

# Water-Energy Nexus of Water and Wastewater Services in Lebanon



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# Water-Energy Nexus



- The interdependencies and tradeoffs between water and energy require an integrative approach to policy planning and resource management.
- There is a need to a supportive knowledge-base and an understanding of these interlinkages and systems.
- Lebanon lacks a comprehensive assessment of energy consumption and efficiency in water and wastewater service provision.
- Lebanon's policy frameworks and coordination mechanisms in place do not facilitate the development of an integrated and efficient water-energy scheme, to alleviate pressures on both sectors.



# Project goals

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- Examine the role of energy, particularly electricity, in Lebanon's water and wastewater service provision.
- Investigate the associated legal, social, environmental and economic aspects alongside with the existing legal, policy and institutional frameworks pertaining to the water, wastewater and energy sectors.
- Analyze the potential of and obstacles to mainstreaming energy efficiency, particularly renewable energy, in the water and wastewater sectors.
- Propose a national roadmap for improved energy efficiency in the water and wastewater sector.

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# Energy Audit in Water and Wastewater sectors



# Energy Audit of Water and Wastewater Stations



Establishment	Water stations audited	Wastewater stations audited	Electricity Bills Acquired
Bekaa	5	7	2017
Beirut and Mount Lebanon	14	9	2016, 2017, 2018 (billed invoices)
North Lebanon Water	8	3	2016, 2017, 2018 (unbilled invoices)
South Lebanon Water	12	4	2018
Total	39	23	

*\* Identification of potential lands/rooftops suitable for solar PV implementation*

# Energy Audit in the Water Sector



*Benchmarking against best practices and analysis of trends*

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Energy Use Index (**EUI**): kWh/m<sup>3</sup>  
(to measure performance)

+

Unitary Energy Cost **UEC** (\$/KWh)  
(to measure cost)

$$EUI = \frac{\text{Total Energy Consumption (EDL + Diesel)}}{\text{Total Flow per day}}$$

$$UEC = \frac{\text{Total Cost (EDL + Diesel)}}{\text{Total Flow per day}}$$



- two types of EUI (kWh/m<sup>3</sup>) were identified until now with reference made to case studies in Western Europe, USA, Australia, Canada & Jordan (Further desktop review, consultations and analysis to be made to confirm findings):
  - pump efficiency indicator to range between **0.3 – 0.65 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>.100m**
- and
- system efficiency indicator to range between **0.4-0.65 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>**

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**Standardized Energy Consumption as a performance indicator + Normalization to 100m head**

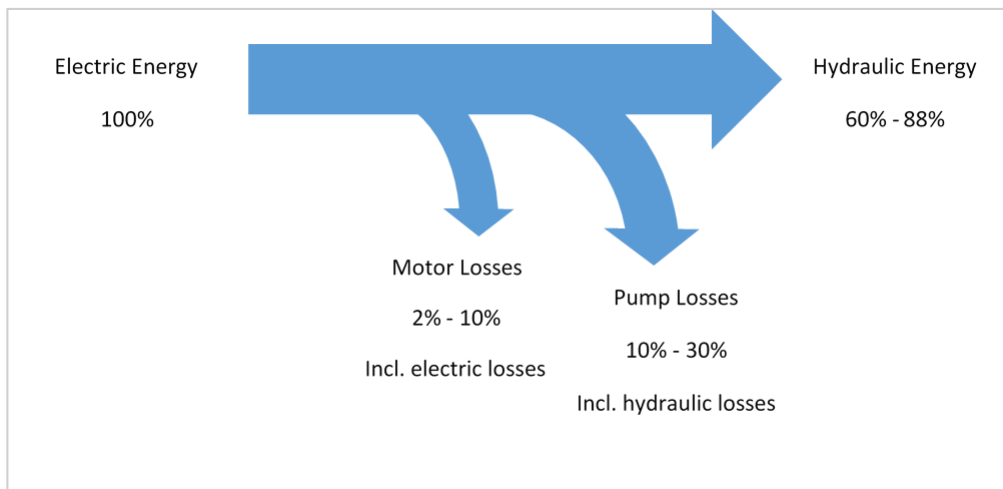
Rough guidelines: 0.3-0.65 kWh/m<sup>3</sup> per 100m



# In-depth Energy Audit

The aim of this exercise was to analyze the pumps' performance and assess the necessary power required at 85% motor efficiency and less, knowing the nameplate pumps' characteristics such as the flow, the total dynamic head in addition to the pump power (in kW) and using the following formula (ACWA/GIZ, 2015):

$$\eta = \frac{\text{Hydraulic Energy (Output)}}{\text{Electric Energy (Input)}} = \frac{Q \times H}{367 \times P_{El}} \times 100\%$$



Performance Indicator values	Performance Assessment
< 60%	Not Acceptable
60 - 75%	Acceptable
76 - 88%	Good
> 88%	Problematic



