

About us

The BHP Foundation works to address the root causes of systemic sustainability challenges relevant to the resources industry. As a charitable organization solely funded by BHP since 2014, the BHP Foundation has committed US\$422 million in grants, donations and sponsorships since its inception.

The BHP Foundation works in partnership with innovative NGOs, think tanks, and national and international institutions to find solutions and set new standards for the future. The BHP Foundation mainly focuses investment in Australia, Canada and Chile in areas supporting Indigenous Peoples, education, governance and the environment.



Global investment

US\$ 358 million
 paid in grants, donations and sponsorships

Since FY2015


US\$ 64 million
 further funding committed

Beyond FY2024

FY 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW


US\$ 55.5 million
 paid in grants, donations and sponsorships


43
 partner organizations



44
 projects in execution


9
 sponsorships

Investment in South America

In FY 2024

Since FY 2015

	 paid in grants, donations and sponsorships	 partner organizations	 projects in execution	 sponsorships	 paid in grants, donations and sponsorships
Chile	US\$ 7.6 million	6	4	4	US\$ 35.8 million
Peru	US\$ 7.3 million	1	1	-	US\$ 21.0 million

These figures do not include funding from multi-country projects which have a footprint in South America and other countries.

Main projects in Chile active in FY 2024

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



Learn more

www.bhp-foundation.org/en/news/2023/08/sustainable-development-for-16-fishing-communities-along-chile-s-coast/

Coastal Communities Network led by Capital Azul, The Nature Conservancy & Fundación Chile

Commenced: Aug 2023 Investment: US\$5.2 million
Duration: 5 years

Fostering collaboration to implement innovative solutions to strengthen resilience in at least 20 fishing communities along Chile's coast where more than 140,000 fisher folk are dependent upon sustainable fisheries.

Progress to date

Already, the Chilean Communities Network of Marine Protected Areas (REDCAMP) has been formalized with Fundación Chile's support and a collaboration agreement reached in territories that cover 85 per cent of the protected sea along Chile's coastline. Recently, Capital Azul supported the inauguration of a grassroots TURF-Reserve in Cachagua to protect marine biodiversity.

Education



Learn more

www.kodea.org/proyectos/ideodigital

IdeoDigital led by Fundación Kodea

Commenced: Jan 2021 Investment: US\$6.7 million
Duration: 5 years

Enabling the teaching of Computer Science in the Chilean public school system to equip students with the skills required to progress in a digital world.

Progress to date

IdeoDigital has provided training in Computer Science to more than 900 teachers who have taken their learnings to the classroom, benefiting 13,325 public students across 14 regions in Chile. IdeoDigital has also achieved a key advocacy goal with the announcement by the Chilean Ministry of Education to include Computer Science in the country's new curriculum from 2026. The aim is to make programming, computational thinking, robotics, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies mandatory education across the school system.

Education



Learn more

www.efectocolectivo.org

Collective Effect led by Fundación Reimagina

Commenced: June 2023 Investment: US\$6.3 million
Duration: 5 years

An innovative alliance aiming to transform the education and teaching approach in Chile so that children and young people in the public education system learn the essential skills needed for 21st century society and jobs.

Progress to date

In early 2024, the Collective Effect alliance launched a US\$3 million competitive fund to support civil society organizations to strengthen their capacity to scale innovative educational projects. Eight innovative educational projects in Chile were chosen to receive support from the Collective Effect fund and to join a six month acceleration program. These organizations will now receive financial and technical support to accelerate transformative change in the public education system.

Environment



Learn more

www.fundaciontierraaustral.cl/en/proyectos/boldo-cantillana

El Bordo to Cantillana Conservation Corridor led by Fundación Tierra Austral

Commenced: Jan 2022 Investment: US\$3.4 million*
Duration: 3 years

Achieving transformative conservation of Chile's Mediterranean habitat by demonstrating how to establish land conservation in perpetuity through Derecho Real de Conservación (DRC). DRCs are the Chilean equivalent of conservation easements which enable private landowners to take long-term action to protect the sustainability of their properties.

