

<b>Project title</b>	<b>Ganja and Sheki water supply and waste water project</b>
Project duration	2007-2017
Swiss contribution	EUR 10'000'000
Project partners	Azersu (national water company); Ganjasu and Shekisu (local departments); Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)
SCO strategic goal	Effective democratic institutions, human safety and security

## Background

The rehabilitation needs of the water and wastewater systems in Azerbaijan, particularly outside the capital, are vast. After the Soviet period, the economic decline left the water infrastructure, which had been badly managed and ill maintained for decades, in a very poor state. Technical water losses amount to 60-80% in some of the systems. Moreover, most wastewater treatment facilities do not function properly. Switzerland co-finances a large KfW credit to Azersu, the national water company, by providing a grant component within the loan. The project focuses on rehabilitation of the water and construction of a wastewater system in Ganja and Sheki towns.



Construction of a water pipeline near Ganja city.

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## Project objective

The objective of the project is to improve the living standards of the local population by providing potable water in sufficient quantity to Sheki and Ganja. The project thus facilitates economic development by rehabilitating the basic infrastructure for the supply of safe and clean water in these cities. Moreover, the project builds the institutional capacities of water authorities.

## Project activities and results by 2017

- Water intake and infiltration gallery constructed and operational in Sheki
- 5 reservoirs including chlorination units constructed and/or rehabilitated in Sheki
- Goygol transmission main constructed and put into operation in Ganja
- Qizilqaya intake and 15 wells rehabilitated in Ganja
- 4 reservoirs including chlorination unit rehabilitated or constructed in Ganja
- Report on institutional building of the local utility companies in the regions elaborated.

## More expected results

- A consolidated 24-hours supply of potable 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 population
- Critical influx of wastewater is reduced by 50% in Ganja and 33% in Sheki.

## Perspectives

Swiss involvement in this project shall be completed by 2018.



Newly constructed water reservoirs for water distribution to different parts of Shaki.

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