# Methodology

	kW (nameplate)	Static head (m)	TDH (m)	Flow (m3/s)	CALCULATED kW				Δ kW				Distributing to	Performance Indicator Formula (%)	Performance Assessment
					85%	75%	60%	50%	85%	75%	60%	50%			
<b>Bahsas WTP</b>															
Hab Pumps (x6)	37.3	20	23.0	0.13	36.9	41.8	52.2	62.7	-0.01	0.1	0.40	0.7	Network	76%	Acceptable
Backwash Pumps (x2)	37.3	12	13.8	0.23	40.3	45.7	57.1	68.5	0.08	0.2	0.53	0.8		83%	Good
Qalamoun Pump	74.6	40	46.0	0.07	38.3	43.5	54.3	65.2	-0.49	-0.4	-0.27	-0.1	Network	39%	Not Acceptable
Service Water Pumps (x3)	5.6	5	5.8	0.01	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	-0.92	-0.9	-0.89	-0.9		6%	Not Acceptable
Booster Pumps (x3+1 backup)	44.8	27	31.1	0.12	48.4	54.8	68.6	82.3	0.08	0.2	0.53	0.8		83%	Good
Backwash Pumps (x2)	33.6	20	23.0	0.27	80.2	90.9	113.6	136.4	1.39	1.7	2.39	3.1		183%	Problematic
Manar Pumps (x5)	11.9	20	23.0	0.17	49.2	55.7	69.6	83.6	3.15	3.7	4.88	6.1	Off-site reservoir	317%	Problematic
Manar Pumps	11.9	20	23.0	0.07	20.6	23.4	29.2	35.1	0.74	1.0	1.47	2.0	Off-site reservoir	133%	Problematic
<b>Jisr</b>															
Jisr 1	298.3	130	149.5	0.07	133.1	150.9	188.6	226.3	-0.55	-0.5	-0.37	-0.2	Off-site reservoir	34%	Not Acceptable
Jisr 2	298.3	130	149.5	0.08	154.4	175.0	218.8	262.5	-0.48	-0.4	-0.27	-0.1	Off-site reservoir	40%	Not Acceptable
<b>Qobbeh</b>															
Qobbeh Reservoir	33.6	120	138.0	0.01	19.7	22.3	27.9	33.4	-0.41	-0.3	-0.17	0.0		45%	Not Acceptable
Maytam Old Well	52.2	150	172.5	0.02	44.2	50.1	62.7	75.2	-0.15	0.0	0.20	0.4		65%	Acceptable
Mouhajjarin (Hariri) Reservoir well	18.6	20	23.0	0.02	5.9	6.7	8.4	10.0	-0.68	-0.6	-0.55	-0.5	Off-site reservoir	24%	Not Acceptable
Mouhajjarin (Hariri) Reservoir pump	37.3	200	230.0	0.02	49.2	55.7	69.6	83.6	0.32	0.5	0.87	1.2	Off-site reservoir	101%	Problematic
<b>Ayrounieh</b>															
Fouwar Pump 1	5.2	2.42	2.8	0.01	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	-0.92	-0.9	-0.89	-0.9		6%	Not Acceptable
fouwar Pump 2	5.2	2.42	2.8	0.02	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	-0.90	-0.9	-0.85	-0.8		8%	Not Acceptable

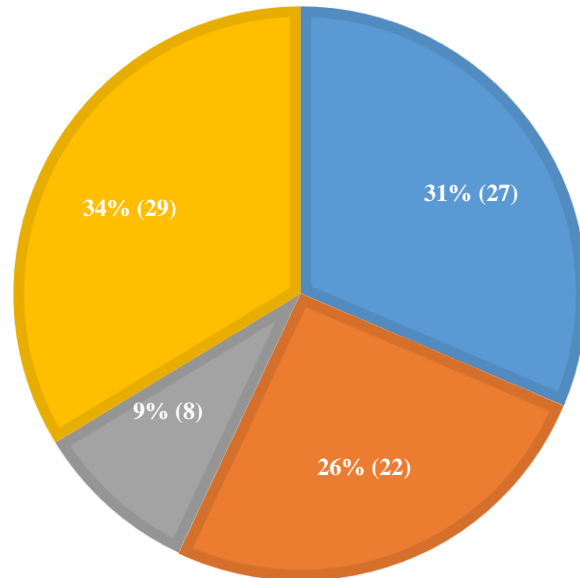




# Water Analysis: In-Depth Energy Audit For Water Stations

## SLWE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

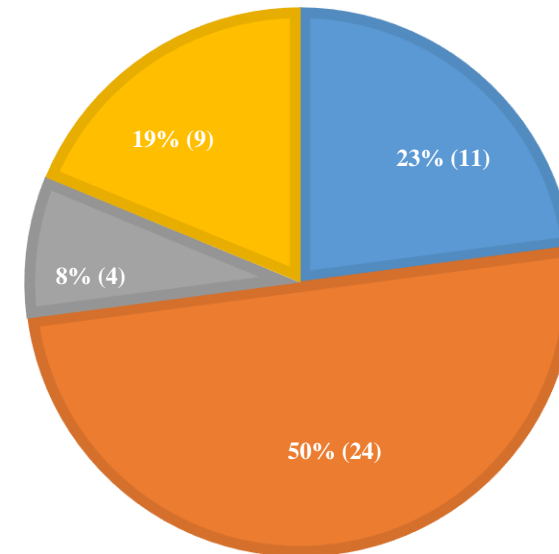
■ Acceptable ■ Not Acceptable ■ Good ■ Problematic



SLWE data analysis has revealed that around 40% of the pumps fall in the good and/or acceptable ranges while the remaining **60%** are either not acceptable (26% or 22 pumps), i.e. performing below the 60% performance limit, or problematic (34% or 29 pumps), i.e. exceeding the 88% performance limit.

## NLWE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

■ Acceptable ■ Not Acceptable ■ Good ■ Problematic

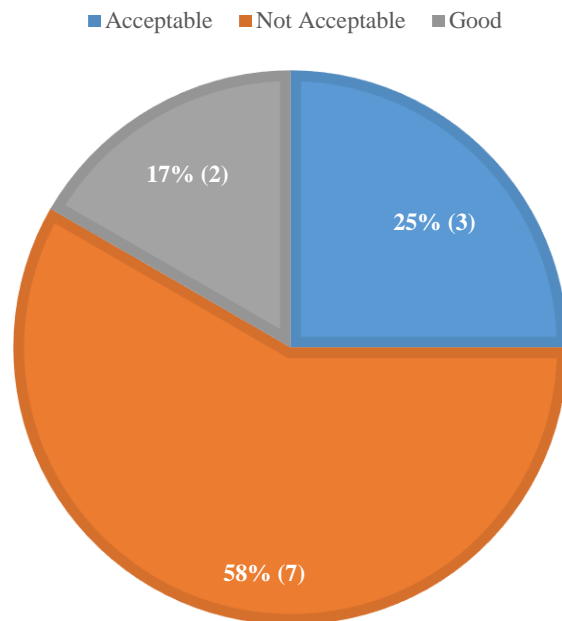


Around **70%** of NLWE's pumping systems are not performing well, where 50% (24 pumps) of the stations have a performance assessment below 60%, and 19% (9 pumps) are identified as problematic. Those are located in Bahsas, Qobbeh, Jradeh, Chekka and El Oyouun pumping stations.



