

Water unites Us

Strengthening water governance to promote systemic changes towards responsible production and consumption

Peru, Brasil, Chile



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Theme

Corporate Water management

Partners

Peru

- National Water Authority (Autoridad Nacional del Agua, ANA),
- Ministry of the Environment (Ministerio del Ambiente, MINAM),
- National Superintendence of Sanitation Services (Superintendencia Nacional de Servicios de Saneamiento SUNASS),
- Business associations,
- Water Resources Council (Consejo de recursos hídricos RIMAC).

Chile

- Agency for Sustainability and Climate Change (Agencia de Sustentabilidad y Cambio Climático, ASCC)

Brasil

- National Water Agency (Agencia Nacional de Aguas, ANA),
- Ministry of Environment (Ministerio del Medio Ambiente),
- Ministry of Regional Development (Ministerio de Desenvolvimento Regional),
- Companies,
- Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo (Federación de Industrias del Estado de Sao Paulo, FIESP).

General information

Latin America has abundant water resources but is currently facing situations of water stress and social conflicts associated with its use. Therefore, water management takes a prominent place on the agendas of the public sector, civil society, and the private sector.

Objective project

To contribute to good water governance through:

- Background information,
- Strengthening public institutions,
- Promoting corporate water management,
- Improving the participation of civil society in responsible consumption,
- Promoting the conservation of natural infrastructure

Beneficiaries

Public institutions, local authorities, business associations

Budget

CHF 1'670'000

Duration

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With rising demand for water, unequal access to water and sanitation, unprecedented levels of pollution, and climate variability and change, the global and local water crisis is increasingly alarming. In addition, greater economic and social crisis challenges are faced by persistent inequality, which have been deepened by the health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between 2016 and the first half of 2021, the SDC implemented the last phases of the SuizAgua projects in Colombia (which began in 2010) and incorporated actions in Mexico and at the regional level, and SuizAgua Peru and Chile (begun in 2012), and, since 2018, with direct actions also in Brazil. Its implementation has led to the positioning of corporate water management in Latin America through the work in different technical and political coordination spaces, such as the framework of the Pacific Alliance.

General objective

The project aims to strengthen water governance for a more equitable society, maximising the strengths of the public sector and its institutions, civil society, and the private sector to lead the process of systemic change towards responsible production and consumption of water, and increasing the value of water for society.

Specific objectives

- In Peru and Brazil, to contribute to the implementation of strengthened public policies and evidence-based decision making.
- In Peru and Brazil, promote corporate water management and the strengthening of voluntary public instruments that incorporate value chains.
- In Peru, foster multi-stakeholder partnerships to conserve natural infrastructure and improve people's livelihoods.
- Participate in the Latin American community of practice for knowledge management.

Working lines

The project will address the following effects:

Effect 1

Public policy implementation is strengthened, and evidence-based decision making is put into practice.

Effect 2

Scaling up of corporate water management and civil society participation.

Effect 3

Multi-stakeholder partnerships conserve natural infrastructure and improve livelihoods.

Effect 4

Knowledge shared and applied by the Latin American Community of Practice and at international level.

Expected outcomes

Outcome 1

Basin governance strengthened by critical information for advocacy on hydrological balance, loss and damage analysis, and monitoring system.

Outcome 2

Promote public instruments for corporate water management to include new companies and their value chains.

Outcome 3

The basin's rural and peri-urban population implements good practices for responsible consumption.

Outcome 4

Increased public, private, and civil society investment in natural infrastructure projects in the basin.

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