

PANAMA

Strengthening Equity to Reduce Gaps in Public Safe Water and Water Treatment services (MDGF-1920-)



Economic Democratic Governance

Total Budget:	USD4,500,000		
Budget by Agency:	ILO: 448,330 PAHO: 3,726,550	UNICEF: 325,120	
Participating Gov. Entities:	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Municipalities of Kusapín and Kankintú, Traditional Authorities of the Ngöbe-Buglé Region, Secondary Education Centers and the Regional University.		
Start Date:	July 17, 2009	Approval Date:	February 25, 2009
Est. End Date:	July 17, 2012	Signature Date:	April 21, 2009
Disbursements:	First Disbursement: Second Disbursement: Third Disbursement:	July 17, 2009	USD1,117,365
In Brief:	Ninety-one percent of the indigenous population in the Ngöbe-Buglé Region suffers from extreme poverty. Its dispersion, mobility and location in remote, inaccessible regions increase the cost of traditional healthcare solutions, hindering the economic justification for investment and private participation. Making use of an effective intercultural and gender approach, the Joint Programme encourages equity in developing water resource management capabilities and extends the opportunities for healthcare and educational development of the populations and their community organizations in four districts in the Ngöbe-Buglé Region. The national counterpart's central and local institutional capacities for efficiently providing basic services to communities in poverty and those in conditions of extreme poverty will be strengthened. This will reduce the human development gap by transforming a population's empowerment into an improvement in the quality of and access to public water and healthcare services.		

Outcomes:

- Health improvements through the empowerment of the beneficiary population to successfully extend the coverage of and access to water and water treatment services.
- Strengthening of water resource sustainability through local and institutional actions.



Regions of Intervention:	Ngöbe Buglé Region. Districts of Kusapín and Kankitu,	
MDGs	MDG1 :T1B; MDG4 :T4A; MDG7 :T7C	
Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect
• No. Institutions	5	4
• No. Women	5,902	11,810
• No. Men	8,782	17,641
• No. ethnic groups	14,654	29,361

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Status	Delayed Problems in finding construction companies complying with the criteria for the quality of licitation who are interested in working in such isolated, inaccessible areas constituted an important factor.												
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Main Achievements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outcome 1: Publication of training materials: Facilitator's Guide ILO Convention 169; School health and hygiene guide; posters on washing hands; copy of Manual on Water Security Plans 2. Outcome 1: 20 Water Administration Boards (WAB), energized and stimulated through the renovation of their members, highlighting young people and female community leaders. 3. Outcome 2: With the Water Security Plans, the Water Quality Vigilance Plan was implemented. 												
Other important achievements	<p><u>General:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The JP has encouraged the inclusion of young people and female leaders. • Progress is being made in preparing the programme's baseline. A database of 27 communities has been completed. • The Region's Associations of Technical Professionals and Athletes have joined the JP process. • The rapprochement of the Agencies as a group has increased their credibility and the indigenous communities' trust in the system. <p><u>Outcome 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of District Coordination Units; these act as negotiators between the communities and Ministry of Health (MINSA). • The Programme has given rise to a new participative work philosophy for MINSA with the indigenous communities. Projects are designed jointly with the communities, and they are not implemented directly by MINSA through construction companies that have never visited the communities. This new approach can help to improve the effectiveness of the operation of infrastructure, as well as the sustainability of their service. 												
<p>Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the activities/outputs/outcomes? (example)</p> <p>Does the JP include gender specific indicators in the monitoring plan?(example)</p> <p>Does the JP mention gender relationships as part of the challenges analyzed? (specify)</p>													