



### A Word from Leadership

Mission-related investment has come in for a wave of criticism over the last two years. To be sure, some of the criticism is valid. Greenwashing and the mischaracterization of investments along environmental, social, governance, and impact dimensions have caused significant confusion, suspicion, and indeed harm across the investment landscape. Yet other criticisms are baseless, and we wish to address two of the more prominent ones here.

The first is that it is irrational to do anything other than maximize the risk-adjusted return on your portfolio. Grow your assets as quickly as your risk tolerance allows, the theory goes, and then donate a portion of the returns later to the causes you care about. This is a false dichotomy: If donating to a cause is rational, it is equally rational to allocate wealth to investments that further that cause, even if they have lower financial returns; in effect the return shortfall is "donated." But more than this, an investment can often be more impactful than a donation. Impact investments allow money to be put to work today, rather than at some unspecified date in the future when a return-first portfolio is liquidated.\* And perhaps more important, an investment conveys ownership and agency to the recipient in a way that a donation never

The second criticism we wish to debunk is the idea that, left to its own devices, the free market will address sustainability and social impact on its own. This ignores the classical market failures of public goods, externalities, and information asymmetries that are emblematic of many sustainability and development goals, not to mention the behavioral biases that investors tend to exhibit. It also misses the fact that risk-adjusted returns on impact investments are sometimes too low to attract capital, and it ignores capital market barriers that render some impact areas non-investible.

At WaterEquity, we fervently believe that social impact capital offers the most effective way to increase access to safe water and sanitation globally. We also believe that the market to allocate such capital needs a helping hand to realize its full potential. Certainly, the demand and supply needed to create the market are there. On the demand side, a quarter of the world's population lacks

access to safely managed drinking water, and almost half lacks access to safely managed sanitation.\*\* Many of these people don't need donations or philanthropy, but access to credit and financing. On the supply side, asset owners and allocators increasingly realize that investment returns cannot be looked at independent of the welfare of the planet and those who inhabit it, and water and sanitation are critical to both.

As you'll read in this report, our track record proves these beliefs. When a woman in India obtains a microloan to install a piped water connection or toilet in her home, she becomes the vested owner of that water connection or toilet, and has agency over it in a way that would not be possible with a donated, community-based solution. She immediately gains access to life necessities at a fraction of the cost she was paying before, whether measured in money, time, or wellness, and it is these cost savings that allow her to pay back the microloan. Once repaid, the capital can be recycled to other households to improve their access to water and sanitation, before ultimately being returned to the original impact investor. This cycle of ownership and impact offers powerful scale over what a one-time donation can achieve.

By demonstrating the effectiveness of such solutions for water and sanitation, we are breaking down the information barriers that hobble the flow of capital to households. Our future goal is to break down similar barriers in the infrastructure space. In partnership with our sister organization, Water.org, we are developing and nurturing climate-resilient water projects to the point where they are investible and attractive for social impact capital. Finally, we are structuring the private debt and equity vehicles needed to allow the capital to actually flow to these investments.



Gary White
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President

# Harnessing the Power of Capital Markets for Safe Water & Sanitation Capital markets are the most direct and powerful

the significant economic benefits that can be harnessed from the water and sanitation sector. funds in 2022, representing millions in capital Development Goal 6 (SDG6), we are grateful for the systems change the water and sanitation investor network represents.

have collaborated with us since our inception in 2016. Your contributions have opened doors, to leverage capital markets, scaling our impact while addressing critical dimensions, such as health, gender equality, climate resilience, poverty alleviation, and fundamental human rights. We remain dedicated to generating enduring benefits for low-income communities worldwide, and are confident in our mission to make a substantial







### Areas of Investment

Over 2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water and 3.6 billion lack safely managed sanitation.¹ Economists estimate that achieving SDG6 by 2030 will require investments of at least \$114 billion annually—three times current investment levels.²

WaterEquity is purpose-built to develop and execute an investment strategy that mobilizes private capital to address the SDG6 financing gap on both the demand and supply sides of water and sanitation.

#### **MICROFINANCE**

Among low-income consumers, at least 600 million people could access water and sanitation products, services, and upgrades if financing was available, equating to \$35 billion of market demand over the next decade.<sup>3</sup> WaterEquity's investment strategy to date has focused on providing debt capital to creditworthy financial institutions in emerging markets to expand water and sanitation lending to underserved households and enterprises. These financial institutions use this capital to grow their water and sanitation microloan portfolios, as well as to on-lend to local enterprises delivering water and sanitation products and services. To date, WaterEquity has deployed more than \$260 million in capital to this strategy across three funds.

