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REACH - improving water security for the poor (Research into Use)

[REACH](#) is a global research programme to improve water security for the poor by delivering world-class science that transforms policy and practice. Living in poverty often means a struggle for water security. Rapid urban growth, unregulated pollution from industry, extreme floods and droughts, lack of reliable and safe drinking water, and increasing damage to water ecosystems threaten economies and undermine the lives of the poor.

Project Facts

Country:

UK, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bangladesh

Project Period:

2015 to 2023

Name of Partner Organisation(s):

University of Oxford, IRC, International Water Association (IWA), University of Addis Ababa, University of Nairobi

Name of Client(s):

University of Oxford, on behalf of

Department for International Development (DFID)

Services Provided:

[Knowledge Sharing, Networking, Training & Capacity Development](#)

- Communications: website, newsletter, social media, face-to-face networking
- Engagement: webinars
- Workshop facilitation

Name of the Staff involved and functions performed:

[Sean Furey](#): Knowledge Broker lead

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[Reach website](#)

Description of the project:

Improving water security is an important pathway to sustainable growth and poverty reduction. However, better evidence is needed to guide institutional and infrastructure

investments which unlock growth opportunities and help people move out of poverty.

The REACH programme will improve water security for over 5 million poor people by:

- Generating new evidence on water security through an innovative, interdisciplinary, risk-based approach.
- Establishing science, practitioner and enterprise partnerships to ground research in approaches that will benefit the poor.
- Build capacity and networks for the next generation of water managers and scientists in Africa and South Asia.

REACH is a seven-year, global programme of research (2015-2022) led by Oxford University and funded with UK aid from the UK government.

Skat is supporting the development and delivery of the Research into Action strategy, with a particular focus on engaging with rural water supply practitioners and policymakers through the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) and making use of Skat's Knowledge Broker expertise developed through the role with the UPGro programme (Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor)

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