

PROJECT: “La Dama del Abujao – A Safe and Dignified Home for Mrs Lucy and Arnulfo”

Alkamari Social Conservation Civil Association

About the Organization Who We Are Alkamari Social Conservation is a Peruvian non-profit organization dedicated to socio-environmental conservation, indigenous community empowerment, and the promotion of human rights in the Amazon. We work directly with native communities, rural families, and local organizations to implement ecological restoration, environmental education, reforestation with native species, sustainable development, and humanitarian assistance.

Our Mission

To promote resilient, safe, inclusive, and sustainable Amazonian communities, respecting cultural identity, natural surroundings, and the right to live with dignity.

Our Work Areas

Ecological restoration and forest nurseries - Community empowerment and local governance - Human rights, gender equality, and inclusion - Conservation projects and sustainable economy initiatives - Direct humanitarian support to vulnerable families

For over 10 years, Alkamari has collaborated with communities in Ucayali and other Amazon regions, implementing environmental and social projects in partnership with indigenous leaders, peasant families, grassroots associations, and local volunteers.

Project Context Full Narrative: “La Dama del Abujao – A Safe and Dignified Home for Mrs Lucy and Arnulfo”

How We Met **Lucy and Arnulfo** About ten years ago, during a situational assessment in the Abujao River basin, we first met Arnulfo. He lived peacefully on his land, working his crops and taking care of his space with dedication. When asked who he lived with, he said naturally, “with my wife.” At that time, we didn’t know who “Mrs. Lucy” was.

As we spent time with them, we discovered that Lucy was a transgender woman. What impressed us most was the respect and care Arnulfo showed her: every night, before sleeping, he would accompany her to the river so she could bathe safely. Their relationship was a model of love, dignity, and mutual support.

Lucy and Arnulfo had built a stable home over more than thirty years. They were generous, kind, and deeply hospitable: offering us lodging, meals, and trust, despite having limited resources. Their life was grounded in effort, respect, and solidarity.

Over the years, we visited them regularly. During our most recent visit, they were no longer on their land. Neighboring families explained that they had been forced to leave. We searched across the area until we found them living in a small wooden floating house, under very difficult conditions.

What Happened In recent years

The Abujao basin has seen an increase in illegal activities: narcotics trafficking, illicit crops, illegal logging, and mining. These newcomers brought violence and strong homophobia.

Lucy and Arnulfo, despite being well, respected by the local population; suffered: Threats and intimidation, Verbal and physical aggression, Gender, based discrimination

They were forced to abandon everything they had built for decades: Home, Animals, Crops, Tools, Community respect

Upon witnessing their vulnerable situation, we realized it was our duty to act. Although we do not yet have full funding, this project represents the initial phase of Alkamari's direct support. Their story deserves dignity, protection, and visibility.

Problem Statement

- Forced displacement due to gender identity discrimination
- Violence and threats from illegal actors in the area
- Complete loss of housing, crops, livestock, and livelihoods
- Social invisibility, increasing the risk of exclusion and aggression
- Absence of sufficient state or community support

Lucy and Arnulfo represent the vulnerability of transgender couples in rural Amazonian areas, where rights protection is extremely limited.

General Objective

To provide Lucy and Arnulfo with a safe, dignified, and stable home, rebuild their livelihoods, and raise awareness about the challenges faced by transgender couples in the Amazon to promote respect and inclusion.

Specific Objectives

- Secure a safe plot of land for housing and farming
- Provide materials to build a safe and stable home
- Restore agricultural and livestock activities
- Offer temporary food and logistical support
- Increase public visibility of rural transgender couples' challenges

Project Activities

-Secure Land Access

- Rent or purchase an initial plot of land for living and farming
- Assess areas free from illegal and violent activity

-Housing Construction

- Purchase wood, roofing, and basic construction tools
- Local labor to build a safe, durable home
- Spaces for kitchen, rest, and food storage

-Recovery of Livelihoods

- Delivery of seeds (corn, cassava, banana)
- Farming tools
- Small livestock to restart family economy

-Initial Humanitarian Support

- Basic food for the first three months
- River transport and logistical assistance

-Awareness and Social Visibility

- Testimonials and audiovisual materials (with consent)
- Participation in local community activities to promote inclusion

-Expected Results Short Term

- Lucy and Arnulfo relocated to a safe place
- Housing under construction
- Immediate food and logistical support provided

Medium Term

- Livelihood activities reactivated
- Sustainable income generation
- Strengthened community integration

Conclusion

Lucy and Arnulfo's story is one of love, resilience, and dignity, yet it exposes the extreme vulnerability of transgender people in rural Amazonia. Alkamari Social Conservation launches this project as a firm and humane intervention, aiming to



reconstruct their home, safeguard their lives, and ensure they are respected and visible in their communities.