#### **CLIMATE-RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

There is an urgent need to expand and rehabilitate water and sanitation infrastructure globally to reach billions of people affected by the increasing impacts of climate change. While private investments in infrastructure have grown by 350% in the last decade,<sup>4</sup> only 1.9% of private infrastructure financing went toward water and sanitation infrastructure, specifically.<sup>5</sup> WaterEquity's climate-resilient infrastructure strategy aims to invest equity and risk capital for projects and growth companies working on the supply side of water and sanitation, such as piped water systems and wastewater treatment facilities. Continuing our work towards increasing access to safely managed water and sanitation, this strategy adds a new dimension—building climate resilience for vulnerable populations.

### **Investment Strategy**

WaterEquity's investment strategy is built upon the following fundamentals:

### TARGET GROWTH

Seek investment candidates that have significant capacity for scale, a strong financial track record, and a deep reach into underserved communities.

#### PRIORITIZE IMPACT & RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENTS

Integrate careful analysis of social impact and ESG considerations across the investment process.

#### MINIMIZE RISK & MAXIMIZE RETURNS

Seek attractive financial returns by identifying low risk / high return investment opportunities.

#### MEASURE SUCCESS & ACTIVELY MANAGE ASSETS

Closely monitor asset quality, impact performance, and ESG risk throughout the investment life-cycle, proactively managing the portfolio.

### Social Impact Objectives

**WaterEquity's impact objectives: quality, access, and scarcity** Our investment impact objectives center on three main challenges prevalent in the water and sanitation sector: access, quality, and scarcity. WaterEquity invests in microfinance solutions and climate-resilient water and sanitation infrastructure to improve access to services, improve water quality, and mitigate water scarcity. These improvements not only increase the number of people reached with safe water and sanitation, but also bolster climate resilience at the watershed and community levels.



- ACCESS: providing households with safe water and sanitation is a human right and a driver of sustainable development
- **QUALITY:** reducing freshwater pollution levels has positive impacts on human health and economic growth, as well as ecosystems
- **SCARCITY:** managing water resources to ensure withdrawals don't exceed available supply is critical, especially in the face of climate change

These water and sanitation improvements lead to multiple benefits for communities, economies, and the environment across several Sustainable Development Goals.















# Why Invest in WaterEquity Impact Investment Funds?

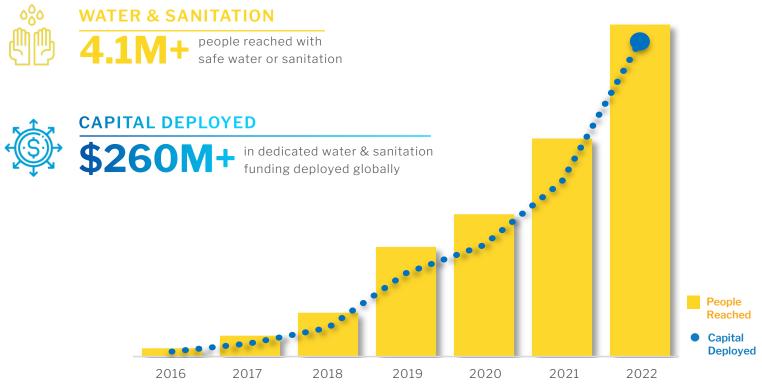
It has become increasingly clear that investor interest in the water and sanitation sector is not only growing, but that water and sanitation investments are becoming a mainstay of high-quality, wealth sustaining portfolios. Water Equity's funds help us meet this client demand through providing responsible investment choices that offer verifiable impact and increase water and sanitation access for millions globally, while at the same time delivering attractive, risk-adjusted returns for investors.

