

# COTRIAGUA: Conserving sources, cultivating water, preserving life

Peru – Honduras - Germany Triangular Cooperation

## Context

In Peru, 86% of sanitation service providers (WSSP) have funds to conserve water sources and 17 WSSP already use these funds as Ecosystem Services Remuneration Mechanisms, which derive from voluntary agreements to establish conservation, recovery and sustainable use actions to ensure the permanence of ecosystems.

On the other hand, in Honduras, experience in the management of water and sanitation services at the rural level is important, as mechanisms have been established to promote the participation of community organizations in the process of managing the services, resulting in the efficient operation of the systems and their appropriate use.

The challenge for Peru and Honduras is to have efficient and timely performance by both regulators. For this reason, and despite the limitations due to COVID-19, they seek to learn from the novel tools of nearby countries with the aim of improving their intervention. In the case of Peru, there is a technical demand to improve the tools for the regulation of the provision of services in rural areas, and on the part of Honduras, there is a technical demand in relation to the creation of a financial mechanism to ensure the sustainability of the water sources of its providers.

For this reason, the regulatory institutions of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Services of Peru and Honduras (Sunass and ERSAPS), as well as the Honduran Association of Drinking Water and Sanitation Service Providers (AHPAS), with the support of the German development cooperation, implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, have decided to learn from each other through a triangular project.

Project Name	Strengthening regulation that promotes the improvement of drinking water and sanitation services
Partner from Germany	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Partners from Peru and Honduras	<p>Peru:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation (APCI)</li> <li>• National Superintendence of Sanitation Services (Sunass)</li> </ul> <p>Honduras:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honduran Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (SRECI)</li> <li>• Regulatory Body for Drinking Water and Sanitation Services (ERSAPS)</li> <li>• Honduran Association of Drinking Water and Sanitation Service Providers (AHPAS)</li> </ul>
Duration	01.10.2022 – 31.10.2024
Total	EUR 900.000
ODS	  



Photos: Left: Representatives of Sunass in Honduras learning about the experience of rural sanitation. Right: Representatives of ERSAPS and AHPAS in the Mariño – Abancay basin, Peru, learning about the experience of water source conservation.

## Objective

Consolidate technical and regulatory tools necessary to strengthen the management of drinking water and sanitation services in both countries.

## Lines of action

1. Strengthening of technical competencies related to the conservation of water sources.
2. Development/improvement of regulatory tools in rural areas.
3. Knowledge Management to Increase the Scope of Triangular Cooperation in Latin American Countries.

## Results and impacts

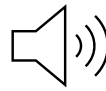
Among the main results that this project hopes to achieve are:



Officials of regulatory bodies (SUNASS and ERSAPS) improve their skills, knowledge and develop useful tools to improve the water and sanitation situation in their country



Service providers in urban areas in Honduras and rural areas in Peru will benefit from the tools developed by the regulatory body.



The experiences developed during the project are disseminated through different networks in Latin America.

The activities will have a positive impact on the environment, helping to reduce the impact of climate change on watersheds and ensuring the sustainability of the water resources needed by the vulnerable populations that inhabit them for water and food security.

The project also promotes the participation of women specialists who are part of the technical teams in the participating countries in decision-making, workshops, training and other actions that are carried out.

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