WATER RESOURCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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DESCRIPTION

Much of the water diverted from streams and reservoirs, or pumped from aquifers, worldwide, is used in agriculture. And much of humanity earns its living through some connection with agriculture - either directly as a farmer or farm worker, or indirectly in one of the many endeavours that support farming activities. Thus, water plays a critical role in providing livelihood opportunities and sustaining the health and welfare of rural families around the world.

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