

YOUNG
WATER
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Young Water Solutions Strategy 2030

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Vision & mission 2030

*We are driven by the **vision** of a world where young people contribute to making access to clean water and sanitation an everyday reality for all people on earth.*

*Our **mission** is to make an effective and scalable contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, by empowering young people to implement water solutions in their communities.*

By 2030, we aspire to empower at least 1000 young leaders, of whom at least 500 young women, to implement their water solutions in their communities so that at least 1.000.000 people can rely on clean water and sanitation, and enjoy a life in dignity.

Strategy 2030

By 2030, Young Water Solutions (**YWS**) wants to become an internationally recognised thought and action leader on **water and youth** through its expertise and experience, known for its effective capacity building & funding mechanisms that enable young leaders to act for water. Such youth-led projects shall be financially sustainable, scalable, gender sensitive and aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

This started in 2017 when the first pilot for the global **Young Water Fellowship** programme was successfully implemented. Building on this experience, **YWS** will make the Young Water Fellowship (YWF) Programme the flagship of its operations. The YWF programme will be designed to be effective, recognisable and unique. It will contain several characteristic and permanent components (training, seed funding, mentoring) in a modular design that allows several scopes and thematic focuses (global, regional or national scope; thematic focus on social entrepreneurship) to address a variety of needs, communities and young people.

YWS will work through **ever expanding partnerships** with the international water community, with the aim to grow the YWF so as to maximize the effect of the programme and foster the highest synergies through these partnerships.

This will also allow, in time, developing **further programmes and activities** beyond the Young Water Fellowship which contribute to the **YWS** trademark of harvesting the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of young people creating water solutions for their people around the world. These programmes will capitalize on YWS knowhow on youth empowerment and explore innovative models on social entrepreneurship, involving advanced technological and digital solutions for the worlds' pressing water challenges.

Through realizing its mission, YWS builds a unique knowhow on how to most effectively enable young people to contribute to the universal access of water and sanitation. YWS will strive to share its knowhow with major donors & policy-makers, in order to support these stakeholders to create policies and funding mechanisms that effectively empower young people.

In realizing its Strategy 2030, **YWS** aspires to be:

- composed by an intergenerational team & membership with geographical representation and from diverse backgrounds.
- professionally run relying on a core staff of several members and financially healthy with a solid capital that survives beyond certain individuals.
- driven by the highest standards of integrity, transparency and accountability.

This strategy will be implemented through multi-annual work programmes, of which the first will run from 2018 to 2021. The progress in the implementation of this strategy and, if necessary, a revision or adaptations of the strategy will be presented to the YWS General Assembly in 2021.