

Guiding questions to understand the context of the focal area

Socio-economic context:

- What is the broader socio-economic context and related challenges of the region and/or state that could influence the WEF_e Nexus and the implementation of WEF_e nexus solutions? (e.g., economic situation, population growth, unemployment, corruption, perception of the severity of the WEF_e nexus problems, ...)
- What are the main economic activities in the focal area in general, and the main agricultural activities in particular? What is the level of employment?
- What are the levels of education and income among different social groups? What are the levels of poverty and inequality in the region?
- Could these indicators influence the implementation of an intervention, and if so, how (e.g., high levels of poverty and low levels of education could hinder the implementation of an intervention that is very costly and requires high technical skills)?

Ecological setting:

- What are the most pressing issues in the focal area with regard to water resources, energy resources, food production, soil resources as well as ecosystems? Are there any significant environmental issues or challenges in the focal area (e.g., water scarcity, water pollution, soil degradation, deforestation, climate change, etc.)?
- What are the main trade-offs and interdependencies of the WEF_e nexus in the focal area? (e.g. between water scarcity and food production; or water resources and CO₂ consumption?)

Governance context:

- What is the broader formal and informal governance and political context of the region or state that needs to be considered when implementing WEF nexus solutions (e.g., state capacities, political stability, human security, political importance of addressing WEF nexus problems, compliance with environmental regulations, etc.)?
- What are the existing policies related to the WEF nexus problems reported above?