

 Early Warning System

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WEST PANAMA CITY SANITATION PROGRAMME - BURUNGA



Quick Facts

Countries	Panama
Specific Location	West Panama
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2017-03-10
Borrower	MINISTERIO DE SALUD
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 369.00 million



Project Description

The proposed operation supports the West Panama Sanitation Programme. It aims at extending sanitation services beyond the Panama Metropolitan area to the neighbouring province of West Panama on the western side of the Canal. The EIB loan will finance the first component of the programme: design and construction of collectors and sewerage networks, including domestic connections, in Burunga (Arraiján District).

The programme aims to contribute to the Panama Government's efforts to improve pollution abatement and the country's environmental sustainability. It will benefit an estimated population of 62 000 people and will avoid the discharge of 28 500 m³ per day of untreated wastewater into the environment. The EIB states that it will also indirectly have a positive economic impact due to its proximity to the metropolitan area of Panama. The project is in line with the EIB Water Sector Lending Policy and is eligible for financing under the EIB Climate Action and Environment Facility (CAEF) as it contributes to environmental sustainability through pollution abatement, to underpin sustainable growth in the region.

The project will significantly reduce direct wastewater discharges into water bodies, thus contributing to improving public health and environmental conditions in the beneficiary area. The project's compliance with environmental and social principles of the EU, the EIB and the other IFIs, together with the applicable national environmental legislation and issues related to adaptation to climate change will be verified during the appraisal.



Investment Description

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The EIB's loan of EUR 46 million (USD 50 million) will finance part of the programme, the rest of the programme will be financed by the World Bank as the leading international financial institution, the Latin American Development Bank and the Government of Panama.



Contact Information

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http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

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<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/atyourservice/interactiveguide.faces>



Bank Documents

- [Environmental and Social Data Sheet \(ESDS\) - WEST PANAMA CITY SANITATION PROGRAMME - BURUNGA](#)
- [Environmental and Social Impact Assessment \(ESIA\) - WEST PANAMA CITY SANITATION PROGRAMME - BURUNGA](#)