



Peru Bathroom Project Report

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1. Introduction

The GVN Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization in the United States with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Our mission is to support the work of charitable organizations around the world that assist children and women. In Peru, we work with a partner organization called Huchuy Yachaq.

Huchuy Yachaq is a community center located on the outskirts of the city of Cusco. It serves a community of approximately 250 families who live in an area categorized as being at 'high social risk'. The community suffers from a number of challenges relating to accessibility issues, lack of basic facilities, unstable housing, and social problems such as unemployment, informal employment, alcoholism and violence. The community center started in 2006 with the mission of improving the quality of life of the children and youth living in the community.

Huchuy Yachaq offers a number of services to the community including a community library, a homework club, a women's empowerment project, an outdoor sports area and a kindergarten. The kindergarten is called *Las Hormiguitas*, which means *The Little Ants* and was opened in 2009.

In May 2012, IHSAN donated \$3,180 to the GVN Foundation to assist with building new bathrooms at *Las Hormiguitas*.

2. Report

2.1 Achievements

The grant from IHSAN was used to build new bathrooms at Las Hormiguitas consisting of the following:

Boys bathroom – 1 urinal and 1 toilet

Girls bathroom – 2 toilets

Sinks – 3 sinks for girls and boys

Adults bathroom (for teachers and volunteers) – 1 toilet and 1 sink

The bathrooms are now completed and are being used by the children, teachers and volunteers from the Kindergarten.

By having proper bathrooms and sinks, the teachers are now able to teach the kids about the importance of personal hygiene and they can instill hygienic habits in the kids from a young age.

Thanks to the new bathrooms, the Kindergarten has now been awarded the certificate they needed from the *Defensa Civil* of Peru who are responsible for ensuring that there is adequate infrastructure at educational institutions. With this certificate, the Kindergarten now has an official license with their municipality.

2.2 Example success story

This project provides a great example of involving the local community to create ownership over a project. The parents of the children who attend the Kindergaten and Huchuy Yachaq took part in two '*Faenas Comunales*'.

In the first *Faena Communal*, the parents cleared and prepared the land. In the second *Faena Communal*, the parents dug the trenches for the water and sewerage connections.

Huchuy Yachaq provided refreshments to all the parents half way through the morning and on completion of each *Faena Communal*.

2.3 Number of beneficiaries

The 48 children who attend Las Hormiguitas are the direct beneficiaries.

In addition the children, youth, teachers and volunteers who use the other services of Huchuy Yachaq community center are now using these new bathrooms.

2.4 Challenges faced

At the start of the construction, Huchuy Yachaq arranged for a representative from the *Defensa Civil* to visit them again. This representative made some recommendations relating to the exact location of the bathrooms. As a result of these recommendations, the bathrooms were built in a slightly different location to what was originally planned. It was important to follow the recommendations of the *Defensa Civil* in order to get the certificate they needed.

The project took slightly longer than expected. This was because they also received a grant to build a playground for the kids and were working on this simultaneously.

2.5 Photos



April 2012 –There were some very basic bathroom facilities that were built precariously in 2007 before the kindergaten was built. These bathrooms were built to cater for the users of the community library and were aimed for youth/adults rather than young children. They were built next to the community library in what has now become the kindergaten's yard/patio. The *Defensa Civil* of Peru visited the kindergaten and were concerned with the location of the bathroom building as well as the fact that it was built without supporting columns.



May 2012 – Work starts!



June 2012 – Work in progress! Eliza from GVN Foundation visits to check how everything is going.



August 2012 – The old bathrooms have been removed and the new bathrooms have been built in the corner of the patio. The Kindergaten has now been awarded the certificate they needed from the *Defensa Civil* of Peru. With this certificate, the Kindergaten now has an official license with their municipality.



August 2012 – The bathrooms are complete and in use!



August 2012 - There are now two bathrooms for the girls, one bathroom for the boys including a urinal, one bathroom for the teachers and three sinks outside.

3. Financials

3.1 Financial Summary

IHSAN donated a total of \$3,180 to the GVN Foundation. \$2,891 of this amount was granted to Huchuy Yachq. The remaining \$289 was used to cover GVN Foundation’s operational expenses, including grant monitoring and evaluation.