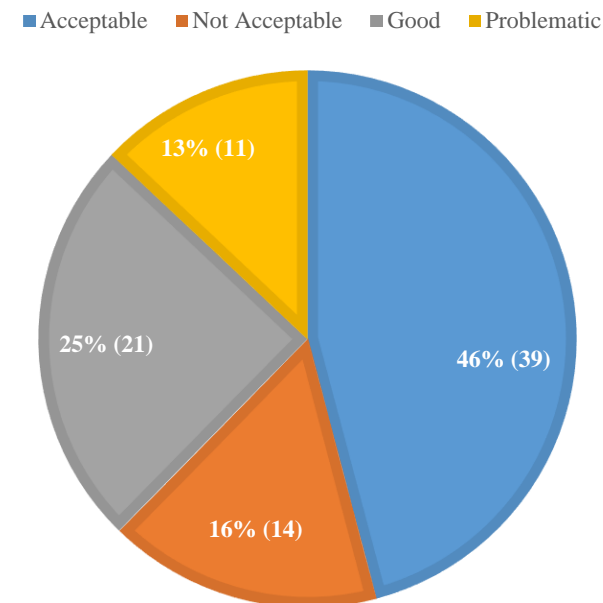
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## BWE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT



*BWE reflects the highest percentage (**58%**) among all establishments for unacceptable pumping systems showing a performance assessment below 60% for a total of seven pumps, five located at the Loussi station and two pumps at the Chamsine station. The remaining two pumps in the latter show a problematic performance assessment.*

## BMLWE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT



*BMLWE performance assessment shows that 46% of the available pumping systems (39 pumps) are within the acceptable 60-75% range, in addition to around 25% (21 pumps) which are in a good condition. Both clusters of pumps result in around 70% of the pumps which have acceptable performance assessment, leaving the remaining **30%** between unacceptable and problematic ranges.*



# Key Takeaways

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- No direct correlation between the stations with high electricity bills and their respective pumps' performance.
- High energy cost is not always caused by an inadequate pump performance. This was reached through an analysis of the pumps of the audited pumping stations with respect to their performance.





# WASTEWATER ENERGY AUDIT



# Energy Consumption in WWTPs: Data Collection and KPIs

Establishment	District	WWTP	Degree of utilization (%)	EDL (kWh/day)	EDL cutoff hour	DG (kWh/day)	Total Energy Consumption (kWh/day)	KPI			
								kWh/m3	kWh/PE/y	kWh/(Kg.BOD.removed)	kWh/(Kg.COD.removed)
SLWE	Saida	Sineek	86.15	3416.667	12	1072.5	4489.167	0.080	5.014	-	-
	Nabatieh	Nabatieh	55.00	0.000	24	4359.1	4359.100	0.793	44.196	2.037	1.032
	Bent Jbeil	Tebnine	29.69	1558.500	0	73.359	1631.859	1.718	82.726	3.813	1.994
	Tyre	Tyre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NLWE	Tripoli	Tripoli	39.95	4078.481	0	26.58	4105.061	0.076	6.873	0.315	0.148
	Batroun	Chekka	147.30	3245.908	0	91.09	1739.681	0.679	17.638	1.296	0.645
	Batroun	Selaata	62.32	1079.681	12	660	3337.001	1.658	76.125	3.174	1.597
BMLWE	Aley	Kfar Katra	27.27	190.398	12	0	190.398	1.269	69.495	3.273	2.111
	Chouf	Mokhtara	77.78	218.532	13	89.1	307.632	0.879	48.123	2.246	1.177
	Chouf	Jbaa	36.67	142.076	4	53.342	195.418	1.777	97.265	4.517	2.352
	Chouf	Mrosti	30.00	134.025	4	108.357	242.382	2.693	147.449	7.044	3.865
	Chouf	Baadaran	20.00	-	12	97.643	97.643	1.953	106.919	5.128	2.603
	Chouf	Khraibeh	22.22	168.408	12	27.1233	195.532	1.955	107.054	4.967	2.634
	Chouf	Maaser El Chouf	22.22	186.354	12	131.5479	317.901	3.179	174.051	8.095	4.355
	Baabda	Ghadir	38.13	5074.816	0	66.452	5141.268	0.075	4.101	#VALUE!	0.778
	Baabda	Hammana	100.00	178.767	12	151.23	329.997	0.330	24.090	0.862	0.448
BWE	Zahleh	Zahleh	50.94	8082.919	0	123.64	8206.559	0.432	17.657	0.945	0.486
	Baalback-Hermel	Iaat-2016	111.42	2662.025	6	1080.09	3742.115	0.336	13.730	0.668	0.364
	Baalback-Hermel	Iaat-2017	111.42	2279.075	6	1080.09	3359.165	0.301	12.325	0.600	0.327
	Baalback-Hermel	Iaat-2018	111.42	2737.871	6	1080.09	3817.961	0.343	14.008	0.681	0.371
	Baalback-Hermel	Yammouneh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Western Beqaa	Jeb Jannine-2016	65.00	5287.726	2	779.0211	6066.747	0.933	38.155	1.802	0.913
	Western Beqaa	Jeb Jannine-2017	65.00	4426.949	2	779.0211	5205.970	0.801	32.742	1.547	0.784
	Western Beqaa	Jeb Jannine-2018	65.00	4890.664	2	779.0211	5669.686	0.872	35.658	1.684	0.853
	Western Beqaa	Saghbine-2016	57.69	64.275	2	10.989	75.264	0.251	10.256	0.476	0.243
	Western Beqaa	Saghbine-2017	57.69	420.815	2	10.989	431.804	1.439	58.840	2.734	1.396
	Western Beqaa	Saghbine-2018	57.69	492.139	2	10.989	503.128	1.677	68.560	3.185	1.627
	Zahleh	Ablah	60.00	939.335	0	0	939.335	0.783	32.000	1.532	0.770
	Zahleh	Ferzol	150.00	Not provided by the Municipality despite several communications and requests				0.000	0.000	-	-





# Wastewater Analysis - Benchmarking

Size class	PE range	Number of plants	Plant name
SC1	<1,000	2	Jbaa, Mroستی
SC2	1,000-5,000	3	Mokhtara, Kfar Atra, Saghbine
SC3	5,001-10,000	2	Tebnine, Hammana
SC4	10,001 - 100,000	7	Nabatiyeh, Iaat, Jeb Jannine, Ablah, Ferzol, Chekka, Selaata
SC5	>100,000	3	Saynik, Tripoli, Zahle

- **Primary indicator** adopted: kWh/PE/year.

