# Institutional Innovation for **Energy, Food and Water** Security In South Asia

The Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio (SDIP) Programme

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#### Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio (SDIP)

# Australia – partnering in South Asia for long term food, energy and water security

**Outcome Areas** 

Mechanisms/institutional

capability for regional

resource management

More effective enabling

Knowledge to inform

decision making

environment

cooperation











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## The Food, Energy and Water Nexus



Up 70% to 2050

#### The Nexus Challenges for South Asia



Population – now 1.870b; 2050 2.24b

Poverty – 15%

Under \$3.10 - 50-60%

Urbanisation – now 35%; 2050 50%

Stunted Children – 37.5%

Over 90% of water used for agriculture

Climate change – 35-40% decline in crop yield; 10% more irrigation water used

#### Energy

- Massive growth in demand
- Critical to prosperity of the region and tackling poverty
- Energy choices will have long term Impacts
- Significant agriculture/energy/water linkages
- Climate change impacts on and of energy

#### Institutional Constraints





Weak Mechanisms for cross boarder resource management

#### **Policy Stove Pipes**

**Sector Stove Pipes** 

Government, Business, **Civil society Stove Pipes** 



Less than adequate Science Policy Interface Limited Foresight and **Scenario Thinking** 

FUTURE

### The SDIP Programme – Impact Examples

- Improved energy and water usage in Agriculture reduced GHGs and increased yield - adoption of conservation agriculture across EGP
- More energy and water efficient industries sugar industry in Nepal, garment manufacturing in Bangladesh
- Large scale solar energy in India reduction in water use from 5 to 0.03 ltr per kw/h relative to coal – and 18 million access to off grid small home appliances – reducing dependence on kerosene and biomass
- Co-developed the trial Indus River System Model (IRSM) Water Apportionment Accord (WAA) tool that can support foresight and trade-off analysis
- Support for the Hindu Kush Himalaya Assessment categorical assessment that 1.5 degree increase is too hot
- > Development of food systems foresight and policy processes
- Spaces for dialogue- cross institutional and cross jurisdictional

#### Innovation Systems for Tackling the Nexus



# Systemic Risks



# Transformational Opportunities