Latin America
FY09 Achievements

WSP-LAC at a Glance
Offices: Regional office in Peru, Field offices in Bolivia, Honduras, and Nicaragua.
Personnel: 22
FY09 projects: 17
Budget: US$ 5,294,761

Scaling up Sanitation and Hygiene

- **WSP sanitation assessment** laid the groundwork for World Bank re-engagement in the sector in Nicaragua. Contributed to the design of two major World Bank-funded projects to expand services in Managua reaching 150,000 people with water supply and 120,000 people with improved sanitation; and provide water and sanitation facilities to poor rural communities - through a US$ 300,000 loan and US$ 19.7 million donation.

- Implemented an unprecedented national scale program in 23 out of 24 regions in Peru to **Improve Hygiene through Behavior Change**. This initiative has triggered inter-sectoral coordination between programs from Health, Education, Water and Sanitation Ministries, as well as the Prime Minister’s Office. The integral Behavioral Change School and Community Program is reaching 300 districts nation-wide. Additionally, communication campaigns will be deployed in 520 districts, covering a total of 45% of the districts across the country.

- **National Basic Sanitation Plan in Bolivia** included components on small-scale service provider study undertaken by WSP.

- **Catalyzed inter-sectoral integration in Peru**, culminating in an agreement for policy coherence to support sustainable sanitation between the Ministries of Health, Water and Sanitation, and Environment, signed at the first-ever national conference on sanitation, PerusSan 2008.

- Created **local sanitation markets in Peru** for low-income households to improve their access to sanitary services, by bringing together local consumer demand with SME suppliers, both of which are supported by new lines of credit offered by local banks.

Strengthening Governance and Decentralization

- Contributed to the elaboration of a national peri-urban WSS strategy in Bolivia with solid updated technical, social, environmental, and financial data of the situation in 43 cities located in the diverse geographical regions.

- Supported the design and validation of an innovative methodology to develop four **Regional Sanitation Investment Plans in Peru** aimed at improving resource allocation for integrated sanitation services at decentralized level by linking local budgeting processes with the central government’s multiannual investment program.

Contributing to Donor Harmonization and Regional WSS Sector Coordination

- In coordination with the Central American Health Ministers, assisted the **Central American Forum for Water and Sanitation** in developing a Regional Sanitation Strategy for 8 countries: Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

- In partnership with Grupo Agua in Peru, comprised of main sector donors, and private sector partners, launched radio national campaign targeting 3 million people weekly to promote good practices of water conservation.
**Regional Challenges**
- Innovative practices need to be shared across the Region
- Few systematic sector monitoring systems
- Inequitable access to services
- Diversity of regional experiences unknown outside the Region
- Sustainability of quality service provision
- Unmet agenda: Hygiene, sanitation and treatment of wastewater

**WSP Strategies**
- Capacity Building Targeted to Decision Makers
- Exposure Visits
- Build Knowledge Management partnerships with other units and organizations
- Analysis documentation and dissemination of innovative practices
- Knowledge Management LAC to LAC
- Knowledge Management LAC to Global

**Outcomes contributed to by WSP**
- Urban Water Management
- Behavioral change for improved hygiene and greater sustainability of WSS investments
- Monitoring Sustainable Services NOT Coverage
- Creating Sanitation Markets

**Objective**
Application of Regional and Global best practices throughout the Latin American Region to increase access to quality Water and Sanitation services by the poor.

**At Country Level**
- Develop a basin-wide sanitation approach in Honduras.
- Promote the inclusion of climate change effects and risk management in WSS policies in Bolivia.
- Reduce vulnerability to natural disasters through risk management practices among service providers in Peru.
- Enhance local governance and anti-corruption practices in the WSS Sector in Nicaragua.
- Through utilities promote a water culture for a more rational use of water by consumers in Peru.

**Latin America, a heterogeneous continent**
- Latin America shows the highest inequality rates in the world: the wealthiest 10% receive 48% of the total national income, while the 10% poorest segment of the population only 1.6%. Three quarters of the population have a per capita below the average.
- In 2007, 184 million people still lived in poverty, and 68 million under the poverty line.
- Over 400 million people still discharge untreated domestic waste into water bodies.
- 17 of the 50 countries most vulnerable to climate change are located in Latin America.