

PROJECT:

**Basic Sanitation Programme for Rural Communities in the state of CEARA:
Adaptation to Climate Change**

LEAD INSTITUTION:

AECID

PARTNERS:

The World Bank

EU-LAIF

TOTAL COST:

€ 69 900 000

LAIF CONTRIBUTION:

€ 7 400 000

TYPES OF SUPPORT:

Technical Assistance
Investment Grant

DURATION PERIOD:

70 months

CURRENT STATUS:

Contracting

DESCRIPTION:

This program will contribute to the achievement of the Brazilian goal of universalization of basic water and sanitation services and to socially inclusive development in the rural areas of one of the poorest states of Brazil, the State of Ceará. Ceará has an estimated population of 9.0 million, 4% of Brazil's total population, and shares only 2% of national GDP. Ceará is located in a semi-arid region where high average temperatures, low precipitation and recurrent droughts are characteristic, and where water and sanitation infrastructure are insufficient. Only one third of the households in rural areas have access to safe and piped drinking water.

The program's overall objective is to strengthen the resilience of the rural population towards water scarcity, and improve access to drinking water, sanitation and sewage treatment. For this, the program will strengthen the capacities of the SISARs (the local operating companies – Integrated Rural Sanitation Systems) and community associations to sustainably operate and maintain the state's water and sanitation systems and promote responsible use of water.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Rehabilitation of 80 water supply pipe networks and 12 sanitation systems.
- Improvement of water and wastewater treatment capacity.
- 32,500 people to benefit from safe drinking water (access to at least 70 l/d/c).
- 5,000 people to benefit from improved sanitation services.