



### **Report #3 October 2022**

**Project:** Help llama farmers access water to improve pasture

**Activity:** Implementation of water collection systems to irrigate grasslands during dry season to improve llama nutrition.

**Progress:** Water irrigation system was installed at the second beneficiary community Quishuarani benefitting 28 families and 560 llamas that provide work opportunities through packing services that will help improve the quality of life of 126 people.

### **Coordination meetings:**

After the first meeting in which Guild members had agreed on the following steps:

- ✓ Identify a strategic water source.
- ✓ Reconfirm community approval of project.
- ✓ Calculate the amount of hose required.
- ✓ Choose which families would be the first to benefit from the water tank.

Quishuarani guild learned that their neighbor community Huacahuasi had evaluated and chosen to implement their irrigation system with hoses instead of a water tank to irrigate a larger area and benefit more families so they evaluated their own situation and chose the same system. Once permission was granted by the rest of the community, measurement of the hose path was taken and the date for installation was set.

### **Delivery and installation:**

All water irrigation system materials were delivered on August 3rd. Materials included 19,000 feet of irrigation hose and connectors. Guild members were extremely grateful and after a brief ceremony of gratitude hoses were distributed to the project beneficiaries.

Each path will collect water from a source that has running water all year round and will allow to irrigate the family parcels that have no water during dry season. This will allow for natural pasture to grow year-round and help llamas be stronger and healthier during dry season and possible droughts. These llamas provide work opportunities to the high-Andean families through packing services for the tourism industry. Income generated using these llamas will help improve the quality of life of 126 people. A visit will be coordinated in a couple of months to follow up on pasture growth.



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**Delivery pictures:**





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## **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. The implementation of systems that facilitate access to water allow the Llama Pack Project and llama farmers to overcome the challenges presented by Climate Change effects in mountain ecosystems.

We will continue to update our progress on our next report. 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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