Mark Berryman, Managing Director, The Caprock Group, LLC





## What We've Accomplished: Key Datapoints Since Inception in 2016





#### **INVESTMENT ACTIVITY**





#### **GEOGRAPHIES IMPACTED**

Asia & Latin America



#### **GENDER EQUALITY**



#### **SDG ALIGNMENT**

including water & sanitation, health, gender, economic security, and climate action



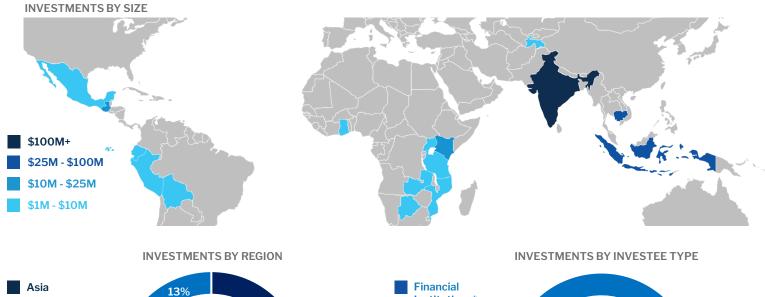
#### **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

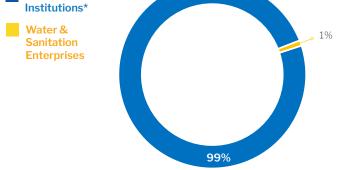
68% of people impacted earn below a living income<sup>6</sup>

### Enabling Growth: Portfolio Expansion

WaterEquity has investments around the world and continues to expand into new

geographies | Since 2016, WaterEquity's funds have made more than 65 investments across a portfolio of financial institutions and high-growth enterprises around the globe—empowering millions of people with access to safe water and sanitation. As we continue to scale, Water Equity's portfolio now spans globally across Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Central and South Asia.





\*Financial institutions include microfinance institutions, holding companies, housing finance companies, banks, and other non-banking financial institutions and credit cooperatives.

#### **Entering New Markets: Across Geography & Investee Type**



In 2022, WaterEquity significantly expanded its impact in Africa through a \$12 million loan to Bayport Management LTD, specifically targeting increased access to safe water and sanitation across Botswana, Ghana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

A global leader in providing tailored financial services to underserved households in emerging markets, Bayport is a public limited liability holding company with headquarters in Mauritius and a network of subsidiaries across Africa and Latin America.

As a financial services provider to low-income or underserved individuals, many living in remote areas, the services offered by Bayport promote financial independence and economic growth in the broader community. Bayport's at-source deduction credit model serves more than 500,000 customers in seven African countries.

This transaction is the first of its kind for Water Equity, channeling financing to multiple, subsidiary financial institutions via a holding company. This new market segment allows WaterEquity's funds to further reach low-income consumers, expanding financial inclusion alongside much needed access to water and sanitation services. WaterEquity's investment benefits from Water.org advisory services, routed through the Bayport holding company, to efficiently build water and sanitation lending capacity across the group of local financial institutions.

WaterEquity's investment is expected to reach more than 200,000 people with access to water and sanitation such as wells, water connections, and toilets.

# Scaling Impact: Reaching Women & Girls, Furthering Gender Equality



Women and the water crisis | To understand how water issues affect gender equality, consider that millions of people, mostly women, spend time and energy each day collecting water from local wells, streams, or other sources. In fact, women spend a collective 200 million hours gathering water each day. Women and girls also spend 266 million hours every day traveling to, or looking for, a safe place to relieve themselves.8 Each hour represents valuable time that

could otherwise be spent on education, learning new skills, caring for family, or running a business. Cumulatively, this represents millions of hours in lost economic activity, which only reinforces wealth and gender inequalities. Ensuring everyone has access to water and sanitation services at home is projected to yield \$37 billion per year, with substantial health and timesaving benefits, especially for women and girls. In addition, when women take leadership roles in the water sector there are benefits for everyone. Research from the United Nations Development Program on nearly 50 water projects across Asia and Africa shows that when women engage in shaping water policies and institutions, communities have greater and more sustainable access to water services.<sup>10</sup>

WaterEquity's funds specifically target women beneficiaries, and we integrate gender into our investment and decision-making processes in the following ways:



#### **WOMEN AS MICROLOAN CUSTOMERS & BENEFICIARIES:**

WaterEquity's primary gender focus is on the impact of improved access to water and sanitation on the lives of women and girls. WaterEquity monitors the evidence-backed, third-party research on gender benefits that result from different types of water and sanitation investments.



#### WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP. THE WORKFORCE & THE COMMUNITY:

Additionally, WaterEquity conducts a gender inclusion analysis for every investee as part of an ESG assessment. This analysis identifies areas where an investee is a strong performer in gender inclusive employment policies, product design, and leadership composition, as well as where there is scope to improve.

**Ensuring equitable access to** safe water and sanitation cannot be accomplished without giving women the power and the capital to solve for their futures.

97% of water & sanitation microloan end-clients are women

of WaterEquity borrowers have a minimum of one woman assigned to the board

# Solving for SDG6: Results By Strategy

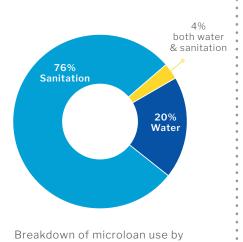
WaterEquity invests in financial **institutions** that provide affordable financing for water and sanitation to low-income clients and to local water and sanitation enterprises.

#### **HOUSEHOLD LOAN ACTIVITY & USE**

774K household loans for water & sanitation deployed to lowincome individuals

\$393 average size of

household loans



low-income clients

Lack of financing at the local and household level is a key barrier preventing equitable access to safe water and sanitation. To date, WaterEquity funds have financed more than 774.000 small, household loans to low-income consumers, addressing water (20%), sanitation (76%), and multipurpose (4%) needs. Enterprise loans have also played a pivotal role in driving the expansion of water supply and sanitation operations, providing crucial support to businesses in the sector. With an average loan size of \$45,000 across all funds, these enterprise loans have strengthened businesses in the water and sanitation value chain, enabling them to make a lasting impact on improving access to safe water and sanitation.

#### **ENTERPRISE LOAN ACTIVITY & LOCATION**

313

enterprise loans deployed to expand supply of water & sanitation products & services

**KENYA** 

\$45K

average water & sanitation enterprise loan size



**Climate-resilient infrastructure** investments further WaterEquity's mission to achieve universal access to water and sanitation.

Adequate infrastructure, including water and wastewater treatment systems, is essential to providing reliable and sustainable access to safe water, proper waste management, and improved hygiene practices. With 15 infrastructure projects completed in 2022 and 7 more underway, Water Equity is addressing immediate infrastructure needs while establishing long-term systems that can benefit low-income communities. Through expanding water and sanitation access, addressing water quality and scarcity concerns, and building climate resilience for vulnerable communities globally, the execution of this strategy is fundamental to achieving SDG6.

**INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDERWAY** 

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS COMPLETED

5 ML VOLUME OF WASTE TREATED\*

3.5K ML VOLUME OF WATER DELIVERED\*

\*One megaliter (ML) is equivalent to 1,000,000 liters

366K+

POPULATION REACHED WITH PIPED WATER & **SANITATION SERVICES** 

### Portraits of Impact



MISSION: Headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia, KOMIDA delivers financial and non-financial services exclusively targeting low-income women in rural areas without formal financial access. Operating under a joint-liability group model, co-op members collaborate to secure microloans for crucial needs.

\$9.5M

WaterEquity's Fund II & III investments to KOMIDA since 2018

134K+

Together, WaterEquity & KOMIDA are projected to reach more than 134,000 people with safe water & sanitation



MISSION | Located in Nairobi, Kenya, Sidian Bank is a commercial bank with a focused on empowering wealth through provision of transformational financial

WaterEquity's Fund III Bank

WaterEquity & Sidian Bank are projected to reach more than 400,000 people with water &

by Water.org revealed the myriad of benefits experienced by low-income individuals through enhanced access to water and sanitation. 96% of respondents reported an improved quality of life as a result of the loan, while 66% of women clients expressed reduced stress, citing fewer concerns related to water scarcity and added time in their daily routines. Furthermore, 86% of women reported an enhanced sense of safety following the construction of private toilets. In working with partners like KOMIDA, Water Equity can direct more capital into the hands of women and provide access to affordable solutions for underserved communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS | KOMIDA has partnered with Water.org since 2014 to provide technical

assistance in building out their water and sanitation microloan portfolio. In 2018, KOMIDA

qualified for investment from WaterEquity to further scale their portfolio, helping more

women improve their water or sanitation access. Microloan end-client surveys conducted

#### **NANCY'S MICROLOAN STORY**



Nancy and her children live in Huancayo, Peru, and for many years didn't have access to a private toilet. This meant using unhygienic methods to manage their sanitation needs—using shared toilets or practicing open defecation in a secluded alley or field. After learning that this practice could be the cause of her children's many illnesses, Nancy secured a microloan from a local financial institution to construct a toilet in her home.

