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WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATION DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (WARIDI)

Project Duration

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Budget

\$48.8m

Focus Areas

Wami-Ruvu and Rufiji Water Basins of Tanzania

Implementer

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Tanzania's health, economy, and food security depend on sustainably managed water resources. However, water scarcity challenges are growing along with the impacts of climate change, while reliable access to safe drinking water and sanitation services remain beyond the reach of many people.

Towards addressing these interconnected water related challenges, USAID's Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (WARIDI), is promoting integrated water resources management and delivery of services across multiple sectors, with the specific goal of improvement of water resources management, improved service access and climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation in Tanzania. Specifically, in select districts of the Rufiji and Wami-Ruvu river basins, the project will:

- **Component 1 - WASH Services:** Increase utilization of sustainable multiple-use water and sanitation services;
- **Component 2 - Governance:** Strengthen governance for sustainable and resilient management of water resources and services under a changing climate;
- **Component 3 - Private Sector:** Increase livelihoods through private sector investment opportunities for sustainable water services, agriculture and natural resource management.

USAID's WARIDI supports the Government of Tanzania in its long-term development goal of providing basic services to enable economic prosperity and social well-being through improved water resources management, increased food security, and resilience to climate change.

To achieve results, WARIDI is working closely with Tanzania's public and private entities, civil society and USAID partners to improve equitable delivery of water services and enhance integrated watershed management approaches from the basin to the household level. The activity is also providing grants and capacity development support to local organizations involved in water resource management activities related to sustainable and healthy livelihoods, to advance awareness raising, collaborative approaches and innovated problem solving for local level water challenges. WARIDI seeks to strengthen local institutions, build capacity for improved data-driven decision making, increase livelihood opportunities and create climate change adaptation strategies and tools for coastal communities.