

Annual Report 2022



Summary of topics in this Annual Report

Second irrigation project for 60 smallholders almost complete.

Following the successful implementation of our first irrigation project in 2021, the second project stalled somewhat because of the crisis in Ukraine in 2022 (supply bottlenecks and price increases in the costs of materials).

However, we are confident that we will be able to be complete the irrigation project during 2023.

Building a house for a family living in a humble tin shack.

The family we have supported consists of two grandparents and their two grandchildren, who were living in a very small tin shack. One of the children is mentally handicapped. We had a new house built for them because the old tin shack was no longer fit for human habitation.

Support for a taxi driver who had had a leg amputated.

On a journey by tuk-tuk taxi, we discovered that our driver had had a leg amputated. He was feeding his family of five on a very low income. We supported him by paying

for the repair costs on his tuk-tuk. He would not have been able to afford the repairs from his own funds.

Young hearing-impaired man needs hearing aids.

A young man, who works in a car workshop, is seen as mentally impaired by many customers. Because of damage to his hearing, he cannot hear their questions clearly and, as a result, cannot answer accurately.

Our Foundation will buy aids for him to improve his hearing and prevent him being socially excluded.

Our second irrigation project for 60 smallholders is almost complete.

The first irrigation project has already produced excellent results!

As reported in our Annual Report for 2021 (see the “Projects” section on our website), a Swiss donor made a large contribution which enabled us to implement our initial irrigation project for a village of smallholders in 2021. Since then, 40 farming families have benefited from a system that irrigates their agricultural plots throughout the year. The total cost of the first project amounted to approximately USD 14,000.

The same donor stated his willingness to fully fund a second irrigation project for 2022, which would benefit an additional 60 smallholders.

In retrospect, the total sum of USD 18,000 that we had originally budgeted for the second project proved to be too low. The reason for this was the outbreak of the crisis in Ukraine crisis in February 2022, which caused the costs of building materials to rise by up to 40% in Peru - mainly due to the bottlenecks for procuring the necessary materials for our irrigation project.

For this second irrigation project, we had budgeted for eight kilometres of tubing and water pipes and hundreds of sacks of cement (to build the water reservoirs) and also 180 irrigation sprinklers. As a result of the increase in material costs detailed above, we established later that the original budget and the sum financed by the donor of a maximum of USD 18,000 was too low. Consequently, it was possible to complete only 60 per cent of the second irrigation project by the end of our financial year on 31 December 2022.

This means that only 36 of a total of 60 smallholders are currently connected to the irrigation system. Without additional financing, we would not have been able to fully meet our goal.

In January 2023, our donor made a further contribution of USD 10,000 to secure the financing of the second irrigation project. As a result, we can complete the irrigation system for all sixty agricultural plots during 2023.

At this point, we would like to extend our very grateful thanks to this donor, who has supported us so actively and generously over the past three years.



Forty-five rolls of water pipes, each 100 metres long, waiting to be transported.



Some of the material is shown on the photograph. Twenty-nine rolls of hose, each 100 metres long are still to arrive.



The water pipes were buried underground to protect them from damage.



The pipes also had to be buried in impassable terrain to take the shortest route.



A sprinkler system irrigates various citrus trees.



A happy farmer next to one of his five sprinkler systems on his plot.

Building a house for a family of four living in a humble tin shack.

A house fit for human habitation at last!

My colleague Faustino and I went on a hike to visit a remote village settlement. While we were taking a rest, we encountered an eleven-year-old boy who was looking after his sheep on his own. We invited him to sit with us and share the food we had brought.

The boy told us that he and his 14-year-old mentally ill sister lived with their grandparents in a tin shack above the village.

We asked him if it would be possible to visit his grandparents and his home to give us an idea of how he lived. He agreed.

On arriving at boy's home, we were received by his somewhat suspicious grandparents. However, after chatting for a while, their anxiety dissipated, and they invited Faustino and me to share the midday meal that they had cooked for them. While speaking with the grandparents, we were able to build a good picture of their current challenging living conditions.

After the meal, the boy's grandparents showed us the tin shack in which all four family members were living. I also saw the fourteen-year-old mentally ill girl there, sitting alone in a corner of the room.

I discovered that the two children have been living with their grandparents for five years because the children's mother is mentally handicapped herself and not able to look after her children. She is currently living in another village. Apparently, the mother was raped several times many years ago which resulted in the two pregnancies. No one knows who the father - or fathers - of the children is/are.

My colleague Faustino and I decided that very day that we would like to support the family by building them a home fit for human habitation.

The two-storey house was built within a year. Many villagers helped us to achieve this result. The villagers expended a lot of time and energy mainly on producing the thousands of mud bricks needed to construct the walls.

In January 2023, the family was able to move into their new house, which is habitable, but not completely finished. We will have the missing windows installed during the current year. This is not a simple undertaking when you consider that the windowpanes can only be transported to the village by a two-hour hike over steep terrain.

