

AGAPE HAND AND REFOREST TREES

PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

Community Horticulture for Food Security in Peru

Proposed Funding Goal: US\$50,000

Primary Theme: Food Security | Secondary Theme: Sustainable Agriculture

Implementation focus: Rural communities in Peru, including Chanchamayo, Junín



1. Project Overview

Community Horticulture for Food Security in Peru is an initiative of AGAPE HAND AND REFOREST TREES designed to strengthen local food production in rural communities through practical horticulture training, seeds, gardening supplies, productive resources, and technical support. The project will work with families, schools, and community groups to build practical capacity to establish, maintain, and improve productive gardens.

The project is designed as a food-security intervention: horticulture is the means through which communities can strengthen their capacity to grow diverse foods locally, improve household food availability, and build greater self-reliance and resilience.

Project Goal

Strengthen the capacity of rural families, schools, and community groups in Peru to produce nutritious food locally through practical horticulture knowledge and access to essential productive resources.

Target Participants

Participating families, schools, and community groups in selected rural communities. Final participant numbers will be established through implementation planning and community-level records rather than estimated solely for fundraising purposes.

2. Problem Statement

Rural communities in Peru can face limited access to productive land, seeds, gardening supplies, and practical horticulture training. These barriers can reduce households' ability to grow diverse foods locally and increase dependence on purchased food. In remote communities, limited technical support and geographic isolation can make it difficult for families and schools to establish and maintain productive gardens.

Why This Matters

Food security is strengthened when households and communities have practical capacity to produce and access diverse foods. Addressing both knowledge and resource constraints can make horticulture activities more feasible and sustainable than providing inputs without skills or technical support.

3. Project Approach and Activities

#	Activity	Purpose
1	Practical horticulture training	Deliver practical sessions on establishing, maintaining, and improving productive gardens using locally appropriate practices.
2	Seeds and gardening inputs	Provide seeds and essential gardening materials needed to initiate or strengthen community, family, and school horticulture activities.
3	Productive tools and resources	Support access to basic tools and productive resources that enable participants to apply the skills developed through training.
4	Technical support	Provide field-based guidance to help participants address practical challenges and improve garden management.
5	Community and school participation	Work with local families, schools, and community groups to encourage shared learning, participation, and continuity of horticulture activities.
6	Monitoring and learning	Track implementation, participation, activities completed, and emerging results to inform project learning and reporting.

4. Expected Outputs and Outcomes

Level	Expected result	Illustrative monitoring evidence
Outputs	Horticulture training sessions and practical support delivered.	Training records, attendance, activity logs, photos and field notes.
Outputs	Seeds, gardening supplies and productive resources provided to participating groups.	Distribution records and procurement documentation.
Outcome	Participants demonstrate stronger practical capacity to establish and maintain productive gardens.	Training follow-up, field observations and participant records.
Outcome	Participating households, schools and community groups increase their capacity for local food production.	Garden/activity records and periodic implementation reviews.
Longer-term outcome	Stronger local food production contributes to household food availability, self-reliance and community resilience.	Periodic outcome reviews and documented community-level learning.

5. Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

Over time, stronger horticulture skills and continued access to productive resources can help families and communities maintain local food production beyond the project period. Greater capacity to grow diverse foods can strengthen household food availability, self-reliance, and resilience. Knowledge can also be shared among families, schools, and community members, extending the benefits of sustainable horticulture across rural communities in Peru.

The project therefore prioritizes capacity building rather than a one-time distribution model. By combining training with practical resources and technical support, participants are better positioned to continue applying the knowledge after individual project activities conclude.

6. Implementation and Geographic Focus

AGAPE HAND AND REFOREST TREES will coordinate implementation with participating communities and local partners where appropriate. The project's current operational focus includes Chanchamayo, Junín, while the broader project framing addresses rural communities in Peru. Specific participating communities and implementation schedules will be documented through project records.

Implementation Principles

- Community participation and locally appropriate practices.
- Practical training linked to access to essential productive resources.
- Transparent documentation of project activities and resource distribution.
- Learning and adaptation based on implementation evidence.
- Respectful, non-discriminatory participation of community members.

7. Proposed Project Budget — US\$50,000

The following budget framework is aligned with the activities described in this document and the project's US\$50,000 fundraising goal. Final procurement quantities and unit costs should be confirmed through the organization's operational planning and procurement records before expenditure.

Budget category	Amount (US\$)
Practical horticulture training and workshops	\$10,000
Seeds and gardening inputs	\$12,000
Gardening tools and productive resources	\$9,000
Technical assistance and field support	\$7,500
Community and school garden establishment support	\$5,000
Monitoring, learning and outcome documentation	\$2,500
Field transport and implementation logistics	\$3,000
Project documentation and donor reporting	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$50,000

8. How Donor Funding Supports the Project

Donor funding will support the practical inputs and implementation capacity required to move from horticulture training to actual local food-production activities. Contributions can help make seeds, gardening materials, tools, technical guidance, field support, and monitoring available to participating communities.

The project will communicate progress through documented activities, photographs where appropriate, participation records, implementation updates, and outcome information. The organization will use project records to report what was delivered and what was learned, rather than relying only on general statements of impact.

9. Organizational Context

AGAPE HAND AND REFOREST TREES is implementing community-focused programs in Peru addressing food security, community resilience, environmental sustainability, and related social needs. This horticulture project forms part of the organization's broader food-security approach by strengthening the capacity of communities to produce food locally.

Project website: <https://agapehands.org/empowering-community-horticulture/>

10. Project Consistency Statement

This document is designed to remain consistent with the project information presented on GlobalGiving: Community Horticulture for Food Security in Peru; Primary Theme: Food Security; Secondary Theme: Sustainable Agriculture; Funding Goal: US\$50,000. It does not introduce unsupported beneficiary totals or clinical claims.