



USAID Water Security and System Strengthening Activity (USAID Eau)

OVERVIEW

To address increasing threats to water security due to climate change, urbanization, and pollution in Haiti, USAID awarded its new five-year \$33 million USAID Eau: Water Security and Systems Strengthening activity, joining a USG line-up of salient activities under the U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis (PACC 2030). PACC 2030 is the U.S. government's flagship partnership with the Caribbean to advance climate adaptation and resilience and clean energy cooperation as we work to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

USAID Eau will provide technical support to Haiti's water service providers and the Ministry of Environment's Institute for Water Resources Management to strengthen institutional capacity and improve management of Haiti's water resources. Planned interventions will protect water sources from overdraws, wastage, and pollution, while promoting their transition to solar energy for water production. The activity elevates climate adaptation and data management, and focuses on strengthening systems, partnerships, and local water sector actors in Haiti to make

access to water more equitable in Haiti's secondary cities and targeted areas of Port-au-Prince. As a result of this investment from the U.S. supporting the efforts of Haiti's National Drinking Water and Sanitation Directorate (DINEPA) and its decentralized utilities, one million Haitians will have sustainable access to improved drinking water service that will come from better managed resources.

GOALS

1. STRENGTHENED WATER SECTOR GOVERNANCE AND IMPROVED FINANCING

USAID Eau is strengthening the enabling environment in the water sector through consultation, analysis, technical assistance, and partnership with system actors. This will amplify sustainable service improvements from Goal Two. USAID Eau is cultivating water service resilience and creditworthiness among service providers through a robust and continual flow of data and evidence, including on climate impacts, across the sector, and better use of that data to align system actors around investment priorities, resourcing, and accountability.

2. BETTER AND MORE CLIMATE RESILIENT DRINKING WATER SERVICES

USAID Eau is strengthening climate-resilient drinking water services by building creditworthiness, commercial orientation, and technical operations among the range of water service providers in each of the target communes. USAID Eau is assisting CTEs in identifying priorities, setting goals, and achieving performance results, based on the UTF. With the use of data and demonstration effects, USAID Eau is deepening the utilities' appreciation for and commitment to commercial, customer service, and efficiency improvements.

KEY RESULTS

- 1,000,000 people have access to sustainable drinking water services including 250,000 people with new access.
- A minimum of \$200,000 of funding mobilized through revenue generation including \$150,000 from new household connection fees.
- Twenty local water utilities have improved their performance on the World Bank Utility Turnaround Framework scale.
- At least 3 well fields will achieve 100 percent non-fossil water exploitation systems.
- Two water utilities will have strategies in place to enable them to access commercial and/or multilateral financing, enhance domestic budget allocations, and increase revenue collection to upgrade and expand climate-resilient water systems and services.