

### Overview

The Conga Project in the Cajamarca region is one of Peru’s most thoroughly studied mining projects in the country’s history.

In addition to environmental and social impact analyses that spanned up to 13 years, the citizen participation process began in 2007 and continues today. Nearly 16,000 citizens from more than 30 hamlets in the La Encañada, Huasmín, Sorochuco and Celendín districts have participated in one or more of the public involvement opportunities related to the development of the Conga Project’s Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

### Citizen Participation

In 2007, the Conga Project Team established the Citizen Participation Process (“Proceso de Participación Ciudadana,” or PPC) to ensure constructive dialogue with government agencies and community members during the early stages of developing the Conga Project’s EIA.

With a goal of transparency and inclusiveness, Conga’s PPC offered individuals and community groups a variety of mechanisms in which to participate in the process, including:



**Public Information Offices** – established to offer a central location for community members to communicate with the Conga Project Team and discuss project-specific issues.

**Days of Dialogue** – scheduled dates and times at the Public Information Offices for citizens to meet with Project team members and have their comments and ideas recorded as part of the Conga EIA review process.

**Conga Bulletin** – publication of information about environmental matters related to the project as well as social investment plans in the project’s Area of Direct Influence (ADI).

**Brochures** – explanation of project-specific components in illustrations and easy-to-understand language.





**Guided Tours** – offered citizens the opportunity to view and ask questions about Yanacocha’s operations and the extensive environmental and social management programs associated with the Conga Project.

**Participatory Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance** – allowed citizens and groups to learn and monitor the techniques and control mechanisms used daily to handle the project’s environmental matters.



**Interviews and Focus Groups** – provided social and political information regarding the project from key community members and groups to the Conga Project Team.

**Workshops** – provided the Conga Project Team with a face-to-face, interactive opportunity to gather feedback from community members on the project.



**Public Hearing** – conducted a hearing on March 31, 2010, with an estimated 4,000 people from the various hamlets and urban regions of the project’s areas of influence.

## Summary of Community Participation

(Number of participants by activity and year)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Focus Group</b>				71	358
<b>Guided Tour</b>	96			33	24
<b>Workshop</b>	534	1,012	2,269	2,236	1,189
<b>Interviews</b>					112
<b>Monitoring</b>				226	325
<b>Conference</b>	200	30			
<b>Meetings</b>	1,326	442			
<b>Public Hearing</b>				4,000	
<b>Information Offices</b>	500				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>6,566</b>	<b>2,008</b>

## Locations of Citizen Participation Activities

Hamlets/Villages	Districts	Provinces
Agua Blanca	Celendín	Cajamarca
Alto N° 8	Huasmín	Celendín
Chugurmayo	La Encañada	
Coñicorgue	Sorochuco	
Cruzpampa		
El Alumbre		
El Cumbe		
El Lirio		
El Porvenir		
El Rosario		
El Tingo		
El Valle		
Faro Bajo		
Huasiyuc Jadibamba		
Huasmin		
Jadibamba Bajo		
Jerez		
La Chorrera		
Lagunas de Combayo		
Namococha		
Pampa Verde		
Piedra Redonda Amaro		
Quengorio Alto		
Quengorio Bajo		
Quinuapampa		
San Nicolas		
San Yuan Yerbabuena		
Santa Rosa de Huasmin		
Santa Rosa de Milpo		
Sorochuco		
Tablacucho		
Uñigan Lirio		
Uñigan Pululo		
Yanacolpa		
Yerba Buena Chica		