Progress to date

Fundación Tierra Austral has set up nine DRCs in the Boldo to Cantillana Corridor protecting more than 17,500 hectares. The DRCs use locally-led practices to engage the surrounding community in recreation, employment, and access activities. They continue to transform land conservation, establishing a public-private coalition of conservation organizations in Chile to share best practices.

* Phase one of this project ran from 2019 to 2021 with an initial US\$2 million investment.

Project in Peru

Environment



Credit: Mirian Neira

Alto Mayo Awajun communities landscape project led by Conservation International

Commenced: Mar 2019 **Investment:** US\$21.8 million
Duration: 6 years **Country:** Peru

Working to turn the tide against deforestation in one of the world's biodiversity hotspots in the Peruvian Amazon, by empowering Awajun Indigenous communities.

Progress to date

Conservation International has co-created with FERIAAM (the Federation of Awajun Communities in Alto Mayo) a model for enduring conservation and development in the landscape which considers governance, culture, environmentally sustainable economic activities, and conservation and restoration all equally important. FERIAAM is providing greater leadership, backed by governance and training, with the communities that are its constituents, as well as with external actors such as the Ministry of Environment.

Learn more

www.conservation.org/peru/iniciativas-actuales/awajun-indigenous-communities

Sponsorships and other support

Education



Puerto de Ideas

Puerto de Ideas Biobío Festival brings together leading thinkers from around the world to engage in insightful discussions and reflections on our relationship with nature and socio-environmental issues. In 2024, the festival gathered 30 national and international guests, including scientists, thinkers, and artists, to reflect on the ocean and nature, with a focus on the relationship between humans and the environment, and the conservation and recovery of its resources, aiming to envision a shared future.



Congreso Futuro

Congreso Futuro is one of the most recognized free science dissemination platforms in Latin America. It seeks to provide public policy developers with a comprehensive view of the governance, planning and ethical concerns presented for the workforce of the future due to technology development. In FY24, activities attracted 50,000 attendees to hear from more than 115 exhibitors from 20 countries. The events were held across 16 regions of Chile and enabled more than 3,700 students to participate through an education program.



Los Creadores

Los Creadores is a national school innovation competition in which students from all regions of Chile are invited to participate by creating projects aimed at solving community challenges using technology. Supported by BHP Foundation since 2018, this initiative has reached more than 8,000 children and teenagers who stand out for using technology to develop a project which can improve the quality of life for people, their families, their surroundings, their country and the world.

Environment



Valdivian Coastal Reserve

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)'s work at the Reserve aims to manage and conserve the Reserve's biological and cultural diversity, contribute to local and regional well-being and build a reference model for private conservation. The Foundation's role to manage and govern the endowment for the Reserve started in 2020, and in this time TNC has maintained and improved its stewardship and conservation activities that additionally engage the local community to participate meaningfully in decision making, with greater sustainable and place-based economic opportunities.

Note: The BHP Foundation makes charitable payments in US Dollars and other currencies. Figures in this report include foreign currency commitments translated to US Dollars, our reporting currency, using BHP forward planning rates. Total committed amounts per project may vary year-to-year based on the exchange rate at the time of payments, and any variation in forward planning rates. However the underlying commitment in local currency remains the same.

Global projects with a footprint in South America

While the following projects benefit South American countries and others, they are not included in the totals provided under investments in South America.

Environment



[Learn more](http://www.landscape.org)
www.landscape.org

Driving improvements in sustainability at landscape scale co-led by Rainforest Alliance and Conservation International

Commenced: Jan 2019 **Investment:** US\$6.5 million
Duration: 5 years **Countries:** Mexico, Peru

Providing a standardized approach for assessing and communicating the sustainability performance of landscapes where key commodities are produced.

