

Drinking Water and Sanitary Programme (PROAGUA), Peru

Access to clean water and the proper disposal of wastewater can considerably improve the circumstances in which poor people live in Peru. The objective of the PROAGUA programme is therefore to improve drinking water supply and wastewater disposal in the country. For the current program phase, the program activities will be developed in 11 cities.

Specifically, the aim is to boost the availability and quality of drinking water, create a denser network of sanitary facilities and improve wastewater disposal – the latter also with the aim of protecting the environment. In addition, water supply companies are undergoing economic consolidation and capacity building, and their employees are receiving training.

In order to overcome political, legal and institutional deficiencies and connect more people to the drinking water supply and wastewater disposal systems, the programme supports inter-institutional committees with representatives of civil society and administrative bodies. The participation of the population is contributing to the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

Findings and results:

- Since the programme was launched, more than 2.3 million people in seven cities have greater quantities of drinking water of better quality and are connected to the wastewater disposal system
- Inter-sectoral committees and civil society have participated in designing water supply and wastewater disposal concepts
- The National Superintendence for Water and Sanitation (SUNASS) has been modernised and the National Water and Sanitation Companies Association (ANEPSSA) has been strengthened
- Access by poor segments of the population to drinking water supply and wastewater disposal is being improved and consequently exposure to health risks is being massively reduced



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