



The role of public finance for reaching scale and sustainable WASH services

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Why public finance? Why now?

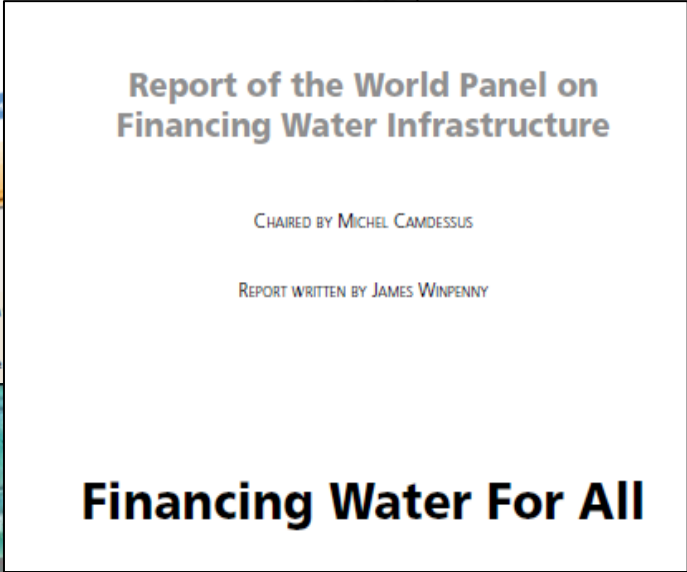
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Last serious discussions on financing for development took place 14 years ago



- The role of aid





Focus of Sustainable Development Goals
financing discussions?



Public Finance remains unfashionable

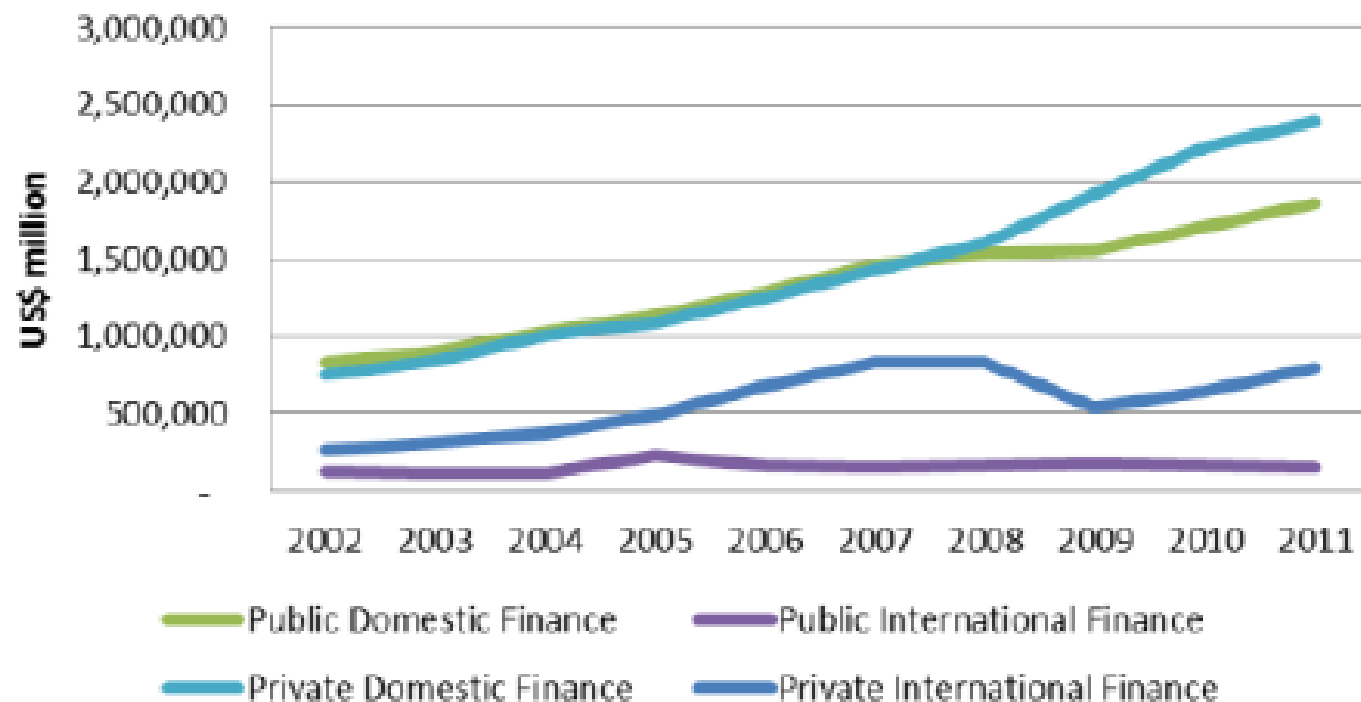
WASH debates (and funding) around:

- Market solutions
- Repayable finance
- Supporting bottom of pyramid entrepreneurs
- Tech innovation...

Less attention to the need to raise domestic public finance and make it more effective

Private finance only strives with public finance

Development finance, all developing countries



A few figures (2012)

Tax revenue in low income countries

10%-14% GDP

Increase in tax collection (% of GDP)

Stagnant for several decades

Tax per person in 32 African countries

Less than 1\$

However, other figures also show that

Total tax collected in Africa in 2012

10 times the volume of aid

Aid for sorting tax systems

0.1%

Aid for stopping illicit financial flows

Unknown

IRC position

“We are motivated by a vision of the state’s role in smoothing the inevitable inequities of the market, while at the same time clearly understanding the role of the market in resolving needs and creating wealth.

Without a strong and empowered state, without state finance, there will be no equity and no universal access.”

IRC CEO, 2014



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