

Positive Water Impact: Resilient Value Chains



Most of a company's water footprint and risk exposure sits not in its direct operations but across its global value chain. The Positive Water Impact (PWI) framework offers a rigorous, science-based approach to achieve Positive Water Impact at operational sites - but companies have no implementation guidance for extending it to sourcing regions and suppliers.

The Resilient Value Chain (RVC) Project closes that gap. Building on and aligning with existing initiatives, including the existing PWI guidance and Water Scopes. With real world case studies, the guidance will inform how companies can use standardized metrics, methods and collective action to build resilient supply chains, credibly contribute to basin health where they source, and help advance global water resilience.

COMPANIES NEED PRACTICAL GUIDANCE TO NAVIGATE FOUR INTERCONNECTED CHALLENGES:



Prioritizing action in sourcing basins

Even with imperfect traceability, companies need methods to identify which of their many sourcing basins represent the greatest shared risk and opportunity for water resilience, moving from opaque supply chains to actionable basin priorities.



Attributing impact in multi-actor systems

Guidance is needed on how to credibly account for water impacts and benefits, and allocate responsibility, along commodity chains especially when sourcing involves many small producers, cooperatives, or intermediaries.



Enabling action beyond direct control

Most water risk sits with suppliers a company cannot direct. Influence has to come through scalable, basin-level routes — collective action, alignment with sectoral or jurisdictional programs, and credible certifications.



Translating PWI into sourcing strategies

Companies lack a clear methodology to integrate the core PWI dimensions — availability, quality, and accessibility — into procurement and supplier engagement, connecting high-level goals to specific value-chain interventions.

The Resilient Value Chain Project is seeking three to four corporate partners to shape, test and fund this work. See page 2 to engage.

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OBJECTIVE

To develop an actionable implementation framework for PWI in upstream supply chains that is scientifically rigorous and practical, enabling companies to operationalize PWI across their value chains, achieving measurable positive water impact in the basins where their sourcing activities occur.



ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Corporate Partners

- ❖ Financial support
- ❖ Scope refinement
- ❖ Suggest EAG members
- ❖ Contribute case studies
- ❖ Review drafts
- ❖ Regular check-ins



Expert Advisory Group

- ❖ Scope refinement
- ❖ Identify relevant resources
- ❖ Review drafts
- ❖ Quarterly check-ins

Open to current financial-year contributing members.



Mandate Technical Team

- ❖ Overall project lead
- ❖ Project initiation
- ❖ Scope refinement
- ❖ Drafting and publishing deliverables
- ❖ Communications and outreach

TIMELINE

Scoping and expert review (2026-2027) · Draft framework and case studies (early 2027) · Published guidance with crosswalks (2027)



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT — CORPORATE PARTNERS

Partners shape the framework, test it in their own value chains, and are credited in the published guidance.

\$150,000–160,000 USD total budget **\$50,000** each with three partners; **\$40,000** each with four

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