Station	Type	PE serviced	Size clas	kWh/PE/y	Guide value	Target value	DU (%)	COD removed (Kg/year)	COD Removal %	kWh/(Kg.COD.removed)
Mroستی	AS - trickling filter	600	SC1	147.45	67	49	30	22891.26	87.11	3.86
Hammana	Activated sludge	5,000	SC2	24.089	40	24	100	268640.00	92.00	0.45
Ghadir	Primary	457,587	SC5	4.1			38.1	2413470.20	12.04	0.78
Jbaa	AS - trickling filter	733	SC1	97.26	67	49	36.7	30329.66	94.47	2.35
Kfarkatra	Extended aeration	1000	SC2	69.5	45	28	27.3	32914.79	75.15	2.11
Maasser	AS - trickling filter	667	SC1	174.05	67	49	22.2	26646.39	91.25	4.35
Baadaran	Extended aeration	333	SC1	106.91	70	38	20	13694.03	93.79	2.60
Khreibeh	AS - trickling filter	667	SC1	107.05	67	49	22.2	27098.96	92.80	2.63
Mokhtara	AS - trickling filter	2,333	SC2	48.1	39	32	77.8	95433.06	93.39	1.18
Tebnin	Extended aeration	7,200	SC3	82.7	38	23	29.7	298636.36	94.70	1.99
Nabatiye	Extended aeration	36,000	SC4	44.19	34	20	55	1542464.38	97.82	1.03
Saynik	Primary	326,789	SC5	7.63	-	-	86.1	#VALUE!	-	-
Zahle	Extended aeration	169,643	SC5	17.6	30	20	50.9	6169390.24	93.90	0.49
Iaat	Extended aeration	99,482	SC4	12.523	34	20	111.4	3754710.07	86.17	0.37
Saghbine	Activated sludge	1,902	SC2	4.44	40	24	57.7	112877.69	96.21	1.63
Jeb Jannine	Activated sludge	41,027	SC4	47.25	30	18	65	2424830.57	95.39	0.85
Ablah	AS - trickling filter	10,714	SC4	32	30	18	60	445260.08	94.88	0.77
Ferzol	AS - trickling filter	13,393	SC4	TBC	30	18	150	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	-
Tripoli	Primary	357,143	SC5	6.8			39.9	10116015.90	47.97	0.15
Chekka	Activated sludge	17,857	SC4	17.6	30	18	147.3	985156.14	98.29	0.64
Selaata	Activated sludge	16,071	SC4	76.1	30	18	62.3	762743.66	96.89	1.60

- kWh/kgCODrem indicator can be used for internal cross-checking.
- Guide and target values are taken from the literature, according to size class and treatment type.
- **Secondary indicator**: Degree of Utilization (DU)

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# Wastewater Energy Audit Analysis

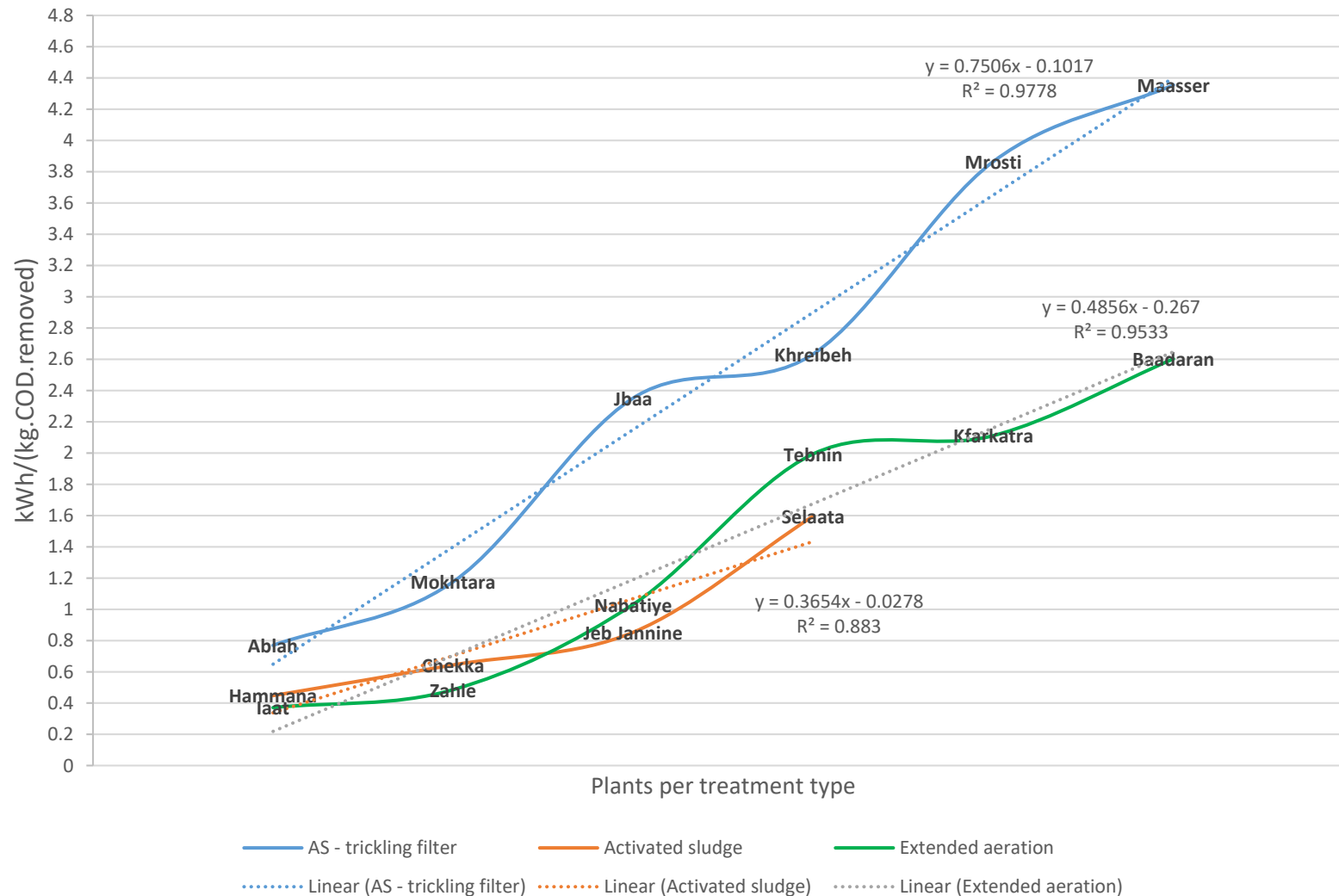
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*classification of kWh/PE/year according to size class*

