

What's happening in the Andes Region?

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SOLUTIONS

In Ecuador, the government made official the extension of the Galapagos Marine Reserve, as announced at COP26. This was done by creating a new protected area that adds 60,000 square kilometers to the existing one, protecting the biological corridor that exists between Ecuador, Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica. More information [here](#)



CHALLENGES

Extreme poverty is increasing in the region. The largest increase occurred in Argentina, Colombia and Peru, approximately 7 percentage points, while in Bolivia, Chile and Ecuador it increased by approximately 2 to 5 percentage points. Thus, poverty continues to be a great challenge in the region. More information [here](#)



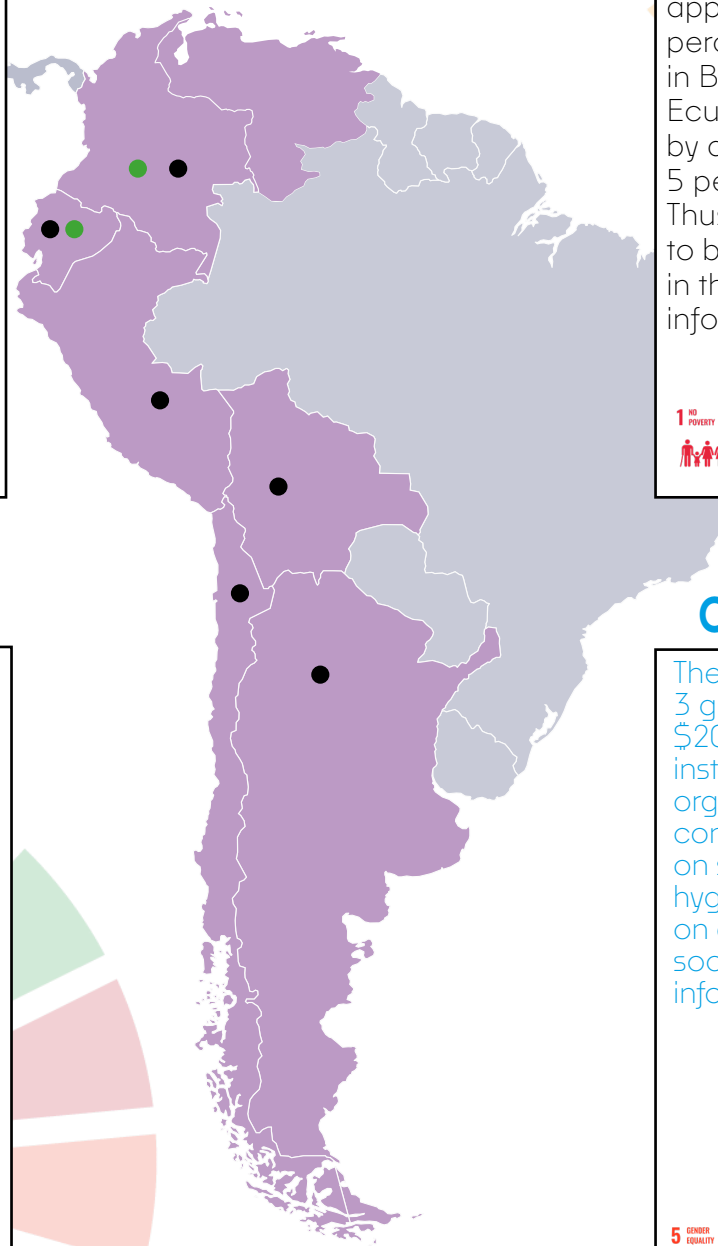
THREATS

It is estimated that more than 11 thousand barrels of oil have been spilled on the central coast of Peru, the result of an accident involving a ship that was unloading the hydrocarbon at the La Pampilla Refinery. This accident has affected marine fauna, and threatens to cause serious impacts on protected natural areas and artisanal fishing. More information [here](#).



OPORTUNITIES

The SLH offers up to 3 grants (of approx. \$20,000) to research institutes or other organizations, to conduct research on sanitation and hygiene with a focus on gender equality and social inclusion. More information [here](#)



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