

REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA

RURAL WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAMME II

Location

Provinces Limon, Puntarenas,
Guanacaste and Alajuela

Clients

Instituto Costarricense de Acueductos y
Alcantarillados (Aya)

Financing

German Financial Cooperation (KfW)

Period

2008 – 2010

Value of Services

0.751 million US\$



Project Description

In rural areas of Costa Rica the inadequate sanitary situation represents a permanent health hazard. Statistically, the majority of the rural communities has access to water supply systems but their capacities are insufficient and, furthermore, have such considerable deficiencies that they cannot provide drinking water of acceptable quality. Moreover, a majority of the rural population lacks sanitary systems.

In order to improve this situation, a first programme of rural water supply and sanitation was implemented by GITEC from 1994 to 1997. The programme included 45 projects in 100 communities, and more than 55,000 inhabitants benefitted from an improved water supply in terms of quality and quantity and from ameliorated sanitary conditions.

The second phase aims at improving water supply and sanitation in 32 rural communities in the provinces of Limon, Puntarenas, Guanacaste and at the northern boarder of Alajuela. The programme comprises the following measures:

- Construction of 30 new water supply systems
- Rehabilitation and/or extension of two existing water supply systems

Scope of Services

Technical Assistance:

- Evaluation of the present situation of water supply and sanitation in the rural communities
- Elaboration of tender documents
- Assistance during tendering and in award of contracts
- Assistance during construction supervision

Accompanying Measures:

- Implementation of sanitary promotion campaigns
- Capacity building of water and sanitation user groups