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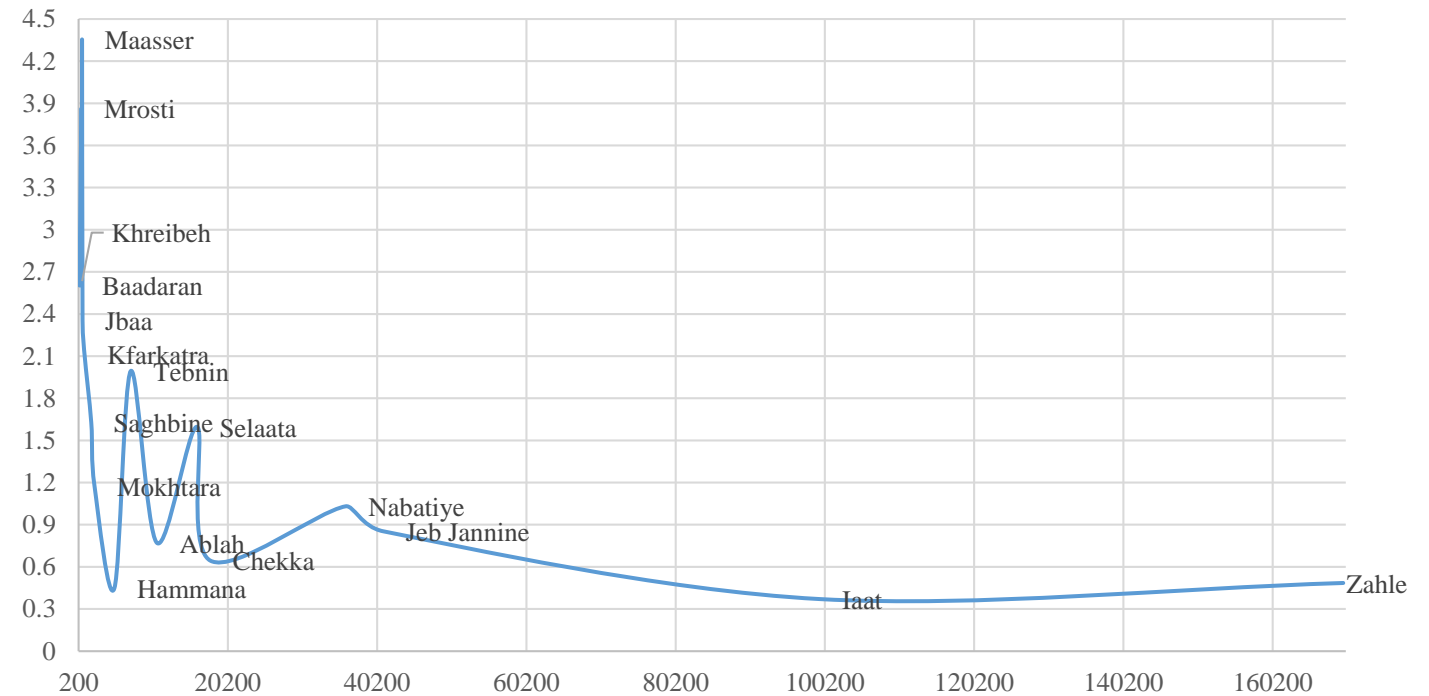
- Plants that carry out **Conventional Activated Sludge** and **Extended Aeration** processes show the lowest energy consumption reaching up to 1.6 kWh/kg.COD.removed for the first (Selaata plant) and around 2.6 kWh/kg.COD.removed for the second (Baadaran plant).
- Activated Sludge with Trickling Filters** systems are characterized by the highest energy consumption, being almost two times higher and reaching up to 4.4 kWh/kg.COD.removed.



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Kwh/Kg COD removed vs. PE served for all plants



