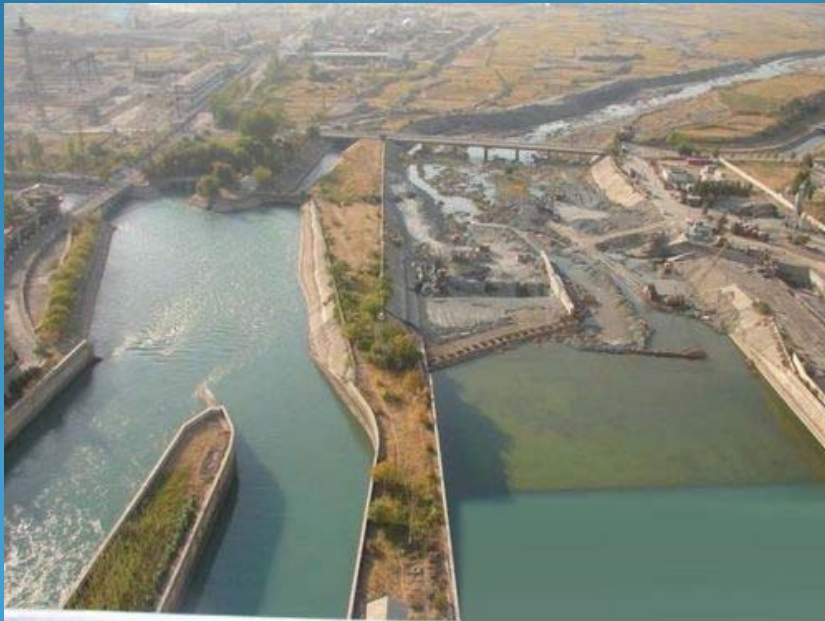


Switzerland' support to transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia

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Swiss support for Water Management in Central Asia

- Switzerland supports water management in CA since 2000, cumulative commitments - 50 million USD
- Focus of regional program:
 - Testing IWRM approaches in three countries and promoting transboundary cooperation
 - Creating a regional data base for CA water management
 - Working in close partnership with regional water coordination institutions: ICWC and IFAS



Key elements of CA water program

- Integrated Water Resources Management Ferghana Valley: improving effectiveness, reliability and equity of water delivery to the farm gate by introducing demand oriented and transparent water allocation mechanisms



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Key elements of CA water program

- Canal Automation: equitable and transparent water allocation thorough stabilizing and monitoring water flows in canals



Key elements of CA water program

- Water Productivity Improvement at plot level: on-plot water management to minimize water consumption



Key elements of CA water program

- Rural Enterprises Support Project II: up-scaling IWRM approach with the World Bank
- Water Resources Management Sector Project: up-scaling IWRM approach with the Asian Development Bank



Key elements of CA water program

- Data for improved water management
 - Central Asia Regional Water Information Base (CAREWIB)
- Central Asia Energy Water Programme: providing seed funds to the World Bank to launch one of the components « Energy Water Modelling »
 - Aim: « establish a common platform for analysis, accepted by and useful to all countries to support both collective and national dialogue on regionally significant initiatives »