"I saw a bank advertisement explaining I could take a loan to build a toilet or water connection in my home. The fact that I could pay monthly payments for a toilet, rather than pay for it all at once, is

the only reason I now have one. I could never save enough to pay for one upfront."

Since constructing her household toilet, Nancy has seen a decrease in her medical bills and an increase in the amount of time she is able to spend at her provisions shop. Her business now provides enough income to send her sons to school, feed the family, and pay back the modest loan for her toilet. Nancy's story is similar to many borrowers across Asia, Africa, and Latin America who have experienced the opportunity to access affordable financing to solve their family's water and sanitation needs thanks to WaterEquity and its financial institution borrowers.

**ACHIEVEMENTS** | At the end of 2021, WaterEquity began a partnership with Kenyanbased Sidian Bank, providing a \$5 million investment to finance loans to individuals and small-and-mid-sized enterprises delivering water and sanitation products and services. Sidian Bank, which has a strong track record and reach into underserved communities, has been working for several years to develop solutions for the water and sanitation challenges in Kenya. With only 62% of the population having access to safe drinking water in Kenya, WaterEquity's investment, coupled with Sidian Bank's local reach, will expand access in a country with enormous water needs. WaterEquity projects that Sidian Bank will on-lend nearly 1,100 loans to local water and sanitation enterprises, such as small piped water service providers and water equipment suppliers.

### A Growing, Global Team

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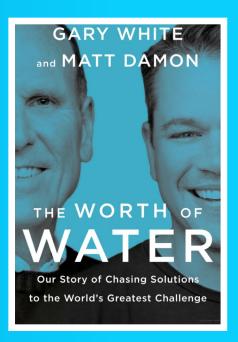
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### Raising Visibility

#### PRESS, MEDIA, & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- Book Release! Amazon Live: Author Series
- Bill Clinton Podcast: Why Am I Telling You This? Gary White & Matt Damon. How to Measure the Worth of Water
- CNBC: How a trip to rural Zambia, backed by U2 singer Bono, led Matt Damon to campaign for clean water
- Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
- Infrastructure Investor: Why infrastructure can move the dial for women's equality
- Impact Entrepreneur: Meeting the Demand for Investments in Water and Sanitation











#### **COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY**

We are on an intentional journey to determine how we can champion diversity, equity, and inclusion not only within our organization but also within our industry. We are committed to creating a diverse work environment that is characterized by engagement, a sense of connection, and respect for the differences and contributions of all our professionals. Our <u>core values</u> are the pillars with which we work and show up in the world together. WaterEquity recently joined ILPA's <u>Diversity in Action Initiative</u> framework as a signatory amongst a robust network of LPs, GPs, and investment consultants.







# High Expectations: A Vision for What's Next

Last year we embarked upon an initiative with our sister organization, Water.org, to identify new, investible opportunities in both the financial institution and infrastructure domains. Financial institutions are our conduit to finance the "last mile" of water and sanitation access at the household level. Infrastructure opportunities are those that finance and build the potable water and wastewater systems that households ultimately connect to.

We are pleased to report that the first year of this initiative has been a success. We have been able to approach financial institutions in new countries and markets, especially in Africa, where we have paired WaterEquity's capital with technical assistance from Water.org. On the infrastructure side, we have identified a pipeline of project investments that can improve both the access to, and the quality of, water and sanitation services at the municipal level. Importantly, these opportunities are screened through a climate resilience filter. To pass our screen, infrastructure must be designed and built to withstand the effects of climate change itself, and it must enhance the resilience of the community it serves to climate-related disruptions.

Over the medium term our goal is to offer an expanded menu of investment options that allow investors to put their capital to work in these opportunities. We are convinced that a well-functioning capital market for water and sanitation investments offers the straightest and clearest path towards SDG6, and our commitment to you is that we will continue to innovate along the way.





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IRIS, 2021. Client Individuals: Low Income (PI7098). v5.2.

IRIS, 2021. Average Loan Size Disbursed (PI5160). v5.2.

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IRIS, 2021. Wastewater Treated (OI9412). v5.2.

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#### DISCLOSURES

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