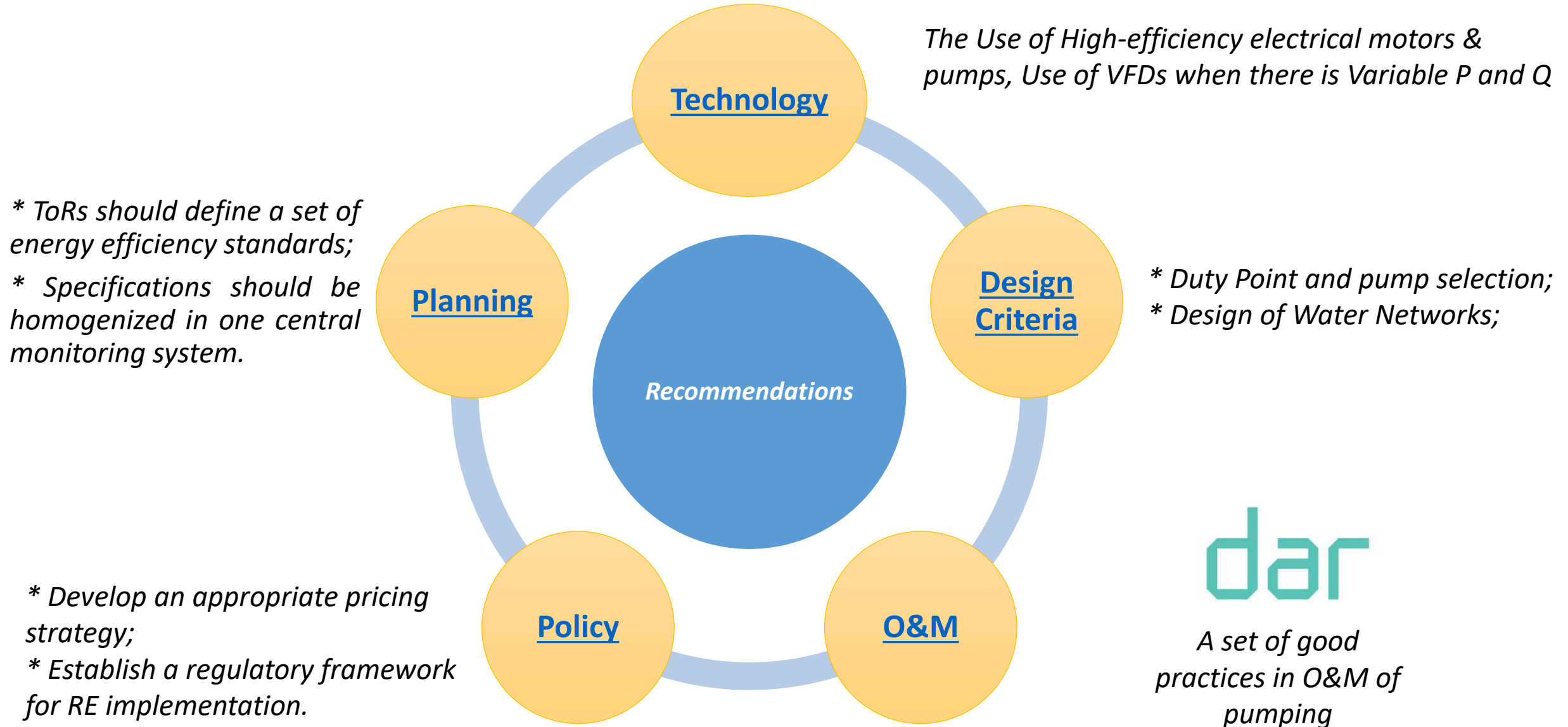
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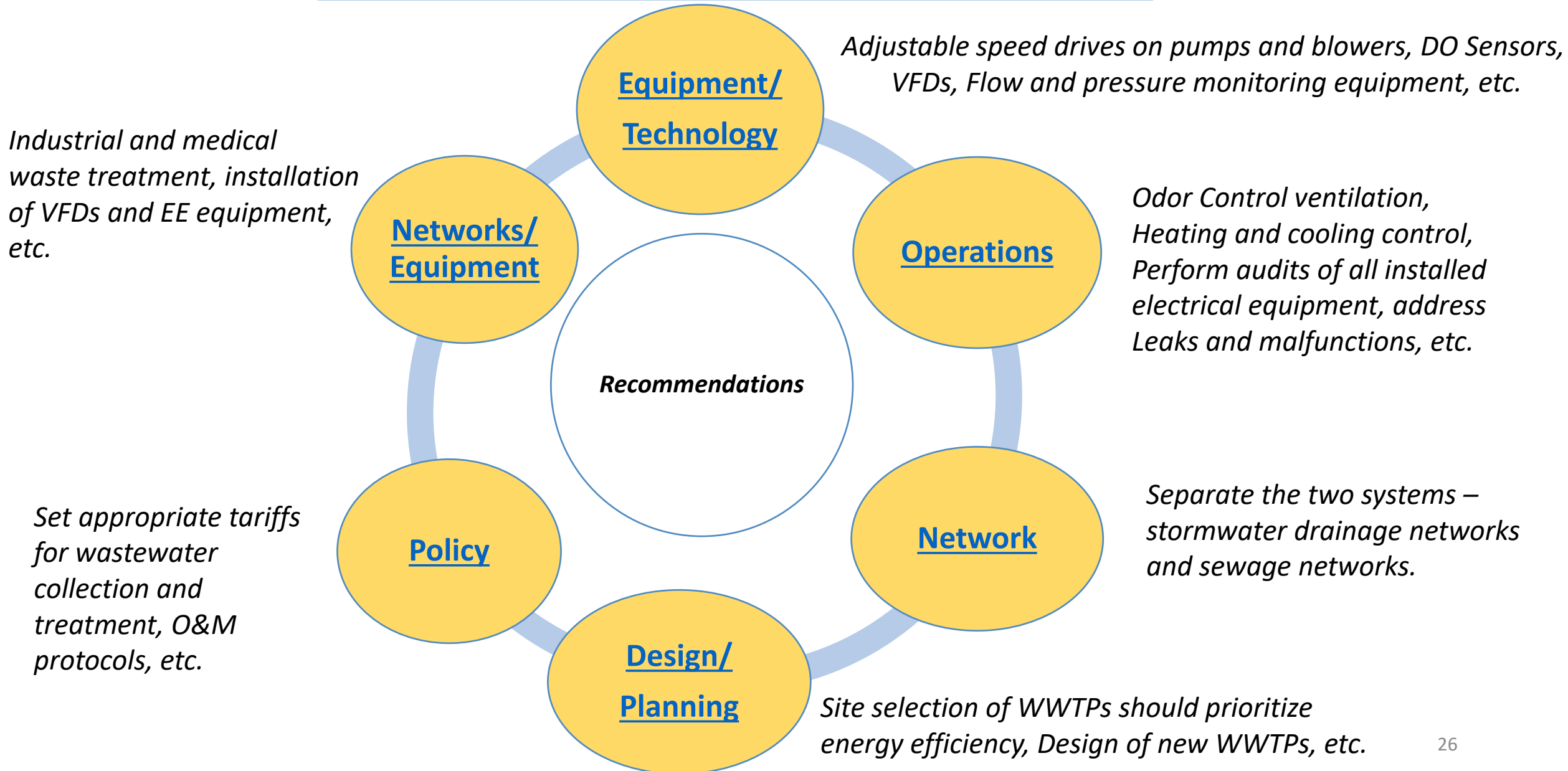
- Design aspects of the plants lie behind energy inefficiency which have led to high energy costs.
- Out of the 16 audited secondary treatment facilities, 14 operate below capacity, reflecting a tendency for over-sized plant design with treatment capacity greater than what is needed (accounting for future increased loads due to population load should not be used as an excuse for such oversizing).
- Smaller plants are more energy intensive than larger ones. As the population served increases, energy consumption decreases with high energy consumption being attributed to plants serving the lowest number of people.
- This finding highlights the importance of cost sustainability in O&M in terms of energy in the proper design and sizing of future and planned WWTPs.




