



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Apurimac Alpaca

Supporting the cooperatives of alpaca herders in Perù.

 <p>COUNTRY Perù</p>	 <p>BENEFICIARIES 10.000</p>	 <p>METHOD Capacity Building / Training</p>
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LOCAL PARTNERS	Servicios Especiales Alpaqueros Corazón Andino de Antabamba LTDA cooperative Servicios Especiales Alpaqueros de Apurimac LTDA cooperative (COSEALPA)
FUNDING AGENCIES	Private citizens, through ISCOS Emilia Romagna FEMCA - CISL (Federazione Energia Moda, Chimica ed affini) Operation Daywork in Bolzano
STARTING DATE	January 2011
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	12 months
DESCRIPTION	Apurimac Alpaca targeted approximately 200 families, organized into cooperatives, that live off of alpaca herding in the Apurimac region.
OBJECTIVES	This project improved the living conditions of herding families in Apurimac, through reinforcement of the independently run business activities (in the form of cooperatives) of local herders in the area. Domestic camelid herding is a traditional economic activity among families living in the Peruvian Sierra area of the Andes at heights above 4,000 meters, where climatic conditions render agricultural production and development of other forms of livestock raising impossible.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized collection, categorization, and classification campaign of alpaca fiber; • Purchase of a truck to facilitate transport of the fiber to textile industries in Arequipa; • Technical training on herding techniques (veterinary health treatment, sheering, pasture management, genetic strengthening) and the principles of independently-run and cooperative enterprise; • Purchase of tools: for sheering, collection, and artisan spinning of the fiber; • Implementation of pilot activities in the exportation of semiprocessed products (tops and yarn); • Construction of a new fiber collection center in Huakullo; • Promotional campaign for alpaca in Italy and internationally.