

Afghanistan's Perspective on Financial Sustainability



- **Situation:**
 - World Bank and UNICEF recently estimated the cost of meeting basic access to water supply and sanitation in Afghanistan to cost \$100 million per year
 - Current investments in WASH are estimated to be around \$80 million/year
 - Increase MoF funding for both urban centers and rural WASH services
- **Solution(s):**
 - All piped connections are to be metered
 - Non-subsidy based Community-Led-Total-Sanitation brings about social norms change whereby households invest in sanitation – not government
 - Block grants for O&M to Community Development Councils
 - Afghan Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Corporation (AUWSC) created to privatize urban water supply and sewerage
- **Reflection:**
 - Low-income countries have limited potential to raise tariffs to meet SDG ambitions beyond basic services. Can LICs count on continued donor assistance to meet SDGs?