# Water Sector Recommendations



# Wastewater Sector Recommendations





# Renewable Energy Potential and Market Assessment



# RE Market assessment Aims

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- Zooming-in on the status of water/wastewater services in the RE legal framework
- Overview of existing and planned RE projects in water/wastewater services
- Market perspective: Interviews conducted with 3 solar PV contractors in Lebanon
- Assessing the RE potential in water and wastewater stations: case studies





# Renewable Energy Potential from field observations

*Preliminary review of land availability revealed the existence of substantial potential to incorporate solar PV*



**Zgharta**



**Tripoli**



**Baabda (Daychouniyeh)**





# Renewable Energy Market Assessment *Approach*

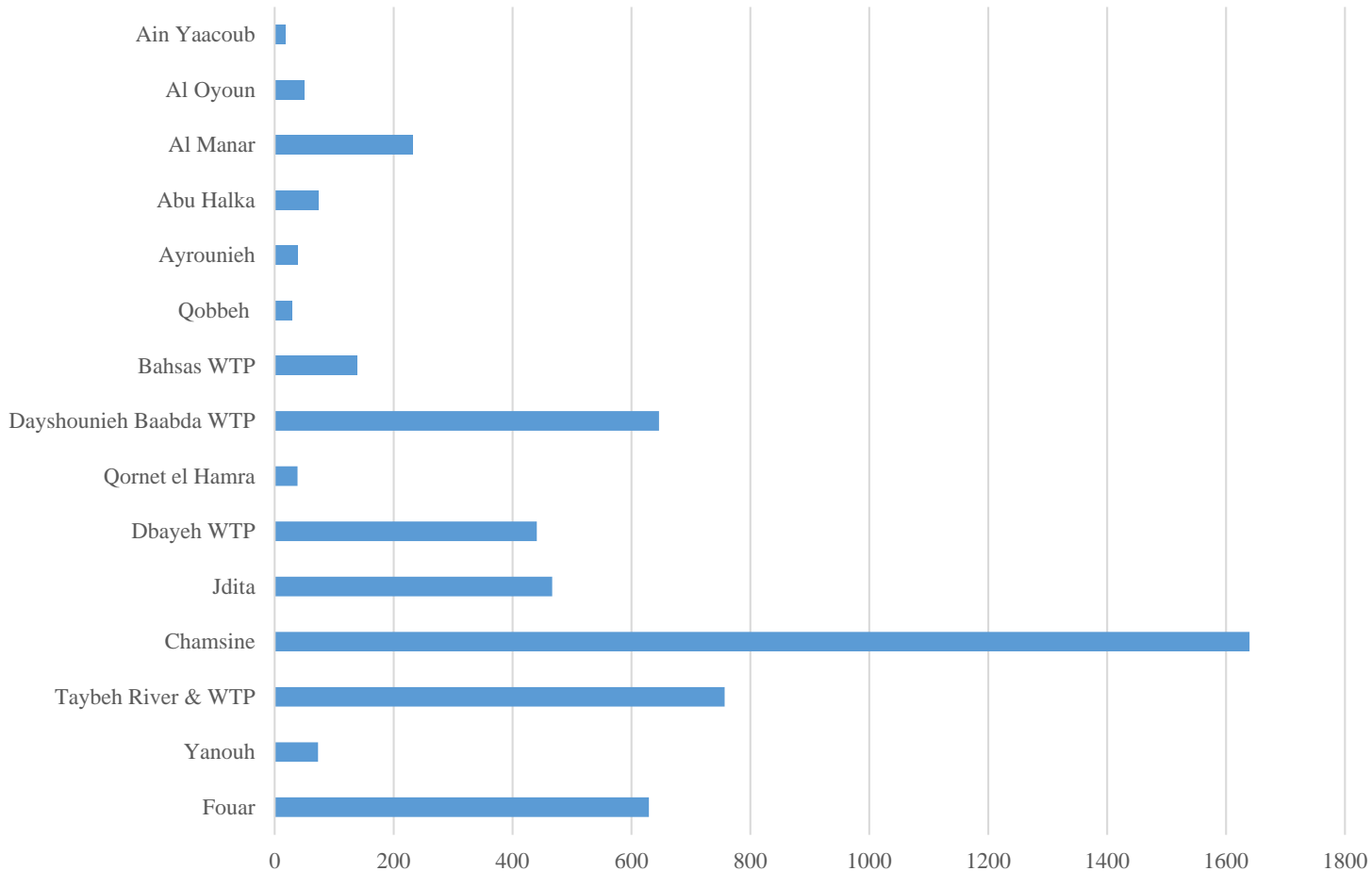
## ***Economic Modelling***

Parameter	Value	Description
Discount Rate	Variable	<p>The current discount rate is estimated at 8% based on the latest market trends in 2018, taking into consideration Lebanon's economic status and credit rate ranking (this discount rate could increase due to the current economic crisis since October 2019).</p> <p>A subsidized discount rate of 2% is considered for a scenario where the economy is stable and in continuous growth</p>
EDL's tariff	Variable	<p>9.3 c/kWh</p> <p>22 c/kWh (post cost-recovery i.e. when subsidies are lifted)</p>
Capital cost (USD/kWp)	Variable	Estimated at 800USD/kWp based on interviews with local solar PV companies
Specific yield	1500 kWh/kWp	
Area required per 1kWp	8m <sup>2</sup>	Estimated based on interviews with the private sector.
System lifetime	25 Years	



# Renewable Energy Market Assessment

## *Assessment of Market Potential*



*An economic modeling of solar PV potential was performed for the following facilities:*

- South: Fouar, Yanouh, Taybeh River and WTP
- Beirut Mount Lebanon: Dbayeh WTP, Qornet el Hamra and Dayshouniet Baabda WTP
- Bekaa: Chamsine and Jdita
- North: Bahsas WTP, Qobbeh, Ayrouniyeh, Abu Halka, Al Manar, Al Oyoun, Ain Yaacoub

*Recommended solar PV capacity without storage in water facilities (kWp)*

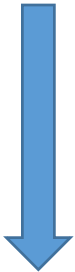


# Renewable Energy Market Assessment

## *Assessment of Market Potential*

### Economic Modeling :

- **Water:** stations in the South (Fouar, Yanouh, Taybeh) and the Bekaa (Chamsine, Jdita)
- **Wastewater:** laa WWTP



- **Recommended solar PV capacity (without storage)**
- **Annual savings**
- **Payback periods**
- **LCOE**

Station	Region	Total consumption (kWh)	Total area approximation (m2)	Potential Solar PV Capacity (kWp)	Estimated kWh produced from solar PV	Solar PV potential with storage (% of utility consumption )	Solar PV potential without storage (% of utility consumption )	Recommended Solar PV capacity (kWp)
Fouar	South	3496271.4	10497	1050	1574550	45	27	629
Yanouh	South	405171.43	8558	856	1283700	317	27	73
Taybeh River & WTP	South	12609392.8	7735	774	1160250	9	9	757
Chamsine	Bekaa	9107792.857	3142602	314260	471390300	5176	27	1639
Jdita	Bekaa	2592292.857	295893	29589	44383950	1712	27	467
laa	Bekaa	1,399,938.24	35600	3560	5340000	381	27	252
Station	Recommended Solar PV capacity (kWp)	Upront Capital Cost	Annual Savings (@ 9.3 cents/kWh tariff / 8% discount rate)	Annual Savings (@ 22 cents /kWh tariff /8% discount rate)	Annual Savings (@ 9.3 cents/kWh tariff /2% discount rate)	Annual Savings (@ 22 cents /kWh tariff / 2% discount rate)		
Fouar	629	503200	30500	149462	52041	171003		
Yanouh	73	58400	3540	17346	6040	19846		
Taybeh River & WTP	757	605600	36707	179877	62631	205802		
Chamsine	1639	1311200	79475	389456	135605	445586		
Jdita	467	373600	22645	110968	38638	126961		
laa	252	201600	12219	59880	20850	68510		