Progress to date

Starting with an idea, Rainforest Alliance and Conservation International have designed and field-tested the LandScale system. Results in this final year of implementation has seen 22 paying “Validated by LandScale” customers; 32 landscape initiatives active globally, with profiles on the platform covering a combined area of almost 27 million hectares; and five formal partnership agreements in place to grow and leverage LandScale’s reach and credibility.

Environment



Credit: Chris Eason

Enabling policies for high integrity nature markets led by Conservation International

Commenced: June 2024 **Investment:** US\$0.2 million
Duration: 1 year **Countries:** Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Philippines

Understanding the enabling policies at a national level to unlock just and fair nature markets for governments interested in creating positive incentives for nature through market mechanisms.

Progress to date

A guide is being developed with insights from a literature review of lessons learned from other nature markets and targeted interviews with government representatives across Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Philippines. Feedback on the guide will be sought from interested governments at COP16, and further collaboration opportunities explored.

Environment



Indigenous Leaders carbon exchange led by Pollination Foundation

Commenced: Mar 2024 **Investment:** US\$0.1 million
Duration: 1 year

Supporting Indigenous leaders to balance nature market opportunities and cultural responsibilities through an exchange experience to the Awajun Carbon Project.

Progress to date

To exchange best practice and knowledge in carbon projects and build capability, community leaders, Indigenous leaders, technical experts and allies were brought together from Australia, Canada and South America for a four day exchange. Participants visited Peru’s Alto Mayo forest to learn how the Awajun community stewards sustainable land management practice through the Tajimat Pujut carbon project (Awajun for ‘Good Life’).

Environment



Credit: Matthew Newton

Indigenous Peoples and local communities nature credit incubator led by Pollination Foundation

Commenced: Apr 2024 **Investment:** US\$0.5 million
Duration: 2 years **Countries:** Australia, Canada, Colombia, Indonesia

Ensuring finance flows to Indigenous Peoples and local communities – those best placed to lead the protection, regeneration and stewardship of nature – by aligning goals and aspirations to funders and exploring nature credit market opportunities.

Progress to date

This small project aims to support four organizations led by Indigenous Peoples and local communities to participate alongside several enabling organizations to align and explore nature markets and create a pipeline of nature market projects led by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.



Learn more
www.mylearningpathway.org/en/about

Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning Programme led by UN Women

Commenced: June 2018 **Investment:** US\$28 million
Duration: 6.5 years **Countries:** Australia, Cameroon, Chile, India, Jordan, Mexico

Providing marginalized women access to quality learning, entrepreneurship and employment outcomes through second-chance education and vocational learning.

Progress to date

UN Women established more than 90 learning hubs, enrolling more than 77,000 women across six countries. To date, 72 per cent women who enrolled have graduated and of these, 36,373 women (65 per cent) now earn an income due to their participation. An outcomes-based funding mechanism is being developed in Mexico to support the sustainability of the project using local philanthropy and government funding.



Learn more
www.brookings.edu/centers/center-for-universal-education

Millions Learning: evidence and innovation to scale impact led by Brookings Institution's Center for Universal Education

Commenced: June 2018 **Investment:** US\$8.4 million
Duration: 5.5 years **Countries:** Brazil, India, Jordan, Zambia

Publishing research that ensures decision makers have more actionable evidence and practice guidance on how to scale effective education practices, are better equipped to identify and understand innovative practices that have the potential to transform education progress, and use data effectively to improve learning outcomes.

Progress to date

The project conducted extensive research with local partners in five countries, providing practical recommendations for scaling programs in different contexts. It collaborated with governments in three countries to develop and pilot a tool for costing interventions for children and youth. Additionally, it has launched digital tools for real-time data collection for policymakers and other stakeholders. The project also co-created and shared resources with 49 organizations in 12 countries, based on surveys from nearly 25,000 parents and over 6,000 teachers.



