

# **Exploring the cost-benefit of the SWWS in the rural area of Cuenca Ecuador**



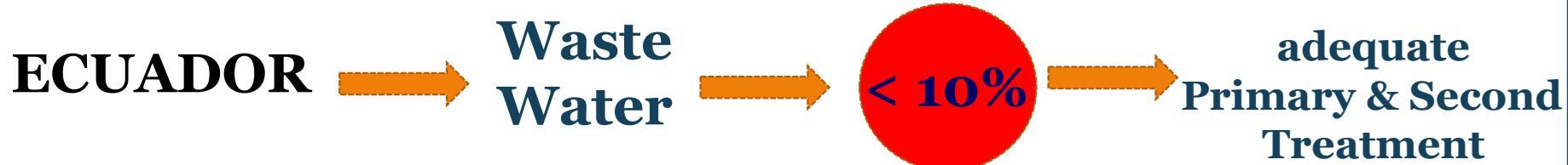
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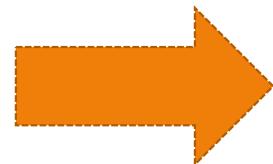


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# Sanitation in Ecuador



**Cuenca  
City**  
**96% (Urban)**  
**75% (Rural)**

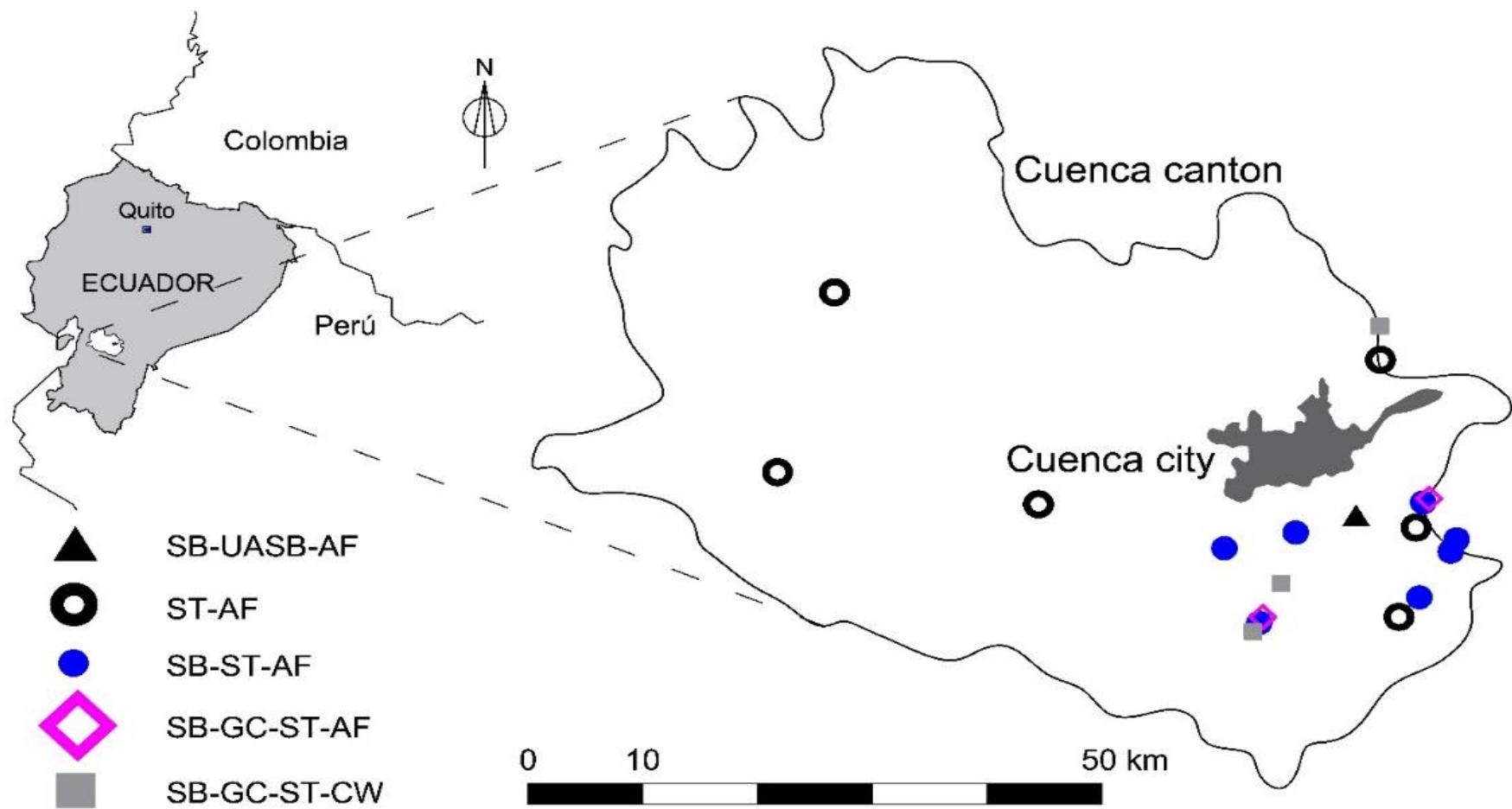


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# **WASTE STABILIZATION POND SYSTEM UCUBAMBA**

**Since 1999**



SB: Screen Bars; GC: Grit Chamber; SP: Septic Tank; AF: Anaerobic Filter; CW: Constructed Wetland; UASB: Upflow anaerobic sludge blanket

# Problems in the Operation & Management



Quillopungo



Cementerio

- Deficiencies in design & construction
- Periodical Cleaning, frequently clogged by sand and gravels



Septic tank

## Real Cost

- Economic assessment for future scenarios
- Financial potential to replace the overloading plants & adopt a management plant

# Workers



## Data Assessment

- ❖ Reports from maintenance works of the systems
- ❖ wastewater characterization and removal efficiencies
- ❖ Estimations of the amounts of materials
- ❖ Estimations of the transportation cost of personnel
- ❖ Evaluation of the sludge transportation cost to its final disposal
- ❖ Assessment of the cost of the sludge treatment in Ucubamba WSPS

## Financial Analysis.

## Analysis of the cost of implementation

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REGISTRO DE MANTENIMIENTO PREVENTIVO PTAR RURALES			
