



News & Updates – 02.2007

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Excellent news and a very encouraging assessment in Huancavelica !

The excellent news concerns the positive answer which we lately received from the French administration which recognizes Solidaile association as an **organization of general interest** and authorizes it to deliver tax receipts to its sponsors.

This decision is effective starting on August 28, 2006, date of our subscription request. In France, that implies a tax deduction of 66% of the amount donated to Solidaile for any individual sponsor and of 60% for the companies. Solidaile will address very soon the tax receipts to its sponsors.

After 3 months spent in Huancavelica (Peru), the first results of our collaboration with the local association "**Purisunchik Kuska Llapayanchik Warmakuna**" (or "**Pukullawa**") is more than encouraging. The program was very rich with the launch of several actions of different nature.

The registration of the association "Pukullawa":

The registration of the association "Pukullawa" at the Peruvian administration was carried out successfully. From now on, it can enable it to call upon other assistances, local, regional or national, other than Solidaile (ONG...). That registration also made it possible to open a bank account for the association "Pukullawa".

The breeding :

A special dwelling was built to raise guinea-pigs which are a profit-making project in Huancavelica. It remains to make it safer and to optimize its installation. During the dry season, this same dwelling will be used for the chicken breeding.

A study was undertaken to found out if it was possible to invest in the alpaca unfortunately the offer was not interesting enough. If a new offer concerning the alpaca seems to be more profitable, we could start the breeding.

Cases of poisoning trout farms recorded in the area, makes it too risky for the moment to undertake one.

Agriculture:

A readjustment of the existing hilly ground was carried out, with the participation of the adults and the teenagers, with the lay out of 3 plots of land.

The priority is to cultivate these grounds with seeds for the breeding of guinea-pigs. The other plots can be used as vegetable garden. When all of this ground is sown, it will be possible to start looking for a second land to rent.

The craft industry:

The craft industry presents real interest as far as the cultural, social and economic level is concerned, this is the reason why a group of craftsmen was gathered amongst the people implied in the project of the association "Pukullawa" which will allow:

- to create jobs in this field and to generate incomes
- to train other adults (parents of the children of the association) and teenagers and thus to allow them to work
- to support the association "Pukullawa" by transferring a certain percentage of its benefit to it.

Various actions were carried out to develop and promote the craft industry:

- application at the CIAP (www.ciap.org) in order to export products in the world and also to sell them in Lima. The official application took place on February 16, 2007 in Lima where 3 of the craftsmen of "Pukullawa" presented their products. A member of the direction of the CIAP had already visited Huancavelica to meet with the association "Pukullawa".
- a show-case in the offices of the association allowing the tourists to discover the craft industry of Huancavelica and even buy certain products.
- exhibit of the craft industry products at the hotel "Presidente". The director of the hotel accepted that the products are exposed in the hotel and are sold.

Tourism:

Concerning tourism, Huancavelica presents real assets but still remains the poor child of Peru.

A tour proposal of the region was elaborated with the implication of "Pukullawa". It was submitted to the Pachamama agency (www.pachamama.ciap.org/sommaire.php?lang=en) which was very interested by the idea and asked me to present it at a meeting in Arequipa February the 2 and 3, 2007. We only have to wait and see whether the Pachamama agency goes further and decides to include this tour in its catalogue.

While waiting for a reply, adults and teenagers work together in order to create a catalogue of the different activities that can be proposed in Huancavelica :

- on the cultural or historical level
- pedestrian excursions
- visits of museum - visits of craftsmen
- presentation of the project of "Pukullawak".

They devote also a part of their time in learning English and French.

During the period of November 26, 2006 to February 15, 2007, many tourists visited the association. This gave the opportunity to Pukullawa to present its project, to prepare a welcoming show for the tourists with dances, songs and games, to present its craft industry and to sell many products. Some teenagers even accompanied the tourists during some excursions.

A group of French people came in Huancavelica to project films for children, teenagers and adults during a week. They decided to produce a documentary on the project and therefore filmed most of the important moments with the association.

The exchange with the college Saint Joseph:

The students of the college Saint Joseph engaged in a lengthy correspondence with the teenagers of Huancavelica. Many emails were sent from Huancavelica to speak about the everyday life of the teenagers, of their culture, the life of the project...

This activity went very well with a good participation and motivation of the teenagers.

The college Saint Joseph decided to give us the benefits of an action which will be organized at the beginning of April. Solidaire will soon have to present to the students of the college Saint Joseph the actions which were carried out until now and to explain the interest to support this specific project in Huancavelica.

The installation and the equipment of the offices of the association :

An important work was completed to arrange the home side of the association "Pukullawa" and to make it safer. The electric installation was completely remade. Three rooms were coated and painted to make them more convivial, and in two rooms false ceilings were installed for better isolation.

A solid staircase was bought to reach the first floor. Three iron doors replaced the old ones in order to secure the whole equipment in the rooms and material necessary for the good functioning of the association.

Regarding the equipment, 2 large tables, 10 chairs and 2 blackboards were bought for the classes and activities of the children and teenagers.

Two methods for learning foreign languages (English and French) with dictionaries, books on the alpacas, general dictionary, a chessboard, legos, monopoly, sound equipment (to study the languages with CD and for the other activities like dances, singing, ...) and a computer were bought for the educational activities.

The association "Pukullawa" requested a financial support for a library (furniture, books, educational games, musical instruments...) for 1600 soles (equivalent of 400 euros) to a European bank by the intermediary of a Frenchwoman working in Huancavelica. The file was accepted and the purchase of the material should begin in the end of February.

Sponsorship of children:

The sponsorship of children started last December. We visited each family in order to explain them what sponsorship consists in. We spent time with them to know a little more of their life conditions and we took photographs of the children to sponsor.

On February 15, 4 people in France sponsored a group of children. This amount allowed the association "Pukullawak" to organize distributions of hot chocolate and cakes for the children and teenagers, approximately a hundred.

Another part of the funds of sponsorship is used for education and health. The persons in charge of the association "Pukullawa" meet each month to decide the allocation of the funds of sponsorship.

Volunteering:

A project of volunteering is being studied and could start in 2007. Required work would be mainly aimed at teaching foreign languages (English, French), mathematics, remedial courses and a participation in games, sports and cultural activities.

A hotel and families were found for the accommodation of the volunteers but still requires some work of equipment. Volunteering could be proposed either via "Mosoq Ayllu" (www.mosoq-ayllu.org.pe) which would add Huancavelica to its program or via the Solidaile Internet site.

Activities of the association "Pukullawa":

The project of the association "Pukullawa" also organizes for the children and teenagers the following activities:

- extra teaching in certain courses
- dancing
- drawing
- music courses
- sports
- games

Prospects:

In the next months, the association "Pukullawa" will be able to call upon other local, regional, national organizations or ONG in order to have more support.

In the next months, "Pukullawa" will also have to work hard in seeking and studying new micro projects enabling it to build gradually its autonomy.

It will be able to present them to Solidaile which will examine them before possibly financing them. One of the priorities of "Pukullawa" will be to know how it intends to manage the incomes of its activities and its projects. It will have to develop a strategic plan to 1 and 3 years that it will submit to Solidaile.

This first step was a real success at many levels, beyond what we could imagine. Nevertheless, the next step which starts for "Pukullawa" is a very important one. It will require much more work with a thorough search for new micro projects and the installation of a rigorous management for the project to give it the maximum of chance to succeed.

While waiting to find you for next the newsletter, all the Solidaile team thanks you for your support and the interest which you carry to the whole of its actions.

In Solidarity,

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