

Project

Sustainable Water Funds

Ensuring access to clean water through sustainable Water Funds in the Andean Region.

Natural Resources Management and Climate Change Program

General Information

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Duration
3 years (01/08/2021 - 01/07/2024)

Reach - Implementation
Regional

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Project Description

Water Funds have been able to positively influence society and the environment as a successful mechanism for the protection of water resources and are a governance platform that promotes equitable access to clean and safe water.

A Water Fund is a sustainable, stable, transparent and long-term financial mechanism that unites different users and actors in the search for solutions to a common water-related problem; it is based on the use of natural infrastructure with an integrated water resources management approach (AquaNature, 2018).

Despite the benefits of Water Funds, their sustainability is a concern. A Fund should be considered sustainable when it manages to ensure financial profitability, institutional positioning, and long-term local ownership—trust in the mechanism—and demonstrates its contribution with the objectives for which it was created. It is essential to identify gaps and key factors for its proper functioning and jointly propose actions that contribute to achieving protection objectives and integrated water resources management.

Objective

The objective of the project is to strengthen the sustainability of eight Water Funds to protect the high Andean ecosystems that supply water to more than 22.8 million inhabitants in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. The Project proposes to address the sustainability of the Water Funds by conducting an in-depth analysis and applying a methodology that considers three key elements: governance, financing and impact (environmental and social), which will be translated into a “tailor- made” Action Plan for each Water Fund.

Geographic Scope

Colombia: Fondo “Vivo Cuenca” (Manizales), “Alianza Bio Cuenca” (Cúcuta) y “Cuenca Verde” (Medellín).

Ecuador: “FONAG” (Quito), “Fondo de Protección de Páramos y Lucha contra la Pobreza de Tungurahua -FMPLPT” (Tungurahua), y “Fondo de la Cuenca del Paute - FONAPA” (Cuenca).

Perú: “Fondo Regional del Agua -FORASAN” (Piura), “AquaFondo” (Lima).

Outputs

1. Strengthen the capacity of the Water Funds to ensure their sustainability

- Development and validation of the Water Funds sustainability methodology.
- Development of a rapid situation analysis of each Fund applying the sustainability tool.
- Joint elaboration of an Action Plan for each Fund.
- Facilitation and promotion of best practice exchanges among the Water Funds.

2. Improve management in water protection zones to ensure access to clean and safe water

- Characterization of Ecosystem Based Adaptation measures of each Fund.
- Implementation of technical assistance on common issues for the Water Funds.
- Development and strengthening of monitoring and evaluation systems for the Water Funds.

3. Advancing knowledge management to enhance the sustainability of the Water Funds

- Development of an online platform to scale the Water Funds sustainability tool.
- Development of strategic communication capacity.
- Establishment of a community of practice for Water Funds.

Subject Area

- Water Resources Management
- Capacity Building
- Partnerships and Networks

FFLA Approach

- Alliances and Networks
- Promotion and consolidation of good governance systems
- Capacity building

Related SDGs

SDG 6
Clean water and sanitation