

CLEAN CITIES, BLUE OCEAN

FACT SHEET — PERU

According to the Ministry of Environment, each day Peru generates more than 21,600 metric tons of waste—about 0.81 kilograms of waste per capita.

While these volumes are comparatively low, inadequate waste management and infrastructure have amplified the impacts of Peru's waste, allowing it to leak into the environment and generate other human, economic, and climate impacts. With inadequate waste management practices, low recycling rates, and only 65 sanitary landfills nationwide, communities across Peru are now facing significant waste management challenges.

Across Peru, infrastructure and support available for solid waste management varies widely. Peru has made great progress in developing national laws for solid waste management, including its Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Law (2016), and more recent laws to protect the environment and human health, prioritize circular economies and the recovery and recycling of waste, as well as promote extended producer responsibility. Local governments are, however, challenged to implement the laws effectively, often faced by shortfalls in tax revenue and municipal capacity. USAID's Clean Cities, Blue Ocean program is piloting solutions to address these challenges and avert irreversible damage to our oceans, reduce plastic and waste-linked contributions to the climate crisis, and advance other priority development objectives.

In Peru, USAID is piloting solutions to stop the flow of plastic pollution to waters, within and surrounding the country, including the Pacific Ocean and other inland bodies of water, such as the Piura River—which flows all the way from the Andes to the Pacific Ocean. Clean Cities, Blue Ocean is partnering with the private sector—with companies like the AJE Group, Tetra Pak, and Owens Illinois—to strengthen the country's north-south recycling corridor and improve solid waste management.

Details on program activities, implementing partners, and grantees can be found on the program website, listed below.



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Country Stats

Generates approximately 7.9 million metric tons of waste each year

Only 4% of this is estimated to be recycled

Approximately 44% is disposed of in substandard waste sites



- In **Piura**, USAID is working in the cities of **Paita** and **Mancora** to build the capacity of local government waste management systems and, through local grantees, is working to reduce inorganic waste from the cities' artisanal fishing sector their landing sites and develop a social and behavior strategy to support the adoption of responsible waste management behaviors.
- In **Ica**, USAID is working in the city of **Pisco** to build local government capacity to advance solid waste management, including through improved and expanded waste collection services. USAID is also working with the local government, businesses, and households to promote and increase waste segregation for improved recycling rates.

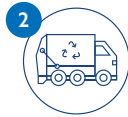
Our Local Systems Approach

In Peru, USAID is designing and implementing holistic strategies that address each step in the waste value chain—from production to end use—prioritizing the most inclusive, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable solutions. The program leverages local, national, and international technical expertise, paired with its grants program to test, scale, and share locally-led, innovative, and proven solutions. Where possible, the program learns from and expands upon the success of proven initiatives by local government and non-governmental organizations.

The program's work supports **USAID's Five Building Blocks for Reduced Ocean Plastic Pollution:**



Data-driven policies for circularity



Effective solid waste services and investment



Green jobs and local innovations



Sustained behavior change to reduce single-use plastics



An inclusive, just, and equitable system

Impacts and Results

In Peru, program impacts (to date) include:



Over **165 metric tons of plastic and other low-value waste**—the equivalent of more than 17.8 million plastic bottles—secured from leaking into the environment through local recovery and recycling efforts—including “Recicla” programs that promote waste segregation in households, markets, schools, and hotels in the cities of Pisco, Paita, and Mancora.



More than **68,000 households and businesses** are now participating in or benefitting from new and improved solid waste services through their local government's partnership with CCBO. This includes the “Recicla” programs, as well as improved local waste collection to extend services to previously unserved parts of the cities.



In total, the program has reached nearly **1.3 million people** through interventions and outreach activities to increase their awareness of the impacts and solutions to reduce ocean plastic pollution.



Over **\$860,000 in grant funding** awarded to local organizations and in-kind support to local government to implement effective, locally-led waste management solutions.

About CLEAN CITIES, BLUE OCEAN

Clean Cities, Blue Ocean is USAID's flagship program to combat ocean plastic pollution. The five-year (2019-2024), \$53 million program works at the global level and in specific, rapidly urbanizing focal countries to target ocean plastics directly at their source. By strengthening waste management and advancing or building circular economies, city by city, USAID builds sustainable solutions that reduce ocean plastics while empowering vulnerable populations and mitigating pollution that affects human health and our climate. The program is implemented by Tetra Tech, in partnership with a consortium of organizations that include the International City/County Management Association and The Manoff Group. Other partners include national and local government, members of the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and local women's and youth organizations.

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