



Company Profile

AGUACONSULT is a dynamic company, which has grown considerably since it was founded in 2000 and now provides a range of technical assistance and consulting inputs for clients around the world. The company has built up a core experience in Latin America but also provides consulting services in South Asia, South East Asia, Africa and the Central Asian states. Aguaconsult has developed capacity and a proven-track record in two principal thematic areas: **water supply and sanitation** and **disaster risk reduction**. The company's clients comprise of donors, implementing agencies, research bodies and foundations, including the following:



- Bi-lateral and multi-lateral donor agencies: Department for International Development, UK Government (DFID), The European Commission, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DANIDA), The World Bank, US Agency for International Development (The Environmental Health Project)
- United Nations agencies, including the Pan American Health Organisation
- International NGOs: WaterAid, the IFRC, Building Partnerships for Water and Sanitation
- National governments: Costa Rica
- Research centres and academia: IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre, Cranfield University
- Private sector companies
- Philanthropic foundations and trusts: The Aga Khan Foundation, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

- Organisation of the rural and peri-urban water supply and sanitation sector
- Sectoral analysis of water supply and sanitation
- Strategic support to decentralisation efforts and policy reform
- Support to planning for scaling up of service provision
- Research into sustainability issues for community-managed models
- Design of institutional support mechanisms for post-construction

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Integration of disaster risk reduction strategies into development planning
- Strategic support to disaster management planning
- Humanitarian needs assessment and fielding of response personnel
- Development and strengthening of emergency preparedness capacities
- Design and development of community-based disaster preparedness programmes

In addition to these two thematic areas of expertise **AGUACONSULT** can provide support for a range of cross-cutting services, including:

- Institutional development and capacity building
- Policy research and development
- Programme design
- Management and fielding of evaluation teams
- Development of training programmes and materials
- Preparation and development of tender documents
- Desk-based literature reviews and research

AGUACONSULT works in partnership with client organisations and companies to identify solutions to specific problems, and can also collaborate in the development of detailed programme designs or technical proposals. We are then able to follow-through with specialised inputs, including expert technical assistance, logistical support or technical back-stopping by drawing on a network of professional consultants. We can field consultants with language capabilities including Spanish and French.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To contribute to poverty reduction in developing and transitional countries by providing the highest quality technical support and advisory services, on a timely and reliable basis, to international clients active in the fields of water supply and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.



Examples of Recent Projects



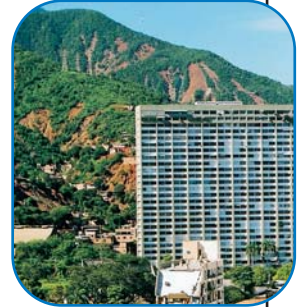
Water Supply and Sanitation

- Providing overall project management as well as staff input for a 14 person research team for the mapping and landscaping review of the water supply, sanitation and hygiene sector for the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** (2006).
- Management and oversight of a review team for the **European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office** to develop a financing strategy, policy and operational guidelines for their support to emergency water and water and sanitation (2005).
- Management of a research contract for a desk-based review of factors that influence, constrain or enhance the impacts of WSS investments for the **Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs** (2004 - 2005).
- Technical support to the **National Institute for Water and Sanitation of Costa Rica** in a study of institutional aspects of the provision of rural water supplies and in developing recommendations for future institutional models for the rural sector (2004).
- Desk based literature review and development of analytical framework highlighting factors that enhance or may constrain the sustainability of rural water supply services for the **World Bank** (2003).



Disaster Risk Reduction

- Technical assistance to the **Department for International Development** for research and drafting of corporate policy on disaster risk reduction and the design and development of pilot training materials (2005 - 2007).
- Management of an external evaluation of the **European Commission's** Disaster Preparedness Action Plans for South East Asia, including Indonesia, Viet Nam and Cambodia (2006 - 2007)
- Management of a review team for the **Department for International Development, Bangladesh** in assessing support to the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme of institutional reform for disaster management within the Government of Bangladesh (2006).
- Management of a major global review of institutional emergency response mechanisms employed by **Caritas Internationalis**, including country case studies in India, El Salvador and the DRC (2003 - 2004).



Geographic experience in the following regions and countries:

- **Africa:** Democratic Republic Of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania
- **Asia:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, DPR Korea, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Viet Nam.
- **CIS countries:** Armenia, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan
- **Latin America:** Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Venezuela
- **Middle East:** West Bank/Gaza Strip