# INNOVATION PRIZES IN WATER DISTRIBUTION FINANCING

# WHY?

Non-revenue water (NRW) refers to the difference between the amount of water put into the water piped system and the amount of water billed to customers. This difference is due to physical water losses, from burst and unrepaired pipes or from overflow at storage tanks, and commercial water losses, due to incorrect or lack of billing and unauthorised water consumption.

Commercial sources are hesitant to lend for NRW reduction activities. The key will be to find ways to reduce perceived risk for the new sources, especially (but not only) for commercial lenders.

One way to help convince financiers of the viability of larger efforts is by first carrying out successful smaller demonstration projects. Another way is to put together deal structures that make the best use of concessional financing to mobilise additional financing from more commercially available sources.

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ideas to impact.



# WHAT?

New innovation prizes to stimulate expanded ways of financing non-revenue water (NRW) reduction activities in developing countries.

Dreampipe II wants to encourage the development of workable and replicable ideas for how to expand the financing available for non-revenue-water (NRW) reduction activities in developing countries – beyond the conventional sources (mainly the development banks and agencies and governments).

# **HOW MUCH CAN I WIN?**

Up to 10 winners for Phase 1 can win £30,000 each.

# WHO CAN APPLY?

The competition is open to both individuals and companies/consortia located anywhere in the world.

### WHERE?

Dreampipe II is open to work done in all 28 DFID target countries

# **HOW TO ENTER?**

Register on <a href="www.dreampipe.org">www.dreampipe.org</a> by **15 February, 2017.** 

Submit final business plan by **15 March, 2017** 

