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Thus, the International Office for Water offers its support to developing countries to start institutional and legislative reforms giving a framework for managing water for agriculture, for making the investments needed by the water sector in agriculture and for increasing water effectiveness in the agricultural production process. IOWater's intervention can take place either on a country scale - institutional and legislative reforms, national strategy - or at the local level, on a region or basin scale.

With such a prospect in mind, IOWater helps to set up decentralized structures of general interest, comparable to the French Regional Development Companies, to carry out assignments for developing rural areas by relying on effective and integrated water management, and to define the local strategies and investments needed for targeted uses (agriculture, environment, tourism, domestic use).

In a second step, IOWater supports the development of farmers associations for irrigation and drainage purposes and, through this, participates in the building of the stakeholders' capacities for water control in agriculture (irrigators, agricultural advisers).