

**DEMONSTRATED NEED** - The need for water and energy services has been evaluated and development objectives clearly articulated.

**OPTIONS ASSESSMENT** - An options assessment covering the full range of planning approaches has been undertaken to meet development objectives.

**REGIONAL AND NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS** - Regional and national policies and plans have been identified and evaluated.

**POLITICAL RISK** - The political risk of developing water and energy services has been evaluated.

**INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY** - The institutional capacity with respect to developing water and energy services has been evaluated.