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 **9 BILLION** **USD**

to meet its infrastructure and service delivery needs in urban transport, water supply and sanitation, and municipal solid waste over a **10 year period**



## GREEN SPACES

as a percent of the total city, are shrinking

**DOWN TO LESS THAN 4%** of built-up area



 **> 20,000** **PEOPLE/KM<sup>2</sup>**

and ranked among **bottom 10 cities** globally for livability

**45** **CITIZENS**

compete for every bus seat

Environmental Pollution costs

**7%**

of the provincial GDP each year



**MOST DISASTER-VULNERABLE DISTRICT IN PAKISTAN**

**475 MILLION** **GALLONS**

of **raw sewage** are dumped into the sea **each day**



**60%**

of solid waste never reaches a dumpsite



**55%**

of daily water needs are met

Non-revenue water is about

**60%**

Karachi's population and economy have grown rapidly in the past half century. It is Pakistan's political and economic hub, and a strong industrial base.

Yet infrastructure and institutions have not been able to keep pace with physical growth. Karachi is now ranked one of the least livable cities in the world, characterized by informal settlements, informal service providers, a highly centralized yet fragmented governance structure, and declining competitiveness.

The city also faces a complex political environment, ad-hoc planning, poor governance, and weak financial and institutional capacities. Failing to address issues in a timely manner would exacerbate the infrastructure and service deficit.

Yet Karachi has great potential to be transformed into a world class metropolitan region through economic growth and prosperity, livability, sustainability and inclusiveness.

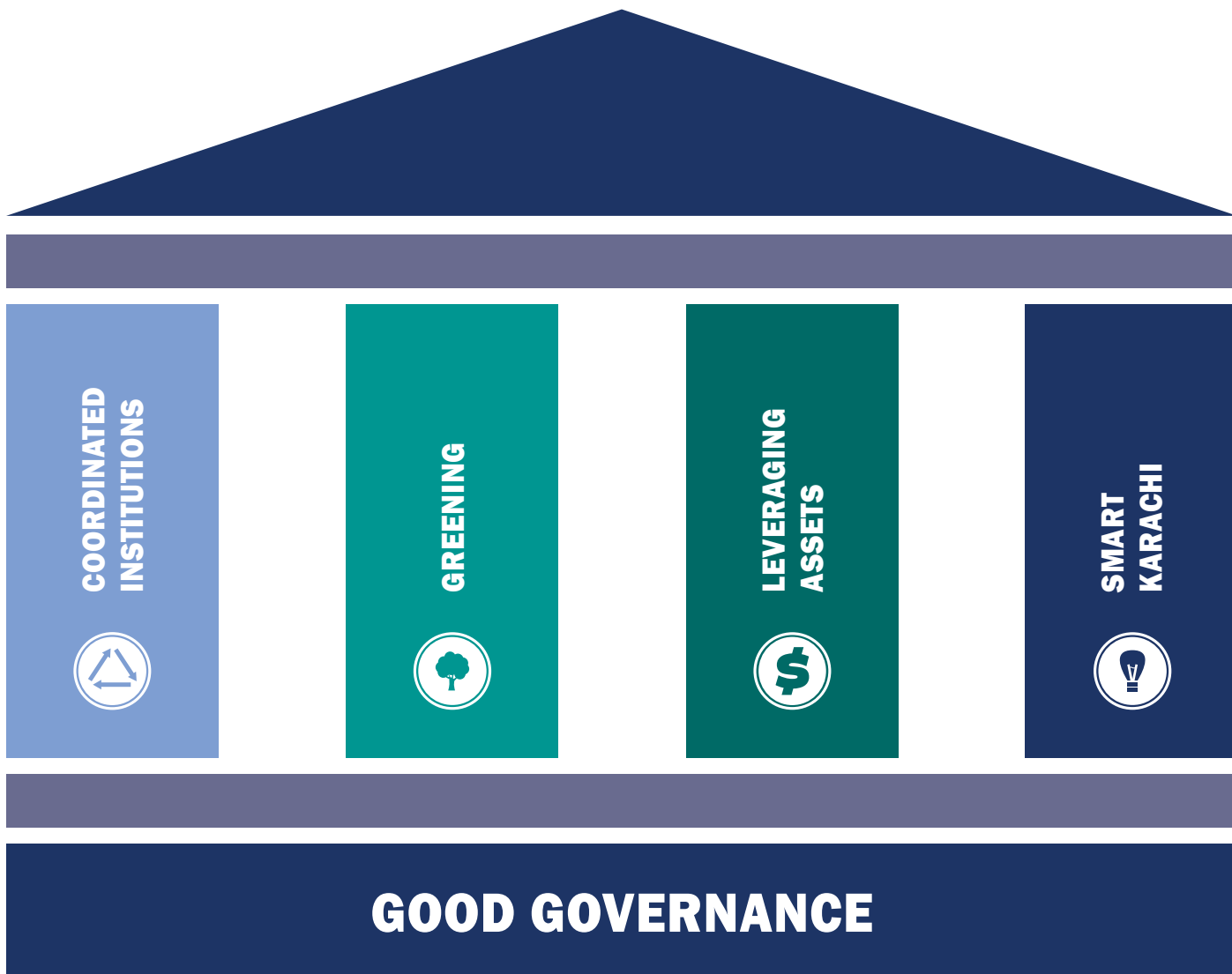
Karachi must act quickly and resolutely to preserve its central position as Pakistan's main growth pole and window to the world. What is needed is a programmatic, phased approach aligned with the Karachi City Development Plan 2020.



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### Pillars for Transformation



#### ***Inclusive, coordinated and accountable institutions.***

Reform institutions to improve operational performance of service providers. Empower local agencies to take the lead in city management.

#### ***Greening for sustainability and resilience.***

Close infrastructure gaps and safeguard funds for maintenance. Protect vulnerable groups from negative impacts of growth and climate change. Build a resilient and sustainable environment with an emphasis on livability, transformation, and regeneration.

#### ***Leveraging economic, social and environmental assets.***

Involve the private sector in infrastructure provision. Develop incentives for efficient performance, innovative financing, and technology adoption. Leverage the strong economic base and physical assets such as land, waterfronts and ports for continued growth.

#### ***Creating a smart Karachi.***

Innovate with smart policies to manage services, enhance competitiveness, facilitate engagement, and better investment projects. Use assets creatively, efficiently, and sustainably.

