

COLLECTIVE WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE TERRITORIES

El Agua Nos Une – SuizAgua América Latina

miPáramo

Related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG):
6.3 Improving Water Quality
10. Reduced Inequalities
15. Life on Land

Objective: miPáramo is an Alliance between the local community and public-private sectors for the protection of the forest and the high Andean wetland (Páramo) of Santurbán, through voluntary conservation agreements with families of the rural community. The vision is to ensure that the conservation of strategic ecosystems is socially valued, economically viable and that it contributes to the quality of life of the families involved.

Location: High Andean Wetland Santurbán – Departments of North Santander and Santander, Colombia.

Results:

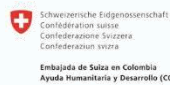
- 547 families involved to miPáramo through Voluntary conservation agreements (VCAs)
- 3.872 hectares in conservation
- 361 hectares in restoration
- 1.066 families benefited
- 13 impacted municipalities (8 in North Santander and 5 in Santander)

Participating institutions:

A Project of:



Partners:

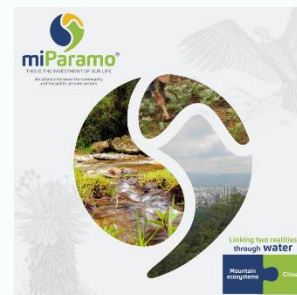


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Description:

Contributing to the conservation of high mountain ecosystem in the catchment area of high Andean Wetland Santurbán, through technical – financial mechanisms, that generates investments with quantified and verified impact, that improve basin's water security and economic sustainability of high Andean communities. This is how miPáramo works:

1. Socialization: information about the benefits of ecosystem conservation and restoration for the local community through miPáramo. Strengthening capacities in environmental education.
2. Characterization: description of biophysical and socioeconomical characteristics of each farm of the local families.
3. Voluntary Agreement: Voluntary conservation Agreements (VCAs) on private farms with families from the local Alto Andean community.
4. Field investment: Investment in four prioritized lines of action (Conservation, restoration, support for sustainable production, wellbeing)
5. Monitoring and evaluation: Monitoring by an independent stakeholder (Unipamplona), with continuous monitoring by a local verification committee.

Context:

High Andean Wetland Santurbán is located between departments of Santander and North Santander, in north-west of Colombia. It is key freshwater source for more than 2 million Colombians including the inhabitants of the sixth and seventh most populated cities of Colombia, Bucaramanga and Cucuta. The high Andean Wetland Santurbán is a highly endangered and Vulnerable ecosystem, face of climate changes (humidity and temperature), as well as by the various threats among them: fire, deforestation, inappropriate farming practices, megamining projects' interests. All above in a context of rural communities with high level of basic needs unmet.



Sustainability:

This Project has focused its financial sustainability strategy to diversification of origin from the investments, in this respect cooperation agreements are made with different public entities at the local, the regional and the national level, support from private sector, and the opportunity for individual voluntary contributions. Also, generating diverse opportunities for the participation that allows citizens be part of water conservation and its basin, clearly, reliable and concrete way.

Investments:

Total Budget that has been mobilized: 8.884.000.000 COP (Aprox. 2.686.000 USD)

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC): 1.435.000.000 COP
- Bavaria: 4.440.000.000 COP
- Alianza BioCuenca: 336.000.000 COP
- Corponor: 550.000.000 COP
- GIZ: 1.114.000.000 COP
- GSI-LAC: 200.000.000 COP
- Other partners: \$ 809.000.000 COP

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