At the time of exchange, the rate was 2.611. The \$2,891 was therefore converted to 7,548.10 nuevos soles.

Huchuy Yachaq also received additional funding from two volunteers, Emma and Sarah. They also used a small amount of remaining funding they had available in their account.

In total, the project cost 13,162.25 nuevos soles:

IHSAN:	7,548.10 nuevos soles
Emma y Sarah:	4,407.24 nuevos soles
Huchuy Yachaq Funds:	1,206.91 nuevos soles

3.2 Funds Breakdown

Shop/Person	Date Purchased	Receipt Number	Details in Spanish	Approximate translation	Amount (nuevos soles)
plásticos 2000	09-ago	204728	papeleros, jabón	Paper, soap	68.00
Marlene Quispe	04-ago	357	pago a Ingeniero por supervisión	Payment to engineer for supervision	800.00
Alejandro apaza	04-ago	354	confección y colocación de 4 puertas de madera	Preparation and placement of 4 wooden doors	600.00
Kevin Delgado	03-ago	349	ampliación patio del jardín	Expansion of kindergarten patio	265.00
Teófilo Ccupa	31-jul	341	mano de obra	Labor	2,250.00
La solución	30-jul	952920	codos, tapa, tirafones	Supplies	21.50
La solución	25-jul	4479	juego de trampa de lavatorio, tee galvanizado	Supplies	26.50
Roka	25-jul	451	inodoros baby, accesorios	1 small toilet and accessories	605.00
Ferusa	21-jul	1-101974	esmalte, thinner, lijara, brocha	Paint, thinner, paintbrush, sandpaper	385.50
Vicente Alvares	19-jul	334	mano de obra	Labor	70.00
Santos Incaroca	16-jul	329	Mano de obra	Labor	1,250.00
Ferusa	14-jul	1-101794	imprimante, pasta mural	Primer	246.00
Mercantil Cusco	14-jul	2-86110	mayólicas	Tiles	13.10
Marleny Cutipa	14-jul	dj	listones, madera y transporte	Wood and transport	78.00
panchin	11-jul	5788	lijar	Sandpaper	16.00
Mercantil Cusco	23-jun	2-85350	cerámicos	Tiles	1,413.45
La solucion	22-jul	4469	pintura, brocha	Paint, paintbrush	92.00
carlitos	22-jun	1610	arena cunya	'Cunya' sand	152.50
Tecovet	18-jun	1042800	clavo, plancha, calamina,	Nails, planks and calamines	161.50
Ferretería Pardo	18-jun	1 9678	planchas fibra transparente	Transparent fiber sheets	126.00
KS Distribuciones	12-jun	202 16583	cemento	Cement	798.00

Florentino Sanches	12-jun	313	traslado de 35 bolsas de cemento	Transport	80.00
La solución	11-jun	1 4284	cinta teflón, codo, Tee	Teflon tape and supplies	42.50
Marleny Cutipa	06-jun	311	20 bolsas de cemento y transporte	20 bags of cement and transport	526.00
La solución	05-jun	9462	caja desagüe , tapa	Drain and lid	24.00
Rocio Quispe	22-may	1 854	bloquetas, arena, confitillo	Blocks and sand	1,001.00
La solución	19-may	1 4189	reducción, grapas, clavo	Staples and nails	39.50
valcosa	17-abr	245956	tubos, válvula, pegamento, adex, reducción, uniones	Pipe, valve and glue	407.20
la solución	17-abr	9365	cajas de desagüe	Drains	40.00
Rocío Quispe	17-abr	1 845	piedra, hormigón	Stone and concrete	1,150.00
Roka	22-feb	1 309	inodoro 1 grande, 1 baby, accesorios	1 large toilet, 1 small toilet and accessories	414.00
Total (nuevos soles)					13,162.25

4. Looking Ahead

The bathrooms and sinks at Las Hormiguitas provide the perfect opportunity to teach the kids from the community about the importance of hygiene from a young age. However, in order for the kids to maintain good hygiene standards, it is also important that they have access to running water, bathrooms and sinks at home.

The Director of Huchuy Yachaq is very keen to assist families in the communities by building bathrooms in their homes. The community has water and sewage connections but these haven't been linked to many of the homes due to a lack of resources. This would cost approximately \$853 per home.

A huge thank you to IHSAN for your support! If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.