



Water quality and availability are critical for Sustainable Development

not all the water is suitable for consumption



Target 6.1.



71% of the world population has access to clean drinking water. In Latin America and the Caribbean, only 65% has access to clean water ([PAHO, 2020](#)).

Target 6.4.



Latin America and the Caribbean has an efficiency in water usage of 13 USD/m³, below the world standard of 15 USD/m³ ([FAO, 2018](#)).

Target 6.2.



87% of the population in non stable countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have access to water for sanitation. However, only 31% of the population of fragile states in the region use water for the latter purpose ([ONU, 2015](#)).

Target 6.5.



Four countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica and Panama) have plans and strategies for comprehensive water control and management, while five (Guatemala, Honduras, Bolivia, Paraguay and Venezuela) are beginning the execution ([CTCN, 2018](#)).

Target 6.3.



70% of the Earth's surface is covered with water, but only 2.5% is fresh water ([FCEA, 2017](#)).

Target 6.6.



Colombia is one of the countries with most water in Latin America and the Caribbean and has a water yield of 56 l/s-km², way above the regional average of 21 l/s-km² ([SIAC, 2015](#)).

Target 15.3.



Floodings and other natural disasters related to water represent a total of 70% of deaths caused by natural disasters ([ONU, 2020](#)).

Target 15.5



Almost a third of fresh water of species are classified under some extinction or endangerment category ([IUCN, 2020](#)).