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## WWTP CASES STUDIES

### Tripoli WWTP



- Area 1 (A1): 12,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Area 2 (A2): 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Rooftop 1 (R1): 700 m<sup>2</sup>
- Rooftop 2 (R2): 500 m<sup>2</sup>

### Iaat WWTP

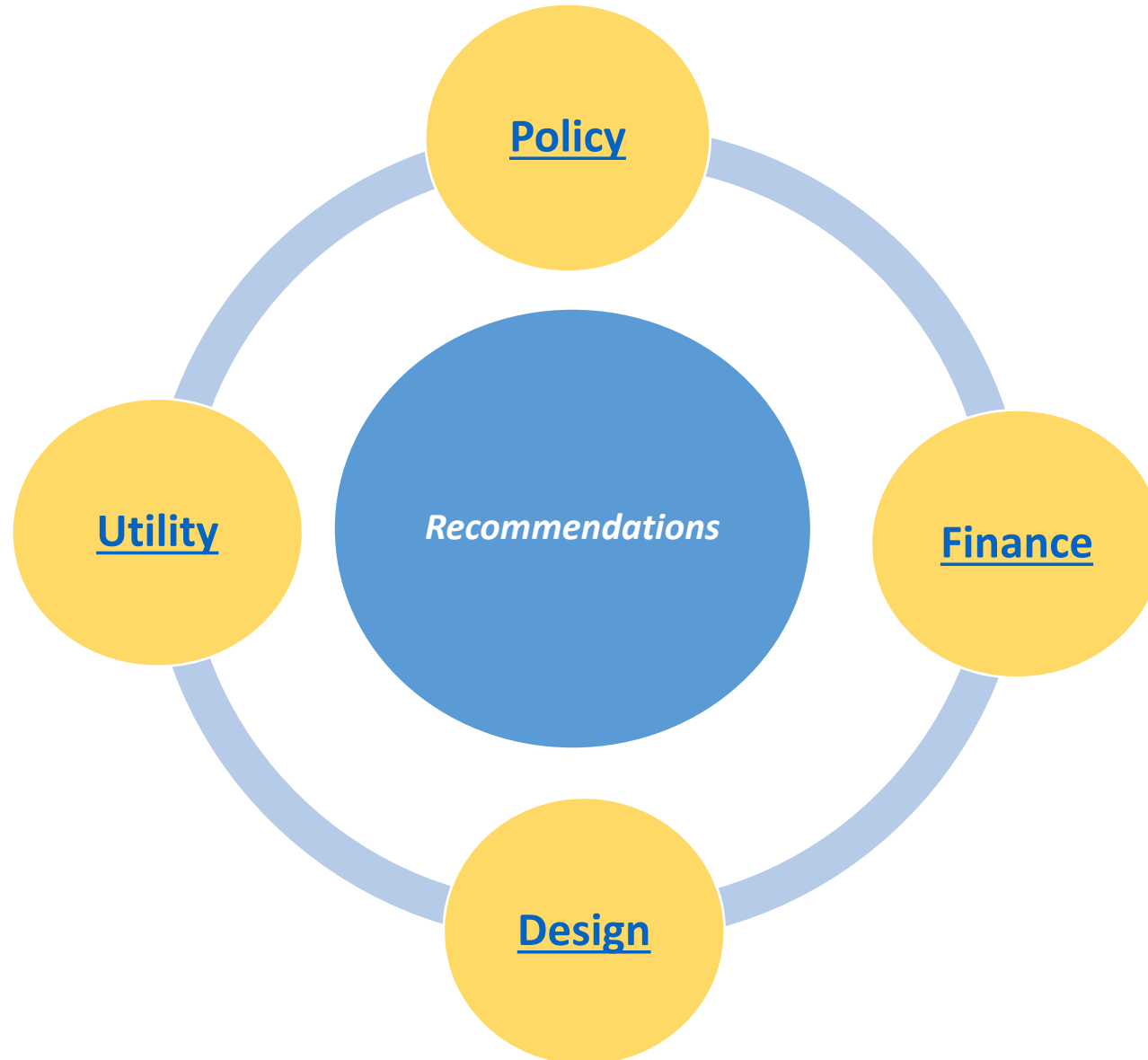
*Iaat wastewater treatment plant has 35,000 m<sup>2</sup> of available total land and 600 m<sup>2</sup> of rooftop space. The plant relies on a 500 kVA diesel generator to make up for the six hours of daily electricity outages.*



*Without storage, around 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> were used from the available lands to generate around 252 kWp equivalent to 27% of the utility consumption.*

# Recommendations and The Way Forward

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## Policy

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### Medium - long term

Develop a policy for RE integration in all water and wastewater facilities at the national level as part of a Water Sector Strategy.

Increase synchronization between EDL and the facilities acting as decentralized producers generating solar PV surplus.

Eliminate EDL subsidies and increasing the electricity tariff.

### Immediate

Advocate for power wheeling agreements

Prioritize adequate implementation of multi-site net-metering by addressing technical challenges such as the grid's instability.

Monitor and report yearly GHG emissions to set mitigation action plans.



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## Finance

### Medium - long term

- Enhance RE affordability further by exempting RE components from import and other taxes to reduce the initial cost of financing.
- Assess the possibility to revise the reallocation of international loans and funds.
- Rethink the relationship between EDL and the water establishments.



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## Design

### Medium - long term

- Assess the techno-economic feasibility of hydro-storage solutions in facilities

### Immediate

- Mainstream the deployment of solar PV in the design of water and wastewater facilities, whenever applicable



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## Utility

Medium -  
long term

seek Public Private Partnerships for solar PV installation and maintenance.

Immediate

Regularly monitor energy consumption and efficiency through scheduled energy and financial audits.



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