WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS

Integrated River Basin Planning - Khrami - Debed Watershed

Country. Republic of Armenia, Georgia
Client. USAID, DAI
Co-executors. EPAC NGO (Armenia), “ORIGO” Consulting and “Little Town” NGO (Georgia)
Period. December 2001 - December 2002

Terms of Reference

1. Identification of stakeholders.
2. Water use inventory.
4. Public awareness raising.
6. Pilot projects.

Brief description of project and services provided

- In Khrami-Debed watershed stakeholders from water user signal groups, local and district governments, NGOs and other organizations were identified and a Seminar was held for them.
- Data related to water resources protection, management and use were collected and analyzed, the existing problems, needs were identified.
- Inventory of quantitative and qualitative monitoring sites, water extraction and discharge points was carried out.
- In Khrami-Debed watershed project proposals related to water resources protection, management and use were collected, prepared and prioritized.
- Public awareness campaigns were organized, information leaflets were published and disseminated.
- Approaches to integrated river basin plan formation were analysed and proposed. An IRBA development methodology was proposed.
- A draft integrated river basin plan and a final plan for the area under study was prepared.
- The demonstrative model for Pambak sub-basin water resources system was prepared.
- Demonstrative pilot projects requiring small investments were developed.
- Aimed at contributing the integrated river basin management, the concept of establishing river basin councils was developed and assistance was rendered to the selected RBC members for its implementation.

Project objective

Demonstration of integrated river basin planning at local level and capacity building in Khrami-Debed watershed area.