

## **Stream Accelerator: Wash Investment Catalyst**

Stream Accelerator is an initiative tailored to bridge the gap between high-potential SMEs and essential growth capital, the program offers a unique blend of access to linkage with financial services, and technical assistance. The program aims to significantly enhance the business models of participating SMEs in Ethiopia's water and sanitation sector. Iceaddis is implementing this program in partnership with Aqua for All and Fair & Sustainable.

### **Program Objectives:**

The goal of the Stream Accelerator is to foster a thriving private-led WASH sector in Ethiopia. By combining technical assistance with access to finance, the program empowers WASH SMEs to scale their operations, reach new markets, and drive positive impact in communities across the country. The program contributes to knowledge sharing and capacity building within the sector, paving the way for sustained growth and innovation.

### **Key Program Components:**

- 1) **Identification of Relevant Financial Service Providers (FSPs):** Stream Accelerator will identify and engage with financial institutions that are keen to support the growth of WASH SMEs. These partnerships ensure that SMEs gain access to a diverse range of financial products and services tailored to their specific needs.
- 2) **Scanning of Financial Products & Guided Linkage with FSPs:** Through meticulous scanning and analysis, the program identifies financial products offered by FSPs that align with the requirements of WASH SMEs. This step ensures that SMEs have access to suitable financing options that facilitate their growth and expansion strategies. We will facilitate guided linkages between WASH SMEs and FSPs, streamlining the process of securing financing deals. By providing support and guidance throughout the engagement, the program ensures that SMEs can navigate the complexities of accessing finance effectively.
- 3) **Technical Assistance through Tailored Business Support:** Recognizing the importance of capacity building and skill development, Stream Accelerator offers tailored business support to participating SMEs. This includes mentorship and one-on-one consulting sessions aimed at enhancing their business acumen, operational efficiency, and market competitiveness. Through personalized guidance and expertise, SMEs receive invaluable insights and resources to overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and thrive in the WASH sector.

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