



# Integrated, Sustainable and Resilient Management of Water Resources in Prioritized Micro-Watersheds in the Goascorán River Basin, Honduras

The Project Integrated, Sustainable and Resilient Management of Water Resources in Prioritized Micro-Watersheds in the Goascorán River Basin, Honduras (Goascorán Resiliente) responds to Action (1) of the Country Action Plan agreed in the Country Dialogue process between all the actors involved in Honduras, its purpose is to strengthen water governance in the Goascorán Basin from its communities. to improve the quality of life of individuals and families in the Goascorán River Basin. Main actors at the Basin/Microbasin level: local governments, associations, grassroots organizations, producers, private sector, Risk Management System, Basin and Micro-Basin Councils, DGRH-SERNA, ICF, SAG, COPECO, others. The Technical Management Unit of the board is responsible for accompanying the management processes led by the board.

Honduras has an enabling legal framework that facilitates the implementation of actions for the Integrated Management of Water Resources and against Climate Change (CC). The project contributes to the objectives of the National Water Policy of Honduras, which aims to promote the Integrated Management of Water Resources with the participation of society to guarantee its sustainable use and the improvement of the quality of life of present and future generations.

It also makes a contribution to the Objectives of the Nationally Determined Contribution of Honduras (ONDC-HN), these are the strategic guidelines for the adoption of measures aimed at the development of policies and actions for the country's contribution to global climate action. They are also the basis for a long-term low-carbon development strategy and the fulfilment of the 2030 agenda. These objectives have been defined within the framework of the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities, citizen participation (with special involvement of young people, women and the most vulnerable groups), human rights, and innovation and technology transfer.

The NDC Objectives are classified as follows: • Mitigation (M), • Adaptation (A), • Synergies between Adaptation and Mitigation (SAM)

The project will strengthen the capacities of local actors in water resource management and resilience, through improvements in water management infrastructure prioritized in the water action plans (PAHs) and a potential study in the middle and lower zone of the Goascorán basin, which will identify feasible sites for the construction/rehabilitation of water reservoirs. All actions will be developed in coordination with the micro-basin councils, as key actors in the development of their territory and implementing the governance mechanism of the municipal fund.











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# **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

Improve the sustainable management of water resources with a focus on resilience and climate financial inclusion in the prioritized micro-watersheds of the Goascorán River basin. The project will strengthen water governance and improve water infrastructure in the prioritized micro-watersheds of the Goascorán River basin.

# **RESULT**

AECID delegates the implementation of action line 1: Sustainable management of water resources with a focus on resilience and climate financial inclusion in the Goascorán river basin of the country plan, through the project between:

- 1. SERNA that will implement Outcome 1.1 at the level of strengthening water governance in the basin; and
- 2. HELVETAS Outcome 1.2 with the improvement of infrastructure for the management of water resources, solid waste and disaster risk in the prioritized micro-watersheds.

# **INDICATORS**

- I.R1.2. Number of potential studies for the construction of multipurpose reservoirs at the community level prepared with a disaster risk reduction approach at the level of the Goascorán River basin.
- I.R1.2. Percentage of water management infrastructure built, designed, rehabilitated and/or improved in the 7 prioritized micro-basins (upper, middle and lower basins) with a focus on community management and disaster risk reduction, in relation to the total planned in the water action plans.
- I.R1.2. Number of actions implemented to improve solid waste management in the 6 prioritized municipalities in the basin.

# **GEOGRAPHICAL AREA**



# **FAST FACTS**

# **Geographic Location:**

The municipalities of intervention are:

- 1. In the department of La Paz:-Santa Ana, Guajiquiro, Mercedes de Oriente, San Antonio del Norte, Lauterique; and Aguanqueterique.
- 2. In the department of Francisco Morazán: Curaren.
- In the department of Valle: Caridad, Aramecina, Alianza, Goascorán

**Phase and Duration:** 1 phase, 14 months

**Start Date:** July 01, 2023

**End Date:** October 30, 2024

**Phase Budget:** € 500.000

#### **Entities Involved:**

- 1. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment SERNA
- 2. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock SAG
- Secretary of State for Risk Management and National Contingencies - COPECO
- 4. General Directorate of Water Resources DGRH
- 5. Institute of Forest Conservation ICF
- Honduran Institute of Earth Sciences IHCIT
- 7. National Women's Institute INAM
- 8. National Institute of Statistics INE
- 9. National Autonomous University of Honduras UNAH
- 10. Goascorán River Basin Council (Micro-Basin Councils and the Technical Management Unit) - UTG
- 11. Local governments of the prioritized micro-basins in the Goascorán River basin

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