



Disaster Risk Management Plan for Quebrada de Humahuaca (Argentina)

Budget Proposed
US\$ 100,000

Duration
1 year

Beneficiary
Argentina

Category
**Conservation •
Capacity Building**



This project aims to fund the elaboration of a Risk Management Plan for the property Quebrada de Humahuaca by providing technical support to the State Party of Argentina and to provide specific training to the local communities.

The project answers to the concerns of the World Heritage Committee raised by Decision 27 COM 8C.17 as well as the common goals set by the "Action Plan for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region" (PARALC 2014-2024) and the "Action Plan for World Heritage in South America" (PAAS-2015-2020) endorsed by Decisions 38 COM 10B.4 and 39 COM 10B.4 of the World Heritage Committee.





Context

The Quebrada de Humahuaca was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2003 as it was used as a crucial passage for the transport of people and ideas from the high Andean lands to the plains following the line of a major cultural route, the Camino Inca.

At the moment of the site's inscription, ICOMOS noted that flooding was an important threat to the property and seemed to happen most years because of excessive rainfall and local landslides, the seismic and volcanic activity in the area and was exacerbated by illegal tree felling and other vegetation changes.

As a key strategy, a Program of Pilot Projects in South America (PPPAS) was established in the framework of the elaboration of the PAAS 2015-2020. This project was one of the projects selected by the State Parties in line with the Expected Result ER4-A4: Development of projects on risk management and mitigation on World Heritage properties, in particular those associated with anthropogenic threats or by nature.

This project aims to fund a Risk Management Plan, through the technical cooperation of an ICOMOS expert who will provide onsite and semi-permanent support to the national authorities, and act as a facilitator for sensitisation with issues related to risk management. This project will contribute to strengthen risk management planning, with the goal of preserving the Outstanding Universal Value of a World Heritage located in a risk challenged area.



Objectives

- 1.** To provide general training to the national staff in charge of the management and conservation of the property and other public officials concerned on disaster risk management (analysis, prevention and mitigation), according to international standards;
- 2.** To implement training workshops on disaster risk management to the local communities living in the property and its surroundings;
- 3.** To develop a Disaster Risk Management Plan for the property, including the following stages:
 - Establishing the objectives, scope, audience, responsible agencies, and costs for the Plan.
 - Identifying and assessing disaster risks for each of the archaeological remains, according to the standard methodology and practice.
 - Developing prevention and mitigation programmes for the property;
 - Developing a preparedness and response plan for emergency situations and possible response scenarios for emergency situations at the property;
 - Developing a post-disaster recovery plan for the property;
- 4.** To establish an Inter-institutional Coordinating Board for the implementation and follow-up of the Disaster Risk Management Plan;
- 5.** To inform relevant agencies and civil society (local communities) about the Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Quebrada de Humahuaca.



Outcomes & Beneficiaries

1. The capacities on disaster risk management of officials from institutions concerned (regional and local governments) and other experts concerned (private and/or public) are strengthened;
2. The capacities on disaster risk management of the local communities enhanced;
3. The Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Quebrada de Humahuaca is developed and implemented by the responsible national authorities;
4. An Inter-Institutional Coordinating Board for the follow-up of the Plan is established.
5. The Plan for Risk Management at the Quebrada de Humahuaca is disseminated.



Relevance

The region is subject to high geographical and climatic vulnerability, which has considerable effects on World Heritage. Most importantly, natural disasters are exacerbated by climate change and have had significant impacts on the state of conservation of several World Heritage properties in the region. This highlights the existence of limited mechanisms and tools to assess prevent and mitigate those impacts.

In this context, the project considers that capacity-building should be directed to both national institutions and the local communities. Furthermore, it is expected that the project will seek measures not only regarding how heritage can be preserved but also the way in which heritage can be used to improve resilience to natural and human-induced disasters.

The conservation and management of World Heritage properties require the increasing involvement of the local communities and the joint effort of the civil society and all stakeholders (associations, independent groups, etc.)





Visibility

A communication & visibility plan will be developed in consultation with the donor(s), including (but not limited to) the options below:

Visibility material		Placement / Event	Outreach	Audience
Information on the project on WHC's website	Logo	WHC website: whc.unesco.org	Public	Statistics for 2016: 13,340,000 visits 9,735,000 unique visitors 41,650,000 pageviews
Reports to the World Heritage Committee	Logo	World Heritage Committee session	WH Committee members, Observers, NGOs, site-managers, press	Approx. 2,000 participants from 193 countries
Side-event	Logo + speech			
Article in the World Heritage Review	Logo	"World Heritage Review" Magazine and "World Heritage Information"	Public	Approx. 20,000 targeted subscribers



Timeline

- Month 1 to month 11:
 - Phase 1: national seminar-workshop (authorities)
 - Phase 2: training workshop (local communities)
 - Phase 3: methodology & elaboration of the Plan
 - Phase 4: national workshop for the discussion and finalisation of the Plan
 - Phase 5: dissemination and socialisation of the Plan
- Month 12: reporting to the donor.



Budget

An estimated overall extra-budgetary funding of US\$ 100,000 is needed for the implementation of this project.

These funds will cover consultant's fees, national technical coordinator, travel and accommodation expenses, communications, joint report production, as well as translation in the two official languages of the Convention, design and printing of the appropriate information material.



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