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Upper Lempa Watershed Project

WATER IS A CRUCIAL PART OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING; AND IT IS A DECISIVE LINK BETWEEN SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

- TRIFINIO PLAN STATEMENT, MARCH 2022, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WATER

The USAID Upper Lempa Watershed Project (2022 – 2027) is an associate cooperative agreement under the **Sustainable Water Partnership** (SWP), a global USAID project that promotes global water security efforts through collaborative planning and evidence-based decision-making. These principles are central to the Upper Lempa Watershed Project to identify practical solutions to address man-made and climate-related water security risks.

Purpose. The Project works with institutions, municipalities, communities, and civil society to address degraded water quantity, quality, and availability in the Upper Lempa River watershed shared by **El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.**



MAP OF THE UPPER LEMPA WATERSHED

Objectives. Through close coordination with international regional and local partners and local stakeholders, the Project improves climate resiliency and governance over natural resources through three objectives: strengthening capacity for monitoring water and using data to make decisions; demonstrating USAID's Water Security Improvement process to local partners and its uses at the municipal level; and assessing the water resource management financial landscape to help stakeholders access resources.

EXPECTED RESULTS



260,220 hectares of biologically significant areas with improved natural resource management



180,000 people benefiting from improved water resource management



37 institutions with improved capacity to assess or address climate change risks



950 people in the public and private sector trained to advance gender equality and female empowerment

Implementers. The Upper Lempa Watershed Project is implemented by Winrock International with partners Tetra Tech ARD, Stockholm Environment Institute, and The Center for Water Security and Cooperation.



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