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Name of Project: Roof Top Repair

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History of Project:

Chincha Baja is the oldest district of the province of Chincha and of the region of Ica. It was founded with the name, "Villa Santiago de Almagro" on the 20th of October 1537 (483 years ago) by the conqueror, Diego de Almagro. During the Pacific War in the 1880s, it served as the barracks for the Chilean army. During the Inca times, it was the central administration of the Chincha Kingdom with a population of up to 13,000 inhabitants.

A majority of the people in the rural area of Chincha Baja live in abject poverty. This results in a sense of resignation and hopelessness about their condition. Due to poverty and lack of opportunities, many individuals feel abandoned and unable to rise above their current state of life.

Since the earthquake of August 15, 2007, the people are striving to reconstruct their lives. Most of the area has the water and electricity restored. However, of the 3,915 houses that were destroyed and over 4000 partially destroyed, only about 60 % have been completely rebuilt. Many families still remain living in tents, makeshift dwellings or temporary shelters provided by various international organizations. These dwellings have deteriorated, especially, the roof tops which were constructed with plastic sheeting, cement bags and reeds which do not provide protection from the cold and rain of the winter months. Since the earthquake of August 15, 2007, the sun has deteriorated the plastic, resulting in many holes.

The earthquake has severely affected the senior citizens, single parents, abandoned mothers and the disabled who have no or limited income. There are approximately 150 individuals in Chincha Baja, 200 in the surrounding rural communities and 300 in the District of Tambo de Mora who require urgent attention, at this time. They, not only lost their homes, but also much of their furniture which was damaged or destroyed.

This project was initiated by a member of the team who participated in the inauguration of the Public Education Complex for Adults in Chincha Baja on May 15, 2010. The team members toured the rural area of Chincha Baja and witnessed the extremely poor condition of the homes. One member offered to donate \$20,000.00, as an initial donation.

The mayor of Chincha Baja has endorsed this project to renew the roof tops of the temporary shelters and members of Amigos de Siempre visited various population centres to verify this need. They contacted leaders of each centre to register families with the most need.

Objective of the Project:

The objective of this project is to identify, analyze, select and repair roofs of temporary shelters that require immediate attention to protect families from the rain and cold.

Accordingly, members of Amigos de Siempre have established the following budget to repair 100 houses for funding of \$20,000.00. Should we receive additional funding of \$10,000.00 through the Community Initiatives Fund of Alberta, the budget will be adjusted accordingly.

Budget:

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2 workers @ S/40.00 * 60 days	4,800.00	1,798
Nails, wire, esteras*, plastic, ribs S/.425.00	42,500.00	15,918
Transport materials S/.100.00 @ 6 areas	600.00	225
Transportation 2 personas 60 days * S/.20.00	2,000.00	749
Supervision & Accounting/Peru	1,892.12	709
Administration/Canada @ 3%	1,608.00	602
Total Budget	S/.53,400.00	\$20,000

^{*}Esteras is flattened out bamboo trees.

Sustainability

Each family will work jointly with the two workers to repair the roof of their home. They will be instructed on maintenance during the hot summer months to lessen deterioration of the plastic sheeting. It is anticipated that two home will be repaired each working day. The owner will be obliged arrange a ½ day off with his/her employer, as per the schedule of repair. Each leader of the population centre will assist in the selection of homes and arrange the schedule.

Photos











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