

Proposed Project Summary for Public Disclosure
(concept review stage)

Project Name	Dhaka Water Supply Project
Country	The People's Republic of Bangladesh
Type	Sovereign
Area of Operation	Water & Sanitation
Concept Approval Date	29 August 2023
Total Project Cost	BDT 41.1 billion
Proposed Limit of NDB Financing	USD 320 million equivalent
Borrower	The People's Republic of Bangladesh
Project Entity	Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority
Project Context	<p>Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, has witnessed rapid urbanization largely due to rural-to-urban migration of people and its population more than doubled in two decades. However, infrastructure development has not kept pace with the rate of urbanization. Particularly, the increasing demand of Dhaka's residents has resulted in a significant water supply infrastructure backlog.</p> <p>The Project is proposed to address two pressing challenges in Dhaka's water supply service: (i) achieving universal access to water, and (ii) improving water distribution network efficiency and reducing non-revenue water (NRW).</p>
Project Description	<p>The Project consists of (i) construction and rehabilitation of water distribution infrastructure in the 16 unions that recently became part of Dhaka City; (ii) development of a water transmission and distribution network for currently unserved areas in the Padma Northwest Sector; (iii) improvement of efficiency of Dhaka's water supply network, including by introduction of innovative technologies; (iv) preparation of feasibility studies, engineering designs and bidding documents for development of sewerage systems in the Project area; and (v) project management and capacity building.</p>
Project Objective	<p>The Project aims to create around 70,000 new water supply connections and reduce the NRW rates to below 15% in the Project area. Upon completion, the Project is expected to benefit about 3 million residents in Dhaka.</p>