



Newsletter



These women, members of the Aussaprub committee (10 villages), vigorously opposed the municipality's takeover of their water system. Zaida Quiroz, left, is now a municipal councilor in Supe.

Gender equality in remote rural Peru

In the early 2000s, very few women dared to run for decision-making positions in their communities. Men found all sorts of reasons to prevent them from doing so. They said, "They don't want to, they don't have time, they're not capable!"

At Wings of Hope, encouraging the active participation and empowerment of women as agents of change and sustainability is a priority. Our Peruvian team began by requiring that at least one woman be part of each committee, then two. The team was aware that it was forcing the issue to facili-

tate women's entry into the water committees. As the presence of women proved to be positive, the team now requires that a minimum of 50% of the members of the drinking water committees be women. *Alas de Esperanza Perú* therefore organizes two workshops with the community at the beginning of the project to empower women. In addition, the communities that request our support commit to providing unskilled labor and electing the drinking water committee.

Why this condition? Simply because it is the women who are responsible for fetching water for the household. It is very sad to hear mothers tell us about their daily struggles to obtain a little water and about their children falling ill because of the unsafe water they consume.

The participation of women in the water committee is essential for the success and sustainability of the projects. Recently, a Bolivian missionary who has accompanied the indigenous communities of the Ucayali River for several years described how women's participation in the committees has transformed life in the villages.

Over the years, we have realized that this condition is a **powerful argument for promoting gender equality** in remote communities in Peru. Indeed, more and more young women are applying and agreeing to become members of water committees. Following this experience, they agree to go further and enter municipal politics to become *regidoras* (councilors) and eventually mayors.



Emilia Aguirre, left, was the first president of the Victor Raúl water committee and then of Aussaprub. After serving on the Los Arenales committee, Vilma Muñoz at right became a provincial councilor in Barranca



The Huaroccopampa drinking water committee. In the center, Diana Mendoza, president.

Young water warriors

Ten, 15, or 25 years ago, those elected to the drinking water committee were generally mature individuals. However, during our missions in Peru, we are meeting more and more young people in their twenties and early thirties who are committed to the process of providing access to drinking water for their communities. Despite their poverty

and very limited resources, these young people devote a lot of time and energy to this cause. First, they motivate the villagers, then they take steps with the municipality and *Alas de Esperanza Perú*.

These young people willingly accept election as members of the water committee and become true leaders in

their villages, such as Jeyser Curinoquiser, president of the Las Torres de San Borja committee in Moche. Despite being affected by the serious illness of his 22-year-old wife, he continues his commitment with the future of their 3-year-old daughter in mind.



▲ Adrian, Unini Cascada
▼ María, Peñico



◀ Analy, Los-Angeles

▼ Claudia, Santa Domingo



Edith, Ayrabamba ▲

◀ Lurdes, Nuevo Horizonte



▲ Edith, Nuevo Horizonte
Celia, Socos ▶



▲ Cristina, Nueva Esperanza



▲ Jhon Jhair, Nueva Galilea



▲ Gaby, Shahuaya
▼ Saída, Nueva Esperanza



▲ Jeyser Las Torres, Moche



▲ Verónica, Rio Seco



▲ Wilmer, Huancapuquio



▼ Jocelyn, El Porvenir

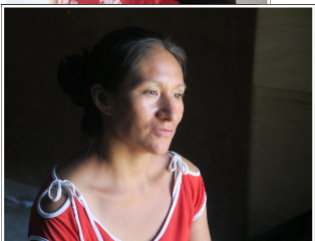


◀ Karina, Las Minas



▲ Juan, Corintoni

Olga, Sunilla ▶



▲ Nelly, Villa Los Ángeles
Mary, Chulit ▶



◀ Mardonia, Ceylan



These young people are our inspiration and motivate us to continue our own commitment to remote communities in Peru, which in 2025 are still suffering the harmful consequences of not having access to clean water.

San Felipeito

To ensure the protection of the initial infrastructure for the San Felipeito project, Dr. Marco Aurelio Pastor and Mrs. Clara Reyes have graciously agreed to allow the well, solar panels, and transition reservoir to be built on their respective properties. From this elevated reservoir, water will be transported by gravity over a distance of 5 km to the entrance of the village of San Felipeito. We would like to express our immense gratitude to them.



2024 - 2025 Annual Report

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, revenues totaled \$3,046,282. In addition to donations from individuals and organizations, \$1,029,519 was deposited into endowment funds, including an exceptional donation of \$800,000 to establish the **Marcelle and Jean Coutu Fund**, donated by the foundation of the same name. Also included are \$10,000 in capital to establish life annuities and \$388,961 in income from endowment funds.

- \$1,102,002 was transferred for projects in Peru.
- Fundraising and administrative costs amounted to 4.35%.

For more details, see the financial report under the **Organization** tab on our website.



Mrs Clara Reyes with André, Verónica, and Elizabeth.



View of the solar panels and the reservoir

Fondation Marcelle and Jean Coutu Fund

Since 2000, the Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation has generously contributed to the financing of drinking water access projects carried out by Wings of Hope. Instead of continuing to make an annual contribution, the Foundation's management has decided to transfer a significant amount of capital to us to establish the **Marcelle and Jean Coutu endowment Fund** within Wings of Hope. We sincerely thank them for this gesture of confidence.

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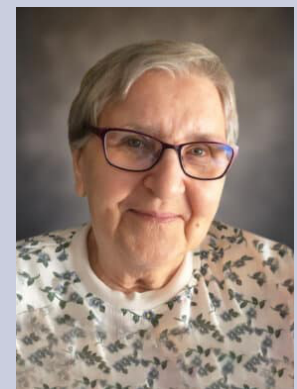
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Make a bequest that reflects your values

The new *Will Power* campaign encourages people to imagine their legacy. Taking stock of your assets or future estate is a good way to guide your decision-making. That's what **Michelle Labelle** of Clarence Creek did when she wrote her will. The exercise enabled her to bequeath 50% of her estate to Wings of Hope.



You care deeply about access to water. Did you know that donating 1% of your estate to Wings of Hope can bring lasting improvements to the living conditions of a remote community in Peru without depriving your family

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Water for all

In Pampas de Santa Rosa, Concepción

In recent years, the small farmers of Pampas de Santa Rosa have seen the neighboring communities of Occenay and Ayrabamba work tirelessly to achieve their goal of access to drinking water with the support of *Alas de Esperanza Perú*. The people of Pampas de Santa Rosa quickly got together to discuss their future water project for their village. They were already aware of the conditions required, namely that the community must provide the labor and

elect a water committee with at least 50% of its members being women.

Their formal request was received in 2024, and in August 2025, we visited them. In the meantime, engineer Nicanor Vidalón had been to Pampas twice to measure the flow of the spring and collect the data needed to develop the project and budget.

The water system will operate by gravity. The spring is 4.5 km from the village and the water distribution

network will extend over 6 km. The community will therefore dig long trenches to install the pipes. A 30m³ reservoir and 57 washbasins will be built. Each family will thus have water close to their home.



The community offered local products to our general manager.

The total value of the project is \$118,179. However, 28% of this amount represents the value of labor provided by the community and some materials from the municipality. The external assistance required is \$85,442.

These small farmers in the Andes already know that people in Canada are willing to support their hard work. We thank you in advance on their behalf.

André Franche



The Pampas drinking water committee.



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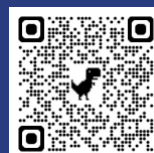
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Luc Franche, president, and engineer Nicanor Vidalón.

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