Thanks to the fact that the house was built out of mud bricks, as is common throughout small villages in Peru, and the soil for producing the mud is plentiful in the area, the total costs borne by our Foundation for building the house only amounted to around USD 7,000.

I will inaugurate the house officially on behalf of the Foundation during my next trip to Peru.



The grandparents, Lino and Victoria, with their two grandchildren, Martin and Milagros. Their tin shack is visible in the background.



The grandmother of the family cooking during our visit.



The new home is 80% complete, only the windows are required. Visible in the background is the tin shack in which the four members of the family lived, in cramped conditions, for five years.

Financial support for a taxi driver with an amputated leg.

Unaffordable repair costs covered for his vehicle.

On a trip I met Wilbert, a tuk-tuk taxi driver in Urubamba (near Cusco). Seven years ago, he was involved in a traffic accident in which his left leg was so badly shattered that it had to be amputated.

In supporting his wife and three children, he is barely able to make ends meet on his income as a tuk-tuk driver.

Just as he was about to drive me to my destination, his vehicle suffered a technical breakdown. As I didn't want to leave him alone with his fate, I helped him push his vehicle to the next garage.

At the garage, it was confirmed that the vehicle's clutch was completely broken and could not be repaired.

The garage's estimate for assembling a new clutch was around USD 1,000 - which is a lot of money for a Peruvian tuk-tuk driver! Wilbert would not have been able to raise the sum for the vehicle's repairs as he had no savings.

I offered to arrange for the Foundation to bear the repair costs so that he could return to work without delay. Without this offer, he would not have been able to generate any income to feed the five members of his family. He was so very thankful that he invited Faustino and me to his home for a meal a week later. This gave me the opportunity to see his home and meet his wife and three children.

Wilbert lives in a house that is not completely finished because he does not have the financial means to purchase more building materials. The materials that he needed to improve his house included bricks, sacks of cement and steel bars that would cost approximately USD 1,500.

Our Foundation took on the costs of USD 1,500 for all the building materials necessary and had the materials delivered to his home so that he can improve his house.

Thanks to our financial support totalling USD 2,500 (vehicle repair and purchase of building materials), we have helped Wilbert and his family a little to overcome their difficult financial situation.



Wilbert with his wife and three children.



After we paid the repair costs of his vehicle, Wilbert and his little daughter Angela are very happy.

Young man needs hearing aids.

People with hearing difficulties are severely socially excluded in Peru.

Joel is 22-year-old man who works with his parents in a car workshop to which we regularly bring our Foundation vehicle to be serviced. He has had impaired hearing since birth. Many of the workshop's customers think that the young man is mentally impaired because he does not respond to conversations.

A few years ago, the state health insurance fund supported Joel by giving him a couple of cheap hearing aids, but shortly afterwards they did not work properly and could not be repaired. As he is now an adult and has employment, Joel does not qualify for hearing aids from the state - even though he receives only the minimum wage equivalent to USD 350 per month.

I suggested to the young man's father that we could take his son to a good hearing specialist in the city of Cusco where he could undergo a thorough hearing test. We assured him we would cover the costs of the examination.

After a thorough examination by the hearing specialist, Joel was found to have a hearing capacity of only 30% in both ears. The young man was able to try various hearing aids on site to test how much his hearing would improve. With a good hearing aid, Joel would be able to hear about 80% - which is well above his current 30% capacity. Sadly, it will never be possible for his hearing to be perfect.

As Joel's right ear has been deformed since birth - both the outer and the inner ear - standard hearing aids are not suitable for him. Aids specially adapted to fit his inner ear must be made for him - which increases the costs considerably.

Nevertheless, we decided to have suitable hearing aids made for Joel. Our Foundation will support the costs of approximately USD 2,000. The hearing aids are made by the French company, Benoit, which is represented throughout Peru (www.benoit-audition.fr). This was an important reason for considering this manufacturer.

Joel will receive his hearing aids sometime in 2023.

