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So what exactly is TA?

TA is commonly disbursed as a grant used to support project preparation or implementation. It can be provided at any stage of project development and is often used to provide support to project finance. TA can be provided on the government or project side. TA can be provided in the form of a grant or loan, and can be used to support project preparation or implementation. TA can also be provided in the form of technical assistance, which can be provided in the form of advice and training, helping to support the development of project or an institution.

PIDG's TA offering is a veteran of this market, having mobilised over USD33bn from private sector investors and DFIs. PIDG is perhaps unique in that it channels its TA funds almost exclusively through its companies, ensuring that resources are accurately and efficiently targeted and aligned with PIDG strategic objectives.

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Support to projects, if it becomes evident during project implementation that further assistance is required or if the project is not viable, thereby attracting private sector finance. The viability of a project depends on a number of factors, including the expected revenues of a bulk water project in Rwanda and the revenues required to cover all capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, and earn a reasonable return on investment.

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As part of this process we have developed a detailed Action Plan for Technical Assistance at PIDG, and very timely as the debate on the development of financial and policy frameworks to support SCPs pushes on. There is increasing interest in developing more sustainable and inclusive models of investment, and the need to support the design and implementation of strategies and policies to enable SCPs to access the finance they need.

The unique way that PIDG deploys this highly catalytic product both within PIDG and outside through a series of presentations and seminars, and we would welcome a continuing dialogue on how we can further share knowledge of our activities.