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# USAID WATER SECURITY AND SYSTEM STRENGTHENING ACTIVITY (USAID EAU)

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## OVERVIEW

To address increasing threats to water security due to climate change, urbanization, and pollution in Haiti, USAID awarded its five-year, \$33 million USAID Eau: Water Security and Systems Strengthening activity as part of 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, resilience, and clean energy cooperation as we work to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Haiti also continues to struggle with gang violence and political instability, making access to water for the Haitian people a top concern. As Eau engages with Partners and communities, it will adapt its approaches to the immediate needs of water users and providers.

USAID Eau will provide technical support to Haiti's water service providers and the Ministry of Environment's Institute for Water Resources Management to improve management of Haiti's threatened water resources while increasing access to safe drinking water services. The project will help protect water sources from overdrafts, wastage, and pollution, while promoting the transition to solar energy for water production. Eau is working to strengthen data management, systems, and partnerships that can help local water managers adapt to climate

change. These improvements will make access to water more equitable in Haiti's secondary cities and targeted areas of Port-au-Prince. By supporting the efforts of Haiti's National Drinking Water and Sanitation Directorate (DINEPA) and its decentralized utilities, one million Haitians will have access to better managed drinking water services.

## GOALS

### I. STRENGTHENED WATER SECTOR GOVERNANCE AND IMPROVED FINANCING

USAID Eau is strengthening DINEPA's and the Ministry of Environment's capacity to formulate and enforce policies and regulations that enable accountability and financing for drinking water services and water resources management. USAID Eau is cultivating water service resilience and creditworthiness among service providers through continual flow of data and evidence, including on climate impacts across the sector, and better use of that data to inform investment priorities, resource management, and accountability.

### 2. BETTER AND MORE CLIMATE RESILIENT DRINKING WATER SERVICES

USAID Eau is strengthening climate-resilient drinking water services by addressing threats to water sources, better valuing water through improved pricing and business acumen, and technical operations among the range of water service providers in each of the target communes. USAID will focus technical assistance on improving water resource management, water quality/quantity, utility operations, human resources systems, customer engagement, business registration and planning, and procurement and contracting. Further, USAID Eau will support construction focused on reducing water losses due to poor metering, billing, and maintenance, and solarizing water pumping/treatment systems where feasible.

## EXPECTED KEY RESULTS

- 1,000,000 people have access to sustainable drinking water services and benefit from measures to improve water resources management;
- A minimum of \$200,000 of funding mobilized through pooled savings from utility revenue generation including \$150,000 from new household connection fees;
- 20 local water utilities have improved their performance on the World Bank Utility Turnaround Framework scale;
- Three water utilities will achieve 100% solar powered water exploitation systems; and
- Two water utilities will have strategies to access commercial and/or multilateral financing, enhance domestic budget allocations, and increase revenue to upgrade and expand climate-resilient water systems and services.

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