

PROJECT REPORT FINAL 58143

WITH MY SCHOOL I DISCOVERED THE CHILLÓN RIVER

The pollution that has been occurring for several years in the Chillon River is mainly due to the discharge of domestic and industrial wastewater, solid waste, agricultural activities, pig farms, informal foundries and other companies that dump their waste on the banks of the river without complying with environmental standards. In this regard, the lack of interest of various actors and the lack of initiative to improve water quality, as well as the need for basic sanitation, have been noted. In addition, riverside dwellers do not comply with environmental standards, which causes the river to deteriorate. However, the scenic beauty of this ecosystem is magnificent, and the basin offers a series of ecosystem services that could promote sustainable income-generating activities, therefore, it is necessary to strengthen environmental management programmes involving water resources, water quality, solid waste, environmental education and sanitation for the population. In addition, environmental citizenship must be built in educational institutions in order to initiate the establishment of some corrective measures with students in basic and secondary education and to begin, through creativity, innovation and research, to implement actions that will benefit the recovery of the waters of the Chillon River.

ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED

The actions implemented in the micro project to date are as follows:

Period 2023

- Meeting with key stakeholders in the basin to analyse the problems in this area and plan key actions involving schools, local governments and churches.
- With the support of the Uniendo Manos Network, a stakeholder mapping exercise was carried out to identify the main representatives of the public and private institutions present in the intervention area, including the district education management units (UGEL).
- A sample was taken to analyse the water quality of the spring - Siete Colores lagoon, Chuchón lagoon and sectors of the province of Canta.

Period 2024

- An experiential workshop called 'Meeting the Chillon' was held with the aim of generating greater awareness and commitment among the people living near the Marquez beach and to collect solid waste.
- A group of people from the churches of Lima and Callao, convened by the initiative of the network "[Cristianos comprometidos con la Creación](#)", went on an excursion to the Chillon River Valley on Saturday 13 July to get to know the lagoons where this torrent of water originates and the community that cares for them. They reached the heights of the La Viuda mountain range, at more than 4600 meters above sea level, the water of the lagoons is clean, pure and even of different colours. One of the largest is Chuchún, also known as 'the lagoon of seven colours'. There the community develops tourist activities; the purpose of the visit is to promote these activities and to promote the care of the places that maintain their scenic beauty and at the same time promote their care and protection.

BUDGET

- As of 31 December 2023, \$20 has been raised.

SOME PICTURES



Pictures 1 and 2. Scenic beauty spots in the Siete Colores lagoon.





Pictures 3 and 4. The group that went on the excursion to promote slogans alluding to the care and protection of the lagoon.





Pictures 5 and 6. Messages for the care of God's creation





Picture 7. Messages for the care of God's creation