

press release

India presents an over USD1trillion opportunity for the private sector to invest in sustainable development, says Standard Chartered

- *Opportunity2030 study reveals the almost USD10 trillion private-sector investment opportunity in contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in emerging markets*
- *India's over USD1 trillion private-sector SDG investment opportunity is second only to China, representing more than 10 per cent of the total*
- *At USD701.5 billion, the greatest private-sector opportunity in India is investment in achieving and maintaining universal access to electricity (SDG 7)*

Mumbai, 21 January 2020: *Opportunity2030: The Standard Chartered SDG Investment Map* reveals an almost USD10 trillion (USD9.668 trillion) opportunity for private-sector investors across all emerging markets to help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with India representing USD1.124 trillion of that total, or more than 10 per cent.

The study identifies opportunities for the private sector to contribute to three infrastructure-focused goals between now and 2030: SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure across emerging markets.

Electric dreams

The greatest opportunity in India is found in achieving and maintaining universal access to electricity (a key SDG 7 indicator), representing a USD701.5 billion private-sector investment opportunity. This takes into account the proportion of the Indian population currently without access to electricity (7 per cent), projected population growth, and the growing demand for power as the economy develops.

The opportunity in the water and sanitation sector is smaller, but still sizeable. 24 per cent of the Indian population still do not have access to clean water and sanitation (a key SDG 6 indicator) and closing this gap by 2030 will require significant investment, with an opportunity for the private sector to provide around USD19.2 billion of the funding.

For SDG 9, which encourages improvement in industry, innovation and infrastructure, *Opportunity2030* highlights private-sector investment opportunities in transport and improving digital access. Securing full digital adoption in India – a combination of mobile phone subscription rates and internet connectivity – would require private-sector investment of around USD226.5 billion. To significantly improve India's transport infrastructure by 2030 indicates a USD176.9 billion investment opportunity for the private sector.

Bharat Padmanabhan, Regional Head - Global Banking, ASEAN & South Asia, Corporate & Institutional Banking (CIB), Standard Chartered, said:

"As one of the world's largest and most dynamic emerging economies, India is playing a central role in shaping the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Its young and growing population means the investment required to achieve them by 2030 is significant. The private sector has a tremendous opportunity to help fund the infrastructure projects required to improve access to vital services.

"Opportunity2030 provides an important map of the SDG opportunities for private sector investors looking to invest with impact and improve the lives of millions of Indians over the next decade."

Opportunity2030: Investment opportunity in achieving the SDGs in India, by sector indicator:

	SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	
Sector	Water and sanitation	Power	Transport	Digital access
Current performance	76% access to clean water and sanitation	93% access to electricity	Logistics Performance Index (LPI) infrastructure score of 2.91	45% digital access
Target by 2030	100% access to clean water and sanitation	100% access to electricity	LPI infrastructure score of 3.34	100% digital access
Total investment required to 2030	USD192.2bn	USD1,558.8bn	USD505.5bn	USD377.4bn
Potential private-sector investment opportunity to 2030	USD19.2bn	USD701.5bn	USD176.9bn	USD226.5bn

You can download the full Standard Chartered *Opportunity2030* report [here](#) .

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Notes to editors:

Opportunity2030: The Standard Chartered SDG Investment Map is a macroeconomic study that draws on global data sources and indicative private-sector participation rates to provide companies, institutional investors and other stakeholders with an overview of where their investments could have the greatest impact. It spans 15 of the world's fastest-growing economies and estimates the potential private-sector investment opportunity to contribute to three of the most investment-ready SDGs (6,7 and 9). Within these SDGs, it focuses on four indicators – water and sanitation services; power; telecoms (digital access); and transport infrastructure. For further details, please refer to the [full report](#) and methodology.

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