

## Report March 2021

**Project:** Secure food safety for 100 families amidst drought

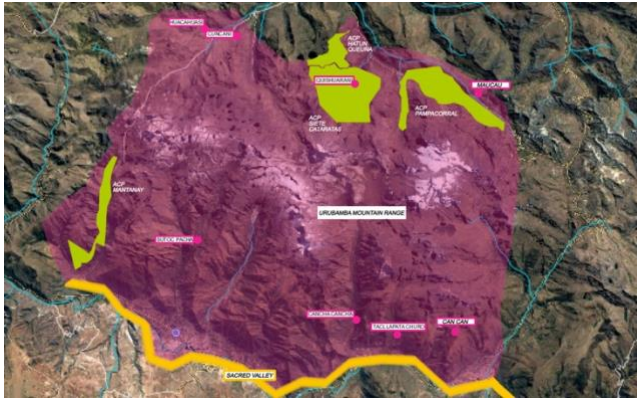


### Summary:

Besides COVID-19 shutting down alternative income from tourism, Andean llama farmers faced the worse drought since 2002. During 2020 they survived with their crop reserves from the previous year but the lack of rain and freezings at the end the year ruined an important part of their crop production for next year. Your donation helped provide sturdy baskets of non perishable food products to 100 families that work to protect our fragile mountain ecosystems and water resources, helping them get through the next challenging months. Thank you!

### Activity:

Deliver food baskets to 100 families from 8 different high-Andean communities of the Urubamba Mountain Range.



### Delivery:

Mission accomplished! Before the delivery date each Guild of Llama Breeders had been contacted through the community radio so they could get in touch with the Llama Pack team to coordinate the delivery of the food baskets. This communication system is used due to the lack of phone signal in the communities.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March the Llama Pack team left early in the morning with a truck fully loaded with over 4800 kg. (10,500 pounds) of food. Members of the Guild of Llama Breeders would be waiting at the different designated meeting points.



The first stop was at the entrance of three neighboring communities Cancha Cancha, Tacllapata and Can Can where 17 Guild members showed up to pick up the food supplies for their families. The next stop was the Maucau community where food supplies were delivered to 5 Guild members. Then we visited one by one the communities of Quishuarani, Cuncani and Huacahuasi where a total of 59 Guild members received their food supplies. The next day food supplies were delivered to 5 Guild members of Sutoc-Paccha community and the remaining 15 families which had not been able to be present during the delivery dates, approached the Llama Pack Base Camp to pick up their supplies.





### Direct Impact:

By helping us provide nonperishable food supplements you have helped families get through the upcoming months as they will not have access to food from their crops. Helping families through these times will prevent them from getting ill and will help them stay healthy enough to work on their land for the next farming season. On average Andean families are composed by 4.5 members, so the food supplies have helped secure food safety for 450 people. Each food basket has enough food supplements to help a family get through 2 months' worth of meals.



### Long-Term Impact:

Helping llama farmers stay healthy through these critical times will help them survive the crisis so that they can continue working to protect our fragile mountain ecosystems and invaluable water resources. The Llama Pack Project works in partnership with high-Andean llama farmers to provide tools and skills for them to provide an organized and sustainable, eco-friendly pack service with their llamas and responsibly manage their natural resources while protecting their land.



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Additionally to helping families secure food safety, the fact that Llama farmers receive this support as a sign of gratitude to the work that they do preserving our mountain ecosystems helps strengthen their sense of self-worth in a community that has systematically marginalized Llama farmers. Families were extremely grateful and appreciative of this important support.



### **Thank you!**

Thanks to all our donors, we continue to work on our long-term goals to improve the livelihood of high-Andean families and protect our fragile mountain ecosystems by promoting the use of llamas as a sustainable, eco-friendly pack alternative. This work allows the Llama Pack Project to stay connected with our Llama farmer partners despite the current challenges presented by the global pandemic.

We will continue to update our progress on our social media and newsletter. If you have not yet registered, please make sure to sign up for our newsletter to receive news on the Llama Pack Project here:

<https://mailchi.mp/c09d3cf9c0e0/llamapackproject>

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