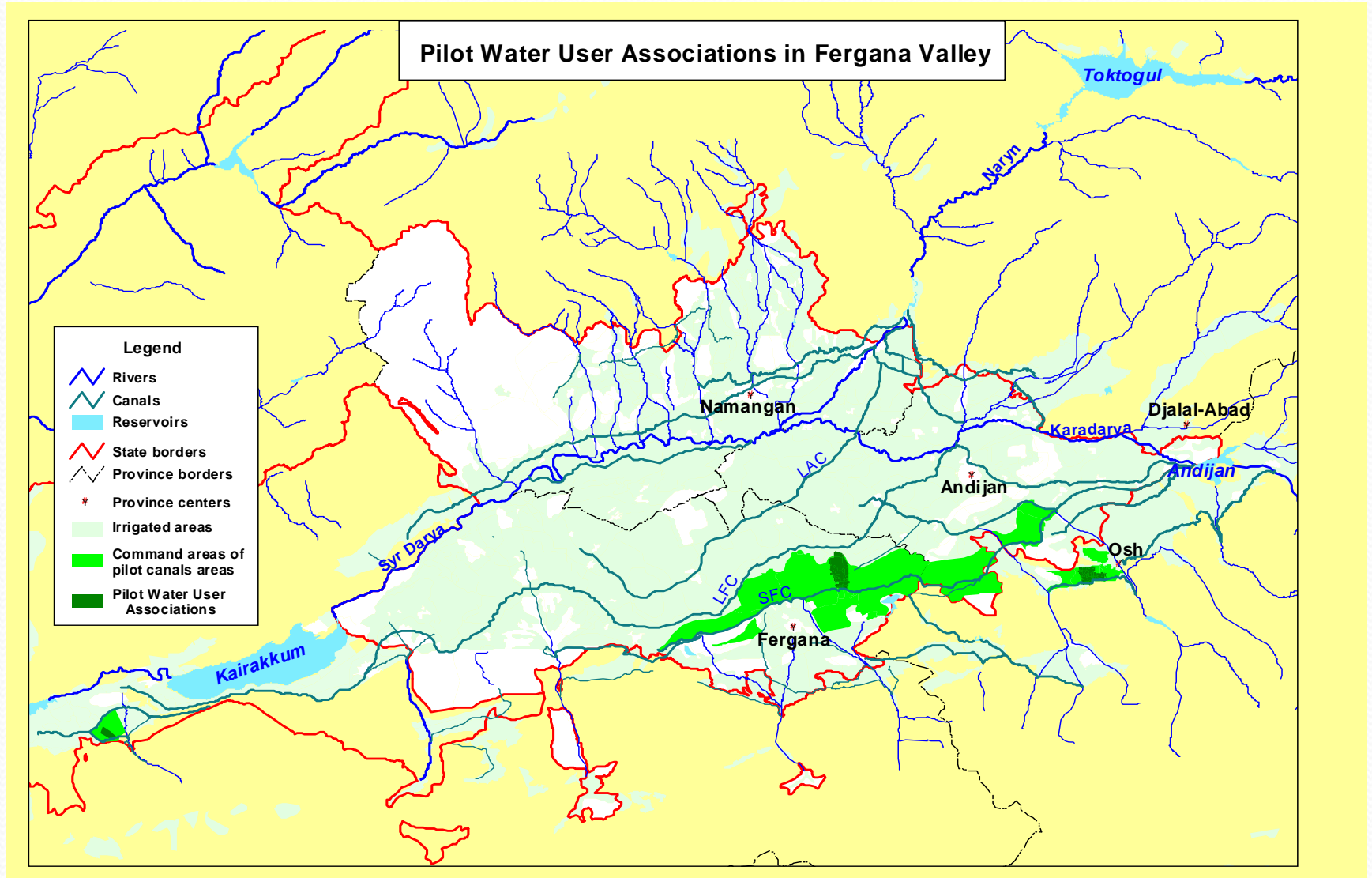
Potential impact of the Swiss IWRM approach in Uzbekistan



