

Ghana and Ivory Coast (CARE): Cooperative Management of Shared Water Resources



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 Tano River Basin - Ghana and Ivory Coast

Program: Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN)



Project Quick Facts

Project Name:	Cooperative Management of Shared Water Resources	
Location:	Tano River Basin - Ghana and Ivory Coast	
Funding:	The Coca-Cola Foundation, \$91,979 The Coca-Cola Foundation - Atlanta, \$162,378	Local Communities (in-kind), \$78,434 USAID, \$329,348
Project Duration:	February 2007 - February 2009	
Benefits:	Number of Beneficiaries: 10,049 individuals with improved access to water; 2,600 students with improved access to sanitation in schools	
Key Partners:	USAID/West Africa Ghana Bottling Company (local Coca-Cola bottler) CARE Gulf of Guinea	
Activities Summary:	This project improved watershed management, construction of water supply and sanitation infrastructure, capacity building for sustainability, and conflict prevention activities in the trans-boundary Tano River basin.	

Project Description

RAIN supported the sustainable use and management of the Tano River Basin spanning the border between Ghana and Ivory Coast. The project supported activities to improve health and the environment as a foundation for cross-border dialogue and sound environmental management. Upstream, communities struggled against the adverse impacts of wildfires and soil erosion on water quality and biodiversity. Downstream, people drank water directly from the Tano River and schools lacked latrines and safe water for hand-washing, threatening the health of children and their families. In each location, RAIN supported the commitment of authorities on both sides of the border by devoting resources to engage both Ivorian and Ghanaian stakeholders in promoting effective, collaborative and peaceful resource management.

Through its principal implementing partner, CARE, RAIN addressed several issues affecting the water quality of the Tano River and the lives of those who rely on its use. At the Tano's source, the project worked to mitigate the effects of extractive industries and environmental degradation by reforesting hundreds of denuded acres and strengthening local governance. Partners also constructed water supply systems for communities at the lower reach of the river and latrines and hand-washing facilities in schools.

Because of the Tano River's significance as a national border, a precious natural resource and an essential input to human health and livelihoods, RAIN supported efforts to prevent resource conflict in this region by formalizing trans-boundary collaboration and regular information exchange. The project facilitated shared and equitable water development in Ghana and Ivory Coast and provided positive opportunities for engagement between the 2 riparian countries.

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RAIN Program Overview

Launched by TCCF (in 2010) in response to the severe health challenges faced by millions of Africans living without access to safe drinking water, RAIN aims to improve access to safe water for 6 million people in Africa by 2020. In addition, RAIN aims to create employment opportunities for women, youth and families through water project activities as well as improve children's learning environment through WASH in schools. RAIN is backed by an 11-year, \$65 million dollar commitment by TCCF and made possible through the support of more than 140 partners.

Grant period: 2010-2020 (11 years).

Program Description: RAIN supports a wide range of water-related projects in response to Africa's significant challenges in meeting the SDGs on water. Projects are designed to meet specific community needs including water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); productive use of water; and watershed protection.

