

**PROJECT:** **Integrated Sector Program for Human Water and Sanitation in Nicaragua (PISASH)**



**LEAD INSTITUTION:**  
AECID

**PARTNERS:**  
EIB  
CABEI  
EU-LAIF

**TOTAL COST:**  
€ 252 300 000

**LAIF CONTRIBUTION:**  
€ 50 750 000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**  
Investment Grants  
Technical Assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**  
Dec 2012 – Dec 2020

**CURRENT PROGRESS:**  
Ongoing

**OBJECTIVE:**

The PISASH Program is the first phase of the PROGRAMA VIDA (LIFE PROGRAM) in urban areas. The program will enhance the effective management of water resources and will provide capacity building to Empresa Nicaragüense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados Sanitarios (ENACAL) in its investment program. LAIF will fund the construction works in the cities of Santo Tomás, Acoyapa, Bilwi and Bluefields, complementing AECID funds in the coverage of water and sanitation needs of these cities.

**RESULTS:**

- Drinking water storage systems have been improved in 15 cities.
- Sewer system and residual water treatment have been improved in 13 cities.
- Improvement in the capabilities of ENACAL Central and its Local Branches in management, operation and maintenance of water and sewerage systems.
- ENACAL's Business Sustainability Plan is operationally integrated.
- Feasibility studies and final designs were carried out for 17 additional cities.