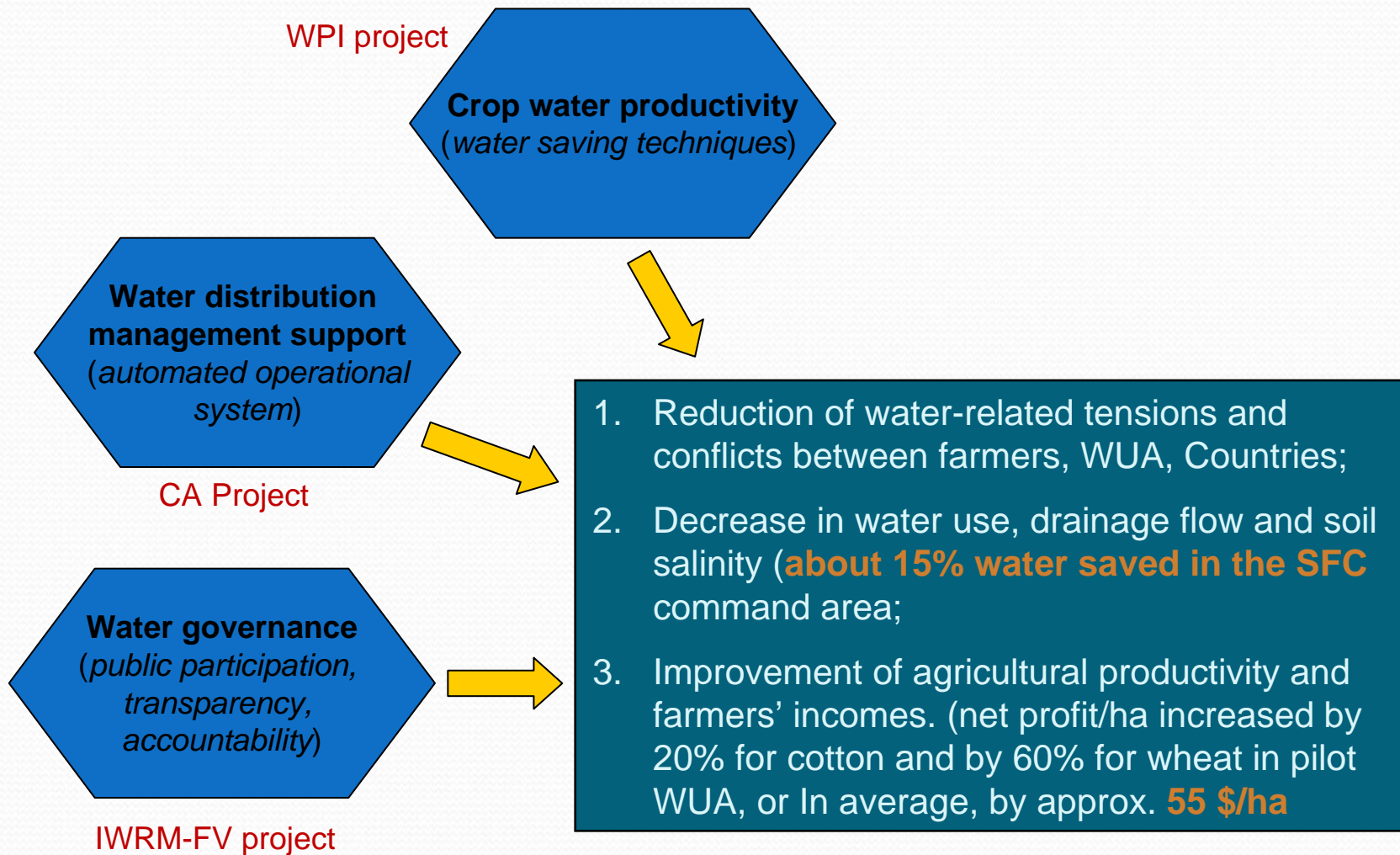
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The projects area



Combined results of the programme



Project replication (by Donors)

Cost estimation

Thanks to the FV Swiss experience, the cost of a replication would be :

- IWRM approach up to Canal level + water productivity improvement :
 - **3 M. USD for 100'000 ha ; 4 years**
- Canal automation :
 - **1 M. USD for 100'000 ha ; 2 years**
- Altogether :
 - **4 M. USD / 100'000 ha ; 4 years**



From water to energy saving

- The Swiss approach

if applied Nation wide in Uzbekistan -

- 50% of total irrigated area use pumped water,
- Equivalent to **27 Km³/year**
- costing the government **328 Mil USD/year** in electricity
- The Swiss IWRM approach results in about **15% water saving** or 4 Km³ of pumped water, equivalent to **48 Mil USD saving/year** in electricity



Cost/benefit of IWARM at national level

- Total irrigated land in Uzbekistan : **4.2 Mil. ha**
(or 42 x 100'000 ha)
- According to our rough estimation,
42 x 4 Mil. = **168 Mil USD** would be needed, to
implement the Swiss IWARM approach at national
level (without government input !)
→ **recoverable in less than 4 years**, considering
only the energy saving !
- But **the real cost should be much lower** due to the
expected strong involvement of the State in this
scaling-up



Cost/benefit of IWRM at national level (2)

- Increased revenues derived from improved yields at plot level :
 - According to conservative estimates, IWRM practices have increased farmers revenues by **\$ 30 per hectares /year**
 - Projected over the 4,2 million ha :
→ \$ 126 Mil. as additional benefit.



Ways forward

- Bottom-up consultation mechanism (water governance) needs to be complemented by a top down basin planning.
- It is time now for the governments of the region to define a strategy to implement these IWRM principles nation-wide.
- INBO lessons learned in basin planning and related policy dialogue could be used in Central Asia.



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Ways forward (2)

- Official and transparent data sharing mechanisms have to be established between the data providers and users in CA to facilitate decision making.
- Reform of water and agricultural sectors need to be supported by all stakeholders.
- For this, Donors should join forces and speak with one voice

