

The protecting and tending to the communities is the first priority on the arrangements to close the second gate of the Ituango Hydroelectric Project

- **EPM moved work crews to the area to provide timely and accurate information to the community**
- **It continues to make progress addressing issues such as health, education and housing, among other issues**
- **In the past few days, 32,232 fish were rescued and returned to the river**

In technical aspects, especially in the social and environmental sphere, EPM has advanced in its arrangements to close gate No. 1 of the Ituango Hydroelectric Project.

In performing these activities prior to closing this other gate in a safe and controlled manner, as happened with the previous one last January 16, and in accordance with the premise of protecting the communities and the environment of nearby



townships, over the last few days, meetings have been held with the settlements to inform them of the situation, to listen to them, and also to let them know what the company is doing in terms of health, education, housing, economic support and aid to local merchants.

In Puerto Valdivia, the nearest settlement to the worksite, a meeting was held Sunday attended by more than 800 people to tell them about the project milestones met and talk to them about the company's achievements since May 2018, when the contingency occurred, to date. On this occasion, a balance was presented of the support and activities carried out to mitigate the risk and ensure the well-being of the people.

The company emphasized that foremost is to safeguard the communities' lives followed by protection of the environment and recovery of the project in its technical aspects.