Planta de Tratamiento:	Chirivaleo		
Responsable:	Talib reyes concha portes		
Inspector:	Ricardo Segarra		
Personal:	Josep runga Damián lata German Melgar chavez del Molino		
Clima:	Nuboso		
Herramientas:	Pf		
Materiales y Maquinaria:	metal 648 Cal 1/4 de balde bomba de succion		
Observaciones del dia:	Se ve la contaminacion en el Hondonel el suero no se pierde		
Caudal de operación (influyente):	Caudal de operación (efluente):		
ESTRUCTURAS DE INGRESO			
Cámaras derivadoras de caudal:			
Rejillas:	limpieza de basores		
Desarenador:	mantenimiento bombeado del desarenador con bomba 1 metro cubico		
Estructuras de conducción o distribución de caudal:			
Pozos internos:			
Otras estructuras:			
Extracción de materiales:	del desarenador		
Disposición de residuos:	en la fosa de secado		
Mitigación alcalina:	Si		
Labores de reparación:			
Otras actividades (especifique):			
FOSA SEPTICA			
Extracción de materiales flotantes:	Se retira 1 balde		
Profundidad de la fosa (m):			
Espesor de lodos (m):			
Extracción de manto de lodos (0,30m bajo nivel tubo salida):			
Extracción de natas:	Si		
Disposición de lodos o materiales flotantes:	en la fosa de secado		
Mitigación alcalina:			
Presencia de turbiedad salida:			
Labores de reparación:			
Otras actividades (especifique):			

# DATA ASSESSMENT

## Details of the calculated cost per maintenance in each SSWWS and estimation of averaged cost, per year, inhabitant and m<sup>3</sup>

