Master class

Historical development of large-scale irrigation in Peru & the concept of pro-poor water productivity

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Water productivity and the SDGs





- Roughly half the world's population still lives on the equivalent of about US\$2 a day
- On average income inequality increased by 11% in developing countries between 1990 and 2010.
- More than 75% of the population are living today in societies where income is more unequally distributed than it was in the 1990s.

SDG 10 target:

• By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40% of the population at a rate higher than the national average.



Who gets what?

Source: SOMO

Peru



Historical development of large scale irrigation in Peru 1.400.000 ha Moche and Chimu **Haciendas** Incas 200 BC 2000 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 0 MARTINE DE NE Agrarian reform, IMT, modernization New irrigation for large landholdings and for smallholders use of groundwater 1969 1990 2000 2010 2018 1980

Irrigation in Peru: a long history...



Moche and Chimu: Hydraulic societies



Haciendas (1530 – 1969)





Chancay-Lambayeque irrigation system

Cajamarca

TIT

Lambayeque

Chiclayo

Upper part of the river basin

Irrigation system Chancay-Lambayeque: 110,000 ha









Management transfers

1969 Agrarian Reform

Haciendas -> Min. Agriculture



1992 Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT)

Min. Agriculture -> Water Users' Associations + their company

Successful IMT





On demand irrigation turns

Payment per volume



Volumetric water control



High levels of performance







NEW IRRIGATION FOR LARGE LANDHOLDINGS (1990 – present)

Ica

Jequetepeque (Cierro Prieto) CHAVIMOCHIC CHINECAS Chira Olmos



Asparagus workers



Olmos irrigation project



38,100 ha sold to 10 companies:

Grupo Gloria: 15,600 ha 8 companies: 4,500 ha Odebrecht: 18,000 ha

Very low prices: 4,723 US\$/ha

BOOT concession 25 years





Export grape production in Ica

300 Mm³/yr

An example of the use of "pro-poor water productivity"









Ingahuasi project in Ica

Interbasin water transfer from poor highlands to export agriculture in the Coast







Non-fungible extractions

1 m³ of water used to produce asparagus in the desert Coast of Peru



1 m³ of water used to produce subsistence crop in Andean mountains





Pro-poor water productivity: Economic value generated for poor people by the consumption of a certain volume of water in a watershed

Any water productivity indicators should take into account:

- Ecological effects caused by the use of water (and energy being used for pumping)
- Beneficial use of **return flows** (Dry and Wet water savings)
- **Cultural values** of water and rationale in the local farming system
- Possible alternative economic uses (by certain group)
- Distribution of the costs and benefits of the water consumption

Historically in Peru: water productivity increased, but pro-poor water productivity decreased



Thank you for your attention!