

Project title	Ganja and Sheki Water Supply and Waste Water Project
General information	Region: Azerbaijan (Ganja, Sheki) Duration: 2006 to 2014 (phase I) Budget: EUR 55 million (SECO: EUR 10 million; KfW: EUR 37 million; Government of Azerbaijan: EUR 8 million)
Project partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional partner: AzerSu OJSC • Implementing partner: Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)
Project objectives	The objective of the project is to improve the living standards of the local population, thus facilitating economic development, through rehabilitating the basic infrastructure for the supply of safe and clean water in the cities of Ganja (population: 320'000) and Sheki (population: 70'000), and building the institutional capacity of water authorities.
Background	<p>The rehabilitation needs of the water and wastewater systems in Azerbaijan, particularly outside Baku, are large. After the Soviet period, the economic decline left the water infrastructure, which had been badly managed and maintained for decades, in poor state. The technical water losses account for up to 60 to 80%. Most wastewater treatment facilities do not function.</p> <p>The project is co-financed with KfW and builds on previous experience of SECO in the water sector.</p>
Project activities	<p>The following activities are carried out under the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing and rehabilitating water supply systems and sewerage networks in Ganja and Sheki • Installing public taps and water kiosks • Establishing local water utilities as Open Joint Stock Companies (OJSC) • Institutional and organizational development of local water utilities
Project results	<p>The following results were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on institutional building of the local utility companies in the regions elaborated • Water intake and infiltration gallery constructed and fully operational in Sheki • 2 reservoirs rehabilitated and chlorination building constructed in Sheki • 90% of population of Sheki city provided with potable water during 4 hours per day <p>Until the end of the project the following results are expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consolidated 24-hours supply of drinkable water is provided to 53% of the population in Ganja and Sheki • The water quality is improved for a further 31% of the population in Ganja and 100% in Sheki • Free of charge public taps installed to ensure access to clean water to the poorest segment of the population • Sewage water is collected centrally for 50% of the target groups • Collection efficiency is increased • Critical influents in wastewater is reduced by 50% in Ganja and 33% in Sheki