

Pedro Moncayo Water Fund — A 5%-of-Tariff Páramo Fund for a Small Ecuadorian Municipality, Stalled by Governance Gaps

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Ecuadorian municipality's water fund financed by 5% of water-utility revenue (~US\$300,000 in six years); a 2025 CARE evaluation found the committee inactive and no funds spent on conservation yet.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

[CARE; Municipality of Pedro Moncayo; municipal public water utility](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

[CARE — From Evaluation to Action: Locally Financed Water Funds in Ecuador](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

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