System	Configuration	Discharge [l/s]	Inhab Served	# M / year	Percental contribution of each source in one maintenance work [%]			T&S	/ M	/year	(2015 to 2018) [USD] /year /m <sup>3</sup> /hab	
					Workers	Personnel transport	Sludge transport				/yea r	/year
Guabo	ST-AF	0.6	371	27	52	4	35	3	96	2600	4.4	6.9
El Chorro	ST-AF	1.3	282	3	67	4	20	2	75	200	0.2	0.7
Macas	ST-AF	0.1	294	20	54	5	32	3	94	1900	14.5	6.4
Molleturo	ST-AF	---	1216	7	50	12	30	3	101	700	---	0.6
Chaucha	ST-AF	---	193	4	34	0	0	3	51	200	---	1.1
Soldados	ST-AF	---	173	9	79	7	0	5	63	600	---	3.3
Achayacu	SB-ST-AF	1.6	753	19	53	3	35	3	95	1800	1.2	2.4
Quingeo	SB-ST-AF	0.9	367	39	52	5	35	3	98	3700	4.1	10.2
Tutupali	SB-ST-AF	1.3	516	23	55	3	33	4	91	2200	1.6	4.2
San Pedro	SB-ST-AF	0.3	313	27	55	4	33	2	91	2400	9.7	7.8
Bella Unión	SB-ST-AF	0.4	944	29	56	4	33	2	90	2700	6.2	2.8
Laureles	SB-ST-AF	0.2	800	37	55	3	33	4	91	3300	20.7	4.1
Cumbe	SB-ST-AF	0.2	452	14	54	4	32	4	93	1300	5.4	2.9
Cementerio	SB-GC_ST-AF	1	856	40	55	3	33	4	91	3600	3.6	4.2
Escaleras	SB-GC_ST-AF	0.8	505	25	54	5	32	3	93	2300	2.7	4.5
Octavio	SB-GC_ST-CW	5.4	307	12	66	5	20	2	79	900	0.2	3
Tarqui	SB-GC_ST-CW	1.3	3489	45	47	3	42	3	108	4800	3.8	1.4
Churugozo	SB-GC_ST-CW	3.3	955	49	43	4	45	3	116	5700	1.7	5.9
Monjas	SB-GC_ST-CW	---	---	11	59	0	31	4	89	1000	---	---
Quillopungo	SB-UASB-AF	1.8	1759	110	53	2	36	3	94	10100	5.5	5.8
Pillachiquir	GC-ST-AF	---	---	13	58	0	34	2	87	1100	---	---
Averages					55	4	30	3	90	2529	5	4

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## Calculation of Net Present Value and Equivalent Annual Value based on O&M data

System	Operation time [year]	NPV O&M [k USD]	EAV O&M [k USD]	NPV hab [k USD]	EAV hab [k USD]	Cost/hab/year [USD]	Calculation of NPV and EAV based on a new plant investment
Guabo	14	64.8	11.3	2.8	0.5	23.29	NPV O&M [k USD] 186 855 EAV O&M [k USD] 18 318 NPV hab [k USD] 15 917 EAV hab [k USD] 1 560.37 Cost/hab/year [USD] 11.74
El Chorro	8	11.8	1.4	2.9	0.4	4.03	
Macas	8	56.4	6.8	3.0	0.4	18.52	
Pueblo Nuevo	8	42.1	5.1	11.9	1.4	3.54	
San Gabriel	12	7.5	1.1	1.6	0.2	4.83	
Soldados	14	13.9	2.4	1.3	0.2	10.31	
Achayacu	14	46.1	8.0	5.5	0.9	8.45	
Quingeo	14	71.5	12.4	2.5	0.4	28.73	
Tutupali	14	56.5	9.8	3.9	0.7	14.61	
San Pedro	8	114.4	13.9	3.0	0.4	38.43	
Bella Unión	14	78.5	13.7	6.6	1.1	11.90	
Laureles	14	65.5	11.4	5.7	1.0	11.58	
Cumbe	14	31.2	5.4	3.1	0.5	10.05	
Cementerio	14	81.7	14.2	6.0	1.0	13.67	
Escaleras	18	27.0	8.2	2.3	0.7	11.95	
Octavio	2	58.3	5.5	4.1	0.4	13.06	
Tarqui	14	91.4	15.9	25.0	4.3	3.66	
Churuguzo	14	95.0	16.5	6.7	1.2	14.23	
Monjas	2	53.9	5.5	---	---	---	
Quillopungo	14	150.9	26.3	12.5	2.2	12.06	
Pillachiquir	14	23.2	4.0	---	---	---	

- ✓ The main contribution in the total cost of O&M of the systems is the workers' salaries
- ✓ Not have relation to the size of the systems nor to the technological configuration of the plants
- ✓ A considerable amount of resources is used for the transportation of the sludge removed from the plants that is conveyed to the Ucubamba WSP in Cuenca
  - The discharge of anaerobic sludge in the primary lagoons of the WSP the Ucubamba
  - The sludge treatment at the Ucubamba represents an extra and non-quantified cost to the O&M of the SWWS systems
- ✓ The financial assessment shows the feasibility for new investments

# Thanks for your attention ¿Questions?



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