

In November 2018 the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the creation of the **Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)** took place.

From the time of its creation, the **Spanish Cooperation** has considered **Ecuador** as being a priority country, establishing in Quito a Technical Cooperation Office attached to the **Embassy of Spain**.

During these thirty years in which both countries have undergone important changes, the cooperation relationship has become closer as a result of hundreds of executed projects.

These initiatives were accompanied by investments, through Spain's Official Development Assistance, totaling over 1 billion dollars. This support has been aligned with Ecuador's development priorities, addressed in fourteen bilateral cooperation agreements.

Participation by a wide range of diverse actors of the Spanish Cooperation in Ecuador has fostered a rich and stable association with the public sector, between the Central and Decentralized Spanish Administrations, with Spanish Autonomous Communities and Municipalities, as well as with the private sector through Spanish companies and their social responsibility and technology transfer.

The constant reduction of poverty and the rise of Ecuador to the range of medium-high income country have defined a new framework for this relationship, resulting in innovative cooperation in constant evolution. Cooperation focused less on the transfer of funds and more on taking advantage of new opportunities and Spain's added value with respect to the training of human talent, strengthening of institutional capacities, technology transfer and joint scientific research.

## Over 30 years of Spanish Cooperation in Ecuador



Country Partnership Framework  
**Ecuador-Spain**

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# 2019-2022 Ecuador-Spain Country Partnership Framework

The Country Partnership Framework is the instrument of strategic-geographic planning used to implement the Spanish Cooperation’s mission: “to facilitate and stimulate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to contribute to eradicating poverty in all its multiple facets.”

Starting in 2018, Ecuador adopted the 2030 Agenda as public policy of the National government, making the commitment to implement and align it with the national planning. Spain has assumed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aligning its cooperation policies with this international roadmap.

In a process led by the Embassy of Spain in Ecuador and DGPOLDES representing Spain, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility and the National Secretariat of Planning and Development representing Ecuador, and with the participation of over 60 public and private institutions, the governments of Ecuador and Spain developed a new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) that defines the strategic priorities of Spanish Cooperation for 2019-2022 in the country. This agreement was signed in Madrid, on the fourth of February, 2019.

Spanish Cooperation, aligning itself coherently with Ecuador’s national planning, as well as to incorporate and prioritize its action lines based on the SDGs, the 2030 Agenda and the *Fifth Master Plan*, assumes for its results of the development of the CPF 2019-2022, four of the policies of the 2017-2021 National Development Plan “*Toda una Vida*”, linked to four strategic sectors: Sustainable Economic Development, Research, Development and Innovation; Equality and Social Inclusion and Habitat.

The CPF foresees an investment of 50 million euros in a number of programs and modalities, prioritizing geographic areas such as the northern border, center Andes and provinces affected by the earthquake of April 2006, with the participation of diverse actors from the Spanish Cooperation, NGOs, Academia, Public Institutions, Decentralized Cooperation and Private Sector. Likewise, we will continue supporting mainstreaming approaches concerning human rights, gender, environmental sustainability and cultural diversity.

Through this new Country Partnership Framework, Ecuador and Spain continue strengthening their links, lasting already for over thirty years, by means of a cooperation mode that complements the country’s efforts and investment that up to now has exceeded 1 billion dollars.

