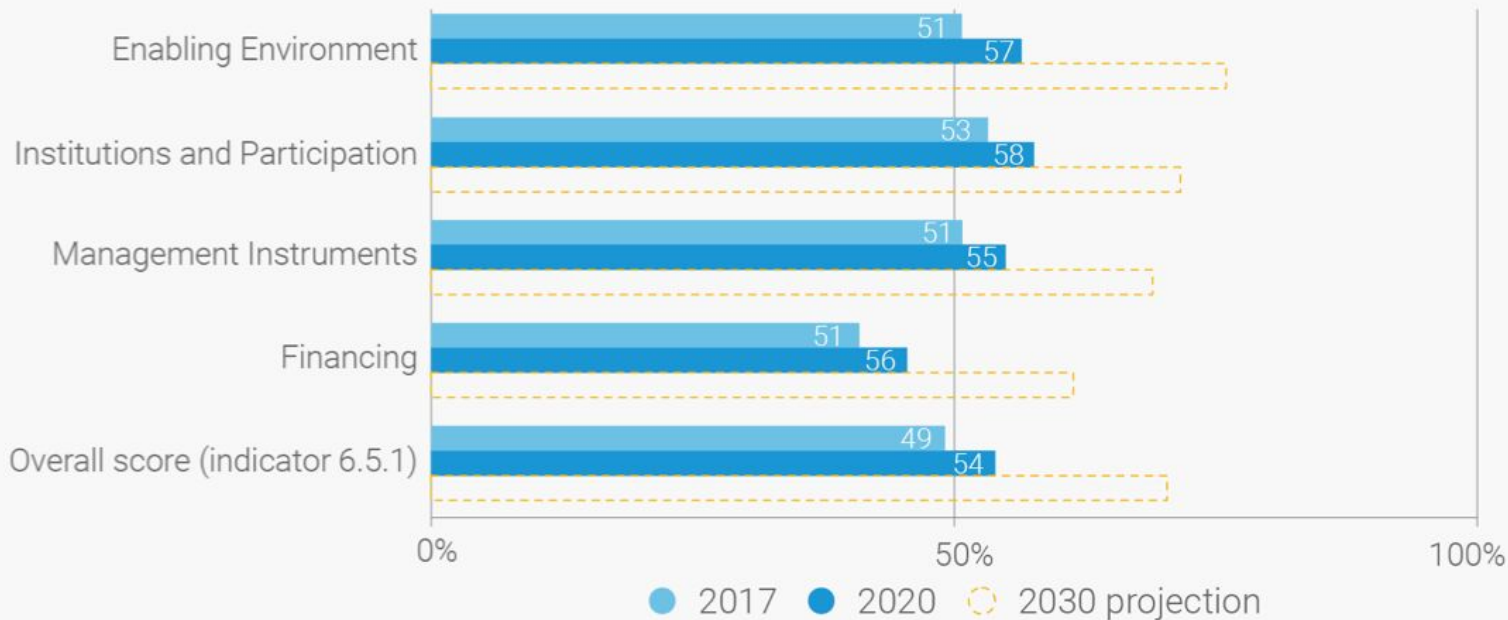


# IWRM implementation worldwide

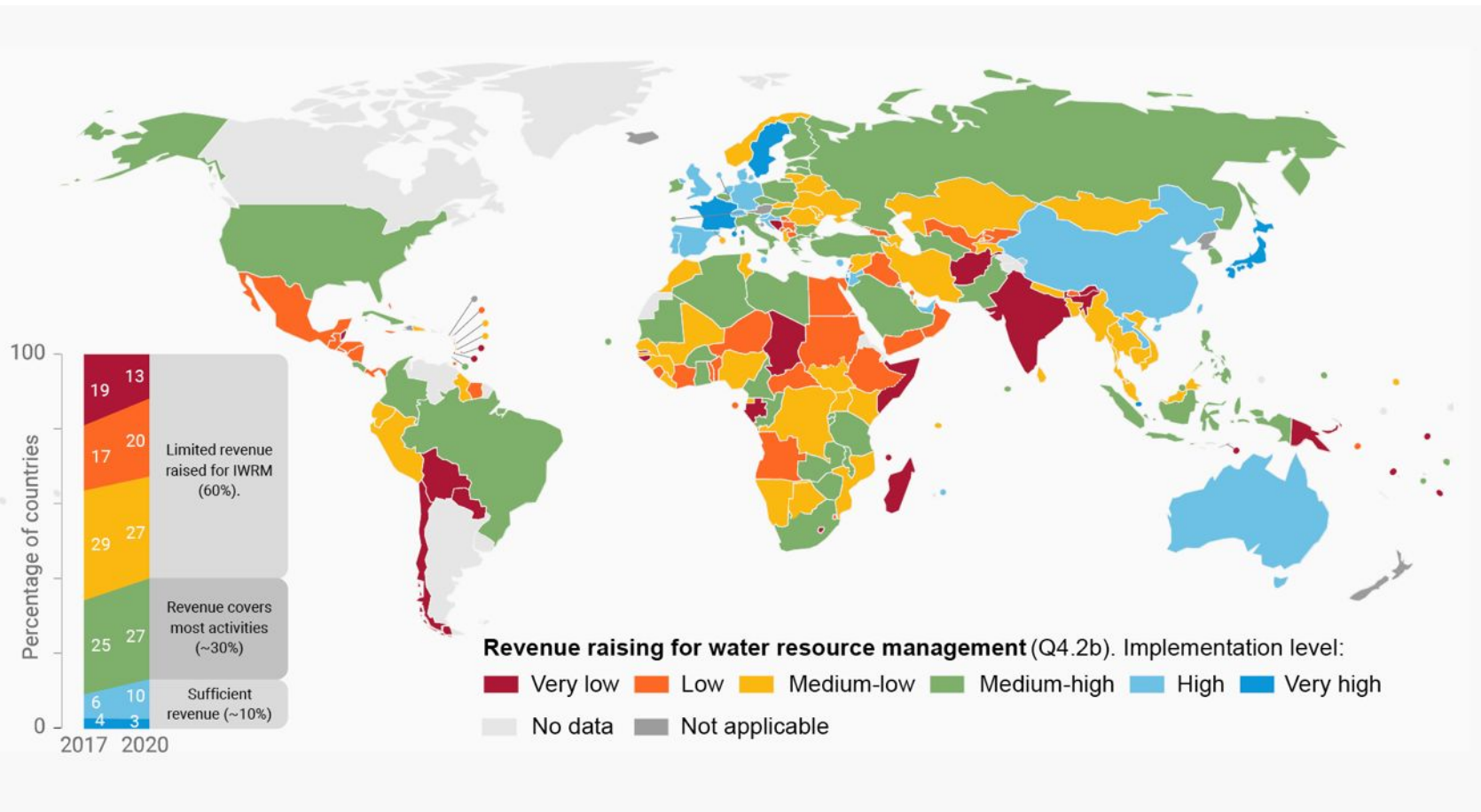
- 186 countries across 2017 and 2020 (171 countries reported both years)
- Global average IWRM implementation up 5%: 49% (2017) to 54% (2020)



# Financing lags other IWRM dimensions AND reported as a major constraint



# 60% of countries report limited revenue raising for IWRM





# Shining a light on the solutions

1. **Legal frameworks**, based on IWRM principles, at relevant levels.
2. **Improved accounting**: consolidation/analysis of data on investments.
3. **Transparency, anti-corruption and accountability**
4. **Coordinated financing for efficient use of resources**
5. **Advocacy**: decision-makers for national budgets.
6. **Private sector action**
7. **Revenue raising**: incl. capacity for regulation and enforcement.
8. **Mobilization/access to other sources**: e.g. climate financing, COVID-19 recovery packages

Section 5.5 of 2021 global progress report on SDG indicator 6.5.1



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# How can we make change happen?

- Regional and sub-regional learning exchanges – regional orgs take lead?
- Investment (incl. donor) coordination platforms – is there a gap? Global, regional, sub-regional.
- Coordination / consultation mechanisms at national level.
- SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme
- SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework

# Thank you for your attention

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