



# **Pooled Municipal Bonds**

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## Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund



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- Government of Tamil Nadu has created an SPV Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund (WSPF, a Trust) in 2002 to implement the concept of pooled financing and to issue municipal bonds under pooled finance framework on a sustainable manner by bringing all investible grade ULBs
- Trust is managed by 5 member Board of Trustees (Secretaries MA&WS, Finance, Housing & Urban Development, Planning & Development and MD of TNUIFSL)
- Designated as State Pooled Finance Entity under Pooled Finance Development Fund scheme of Government of India in the year 2007
- Trust is functioning on not for profit entity and registered under the provisions of IT Act 1961 to claim IT benefits
- Functionally managed by Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Serviced Limited (TNUIFSL)



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# **Concept of Pooled Financing**

- Medium municipalities do not have the institutional capacity as well as financial strength (Credit Rating) to access domestic capital market in a cost effective manner
- Under Pooled Financing Framework, an SPV is created to raise resources from capital market by pooling the requirement of participating ULBs
- Bond proceeds used to assist ULBs to create urban infrastructure assets
- Project revenues backed by the General Revenue of the participating ULBs will be escrowed to honour the bond service obligation
- The Credit Pool will be rated by the credit rating agency







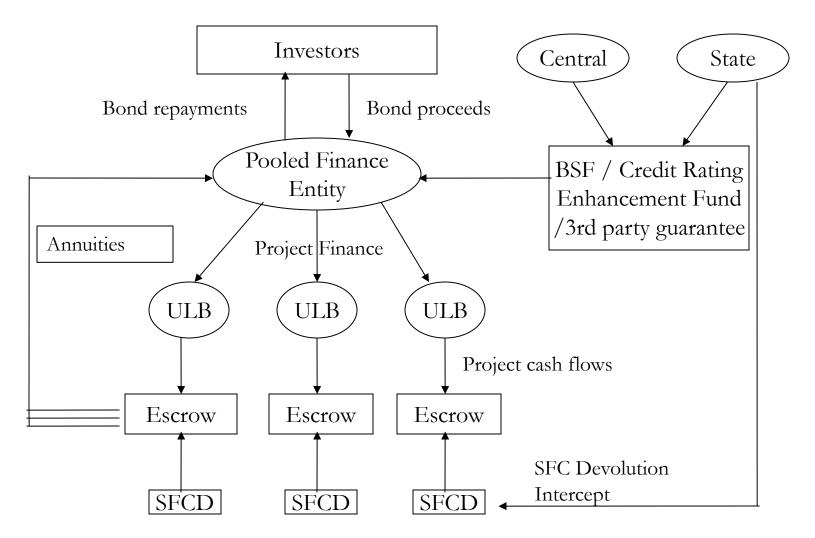
# **Concept of Pooled Financing**

- Necessary credit enhancement measures (Debt Service Reserve Fund at ULB level, Bond Service Fund at SPV level and interception of SFC devolution in the case of non-payment of debt service by ULBs at the State Level) will be incorporated to obtain a minimum "AA" Rating
- Pooled bonds with necessary credit rating enhancement measures improves the credit rating, reduce the risk of default and improve the confidence among the investing public
- SPV responsible for mobilization, collection of debt service from the ULBs and bond service to investors
- SVP will adhere to all the regulatory, disclosure, administrative, rating and other procedural formalities
- Handholding support of State/Central Government will enhance the image of SPV in the capital market





### **Pooled Finance Funds Flow**





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#### **Pooled Municipal Bonds in TN**

- WSPF issued pooled municipal bonds six times (for Rs.302.20 crores in total) for medium ULBs having investment grade rating
- No. of ULBs benefitted 40 (25 due to merger & repetition)
- Bond service is supported by Escrowing of project revenue backed by General Revenue of the ULBs, Bond Service Fund and Credit Rating Enhancement Fund
- Mechanism to deal with Cash Flow Mismatch
- Bond Service Fund or Credit Rating Enhancement Fund by the State / Central Government
- Comfort facility (recovery from SFCD), in the case of default in payment of debt service by ULBs from State Government





#### Assistance by, USAID, GoTN, GOI & KfW

- USAID provided partial guarantee (50% of the principal bond value) for the first bond issue in 2002
- Government provided Rs.20 crore (11 by GoTN &9 by GoI) as Credit Rating Enhancement Fund for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Bond Issue in 2008 & 2010 under Pooled Finance Development Fund Scheme of GoI
- KfW, German Funding Agency, provided Euro 15 mn. repayable over a period of 40 years (with principal moratorium of 10 years) at an interest rate of 0.75% as subordinated loan to manage asset-liability mismatch for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> taxable pooled bonds in the year 2012, 2013 and 2017
- Government of Tamil Nadu have provided hand-holding support that in case if the ULBs fails to pay debt service to WSPF, the SFC devolution will be intercepted at source and paid to WSPF





#### **Market Borrowings by WSPF**

Total bonds mobilized for Rs.302.30 crores by pooling the requirement of 40 ULBs

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1	Amount (Rs. In crs)	30.41	6.70	83.19	51.00	51.00	80.00	302.30
2	Status	Taxable	Tax free	Tax free	Taxable	Taxable	Taxable	
3	Coupon rate	9.20%	7.25%	7.50%	10.60%	8.71%	8.25%	
4	Rating	AAA(SO)	AA(SO)	AA(SO)	AA (SO)	AA (SO)	AA (SO)	
5	Tenor	15 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs	12 yrs	
6	No. of ULBs /Projects	13	7		16		4	40
7	ROI to ULBs	9.20%	7.25%	7.40%	7.10%	6.40%	6.25%	
8	Month and Year	Dec. 2002	April 2008	Sep. 2010	August 2012	May 2013	May 2017	
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