Learn more
www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk

Building a global evidence ecosystem for teaching led by the Education Endowment Foundation

Commenced: June 2018 **Investment:** US\$14.3million
Duration: 7 years **Countries:** Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Jordan, South Africa, Spain

Putting robust and reliable evidence into the hands of school leaders, teachers, and education policymakers by generating new and rigorous evidence, making that evidence accessible, relevant and actionable, and building a global network of evidence brokers to collaborate and share best practice.

Progress to date

This project takes the success of Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)'s evidence ecosystem from the English school system to other systems around the world. It has developed and implemented 12 high quality trials across five partnerships in eight countries to grow a knowledge base about what works to improve learning outcomes for children and young people. Additionally, EEF developed and launched a global network of education evidence-generating organizations, called the Education for Evidence Network, to share knowledge, experience, and tools across countries.



Learn more
www.r4d.org/projects/governance-action-hub

The Governance Action Hub led by Results for Development

Commenced: May 2023 **Commitment:** US\$6 million
Duration: 5 years **Countries:** Colombia, Peru, Philippines

Explores and promotes country-led models of coalitions for governance action and reforms to enhance accountability, reduce corruption, and improve social development outcomes.

Progress to date

The Governance Action Hub is facilitating local action around common goals and challenges for implementation of multi-stakeholder regional development plans in Peru and pathways for a just energy transition in Colombia. Globally, the Action Hub is building a global community between local and global level actors on democracy innovation and enhancing research and action on state capture.



Learn more
www.commddev.org/work/digital-inclusion

From Disclosure to Development led by International Finance Corporation

Commenced: Mar 2020 **Investment:** US\$5 million*
Duration: 4 years **Countries:** Colombia, Ghana, Guinea, Mongolia, Peru, Sierra Leone

Making natural resource data accessible and useful to citizens to drive more informed public debate, accountability and decision making.

Progress to date

Disclosure to Development has helped to improve transparency, accountability and trust in the mining sector through the innovative use of open data. It has engaged 150 organizations and 1,600 participants, certified 59 infomediaries in data analytics and social media and trained 70 young entrepreneurs in data and business skills.

* Phase one of this project ran from 2017 to 2020 with an initial US\$2.5 million investment.



Learn more
www.eiti.org/opening-extractives

Opening Extractives led by Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative & Open Ownership

Commenced: Jan 2021 **Investment:** US\$7.3 million
Duration: 5 years **Countries:** Argentina, Armenia, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Mongolia, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Zambia

Supporting partner countries to implement reforms and use of beneficial ownership data for effective governance in the extractive sector.

Progress to date

The program has enabled governments and industry to implement beneficial ownership transparency across 11 countries, through offering technical support and evidence-based advocacy. Access to quality beneficial ownership data strengthens accountability by improving governance of energy and mining revenues, supporting business and curtailing corruption and illicit financial flows.



Learn more
www.open-contracting.org

Promoting social inclusion and environmental sustainability in resource-rich countries led by Open Contracting Partnership

Commenced: Feb 2023 **Investment:** US\$5.1 million*
Duration: 4 years **Countries:** Global

To provide better public goods, works, and services to citizens in resource-rich countries through procurement reforms that enable fair, inclusive and climate-sensitive public contracting.

Progress to date

Open Contracting Partnership is improving data availability and quality, strengthening government capacity and increasing civil society engagement in resource-rich countries. Examples include: together with CivicDataLab, 6.5 million people are benefiting from improved flood-related spending in Assam, India, as a result of a new data tool developed with CivicDataLab. In Argentina, an inclusive infrastructure project with Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia has directly benefited 69,700 residents. And in Ekiti, Nigeria, women-led businesses registration in the official state public procurement system has increased by 43 per cent to a total of 158 businesses, winning a total of 47 contracts.

* Phase one of this project ran from 2018 to 2022 with an initial US\$7.9 million investment.