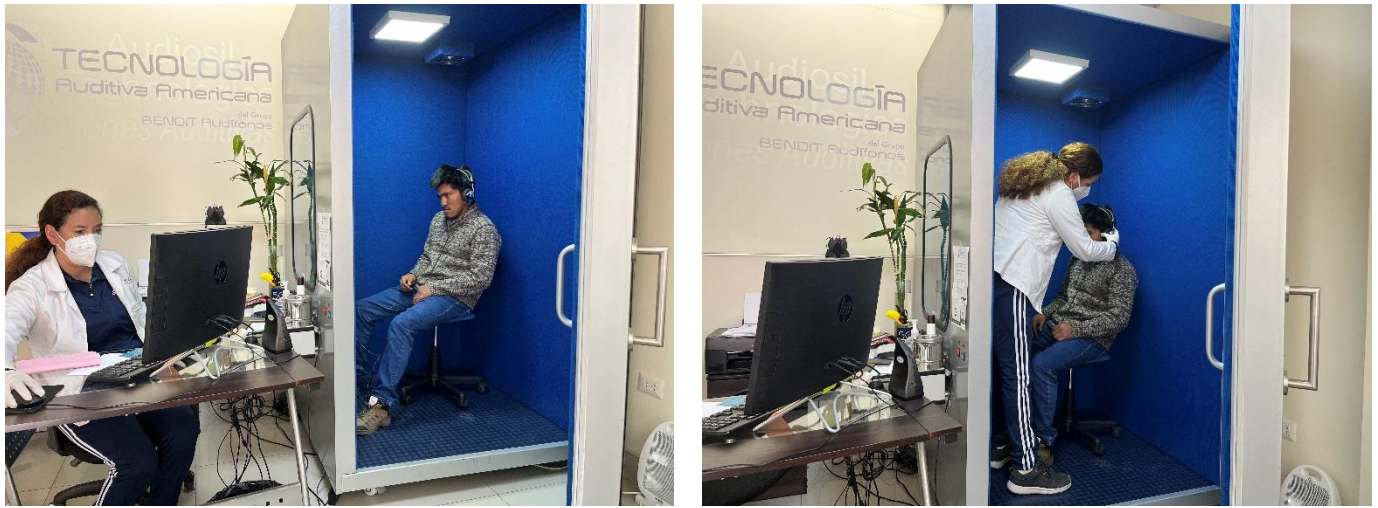
We will give further details in the next Annual Report.



Joel (centre) with his parents in the car workshop.



The outer and inner ear which have been deformed since birth make it impossible to fit standard hearing aids. Therefore, the young man needs high-quality, specially made devices.



Thorough two-hour hearing test with the specialist.

Financial matters.

We continue to depend on your donations.

In 2022 we had a pleasing sum of donations totalling USD 23,000 (2021: USD 22,000 / 2020: USD 20,000 / 2019: USD 11,000); of which, however, USD 18,000 came from one single donor, who supported our irrigation project.

At 31 December 2022, the Swiss Foundation Porvenir Peru and our Peruvian daughter foundation of the same name have liquid funds of USD 38,000 available to undertake further aid projects.

Personal comments from the Foundation's founder.

Ernesto Zulliger

Speaking as the founder of the Foundation, the past three years have not been very easy. The COVID-19 pandemic made travelling very problematic. In addition, budgeting and adhering to the schedule of planned projects caused by the crisis in Ukraine (increase in price of materials and supply bottlenecks) have become very difficult.

Fortunately, thanks to one generous Swiss donor, we have been able to support two villages of smallholders by providing irrigation systems. One of the projects was successfully completed; the second will be finished during 2023. The two irrigation systems will provide approximately 100 families of smallholders with an efficient method of watering their agricultural land more productively.

I was also delighted that we were able to support three households (families and individuals) financially to alleviate their needs a little.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all donors most warmly for their financial support, be it great or small.

Thank you very much!

Muchas gracias!

Sulpayki! (thank you in Quechua)

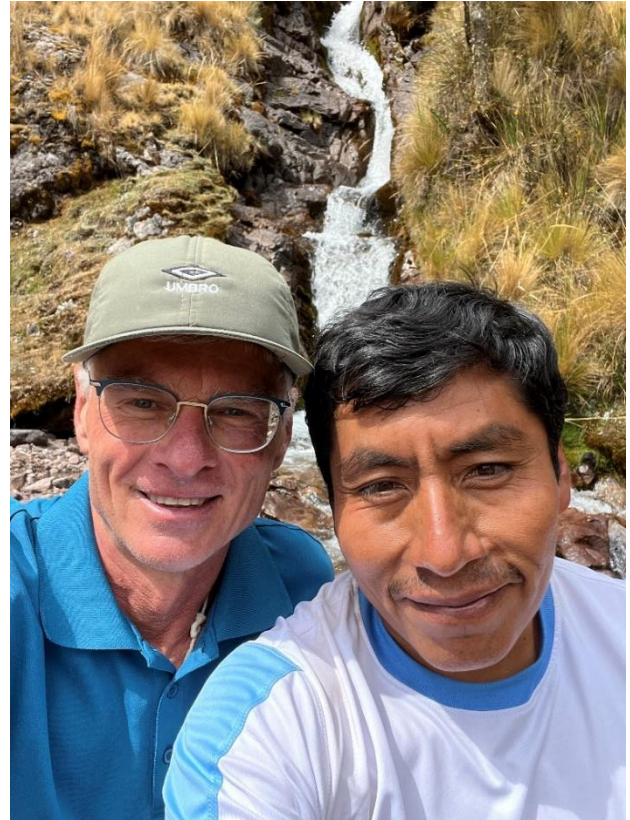


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