

PERU

BASIC FACTS ABOUT PEI PERU

Timescale: 2013(Dec)-2017

Partners: Ministry of Environment, Provincial Municipality of Arequipa and UNDP Peru.

Focus: elaboration of the national solid waste law and regulations, and the creation of local pro-poor waste plans.

MAINSTREAMING CONTEXT

A key Poverty and Environment (P-E) linkages in Peru takes place within the waste management sector (solid, liquid and chemic waste) and this reflects the country's industrialization and urbanization rates. Informal waste collectors are a highly vulnerable population. An improved waste management system can have both positive impacts on poverty, health and environmental quality.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of the Environment through the integration of social, poverty and gender variables into the solid waste management system of Peru;

Strengthen institutional capacity of the Provincial Municipality of Arequipa to improve the integrated management of solid waste through the incorporation of social, poverty and gender variables in local policies, instruments and tools.

Strengthen recyclers associations and favorable conditions towards long term financial sustainability;

Mobilize the population of Arequipa and support a waste-friendly and recycling culture generated through volunteering.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The project was launched in December 2013 and therefore is at early stages of implementation. The PEI team has been established with a project coordinator and an administrative assistant. Seven UNVs have been contracted to support and reinforce the capacities of the Arequipa's Municipality (6 UNVs) and the MINAM (1 UNV).

A revision of the National Waste Management Plan is on progress incorporating environmental criteria, indicators and a consistent monitoring system.

Several communication products have been produced and disseminated in order to raise awareness of the Arequipa's municipality population and public institutions of the waste management treatment importance.

LESSONS LEARNED

To engage the informal waste collection sector requires social workers with specific skills and these are key for the success of the project.

Communication is an important element and the project will invest time and resources into it.

WAY FORWARD

The main objective is to consolidate national appropriation and to increase speed of implementation.