

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Loreto. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.

Many children have been unable to attend school in person over the years, as a result of the pandemic. Plan provided families with resources and assistance to set up safe spaces for children to learn and study at home, enabling them to continue their education regardless of access to in-person schooling. The community is focused on preventing and preparing for future disasters, by strengthening community skills and awareness of the importance of disaster risk management and appropriate prevention strategies. Plan has worked with community leaders to ensure that all families have plans in place and are able to respond to future emergencies that may arise.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Loreto.



100

Community leaders educated about children's nutrition



4858

Sponsored children have valid identity documents



802

Children benefitted from child friendly spaces



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN PERU

Hear from Narda about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"During the pandemic, my daughter Elisa should have entered first grade, but she studied virtually at home, which was very difficult. Last year, Plan International gave her a backpack and study table so she could continue learning at home. This year, she entered grade 3 of primary school in person."

CASE STORY: AN AGENT OF CHANGE AGAINST VIOLENCE



NAME: BRENDY

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: MATHEMATICS

"I would like girls and adolescents not to be left behind and, above all, not to remain silent in the face of any situation of violence, whether physical, psychological or even within their families."

Meet Brendy

Like the child you sponsor, Brendy has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Thanks to her participation in the Empowered Girls program, promoted by the Project for Protection Against All Kinds of Violence, she understands the important role everyone must play to eradicate gender-based violence in her community.

Effects of sexism in the community

During 2021 alone, the Ministry of Women reported more than 163,000 cases of violence, where psychological, physical and sexual violence stand out among the most normalised forms.

The high levels of sexism within the community are also reflected in the division of domestic labour, where women dedicate much more time than men to unpaid domestic work. This work includes both housework, as well as caring for children or the elderly.

These harmful attitudes and the stereotypes accompanying them limit the opportunities available to girls like Brendy from a young age.

Standing up for her rights

Brendy attends the workshops of the Empowered Girls program every Monday, to learn to recognise violence in all its forms, breakdown sexist stereotypes, and work with other children her age on projects to promote change within their community.

They created posters aimed at educating other young girls about their rights, how to recognise situations of violence, and where to find support and resources.

Brendy also shares what she learns with her family and classmates, so that more people can prevent and report violence in all its forms.



Brendy studies her favourite subject, maths.

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 5500 CHILDREN IN LORETO

OUR PROJECTS IN LORETO ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



2115 households have been assisted by the community brigades to develop family emergency plans, reaching a total of 8118 community members.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



Indigenous communities in Loreto often do not have adequate training or resources to prepare for and respond to disasters within their communities. This program aims to address these challenges by providing communities and local governments with tools, resources and emergency response mechanisms.

Plan has trained 360 members of community brigades in disaster risk management and inclusive disaster preparation strategies. They have also been trained in first aid skills needed to assist victims of disasters.

Once they have completed their training, community brigade members were able to pass along their knowledge and skills to their local communities, working with families to educate about the importance of disaster awareness, and developing specific family emergency plans.

SAFE SCHOOL STUDY CORNERS



Many students in Loreto dropped out of school as a result of the pandemic, and do not have access to home schooling resources. The My Safe School project is enabling students to learn from home by providing resources and support to families.

3450 families were provided with plastic chairs and tables, to set up dedicated Study Corners at home. They also held a contest which encouraged students and their families to decorate their study corners and share images of them learning at home, helping to create a positive culture around at home education homeschooling.



The project also provided 1400 educational kits, with notebooks, colouring pencils, scissors and other learning supplies to children from vulnerable or under-resourced households.

“I was given a table and chair to study. I was very happy that I won because I like to write and read. I'd like to become a professional like my dad, who is studying to be a teacher. I'd like to be a vet and help dogs, cats and rabbits.”

- Sahori (9) from Loreto

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



52%

Of women have experienced violence by their husband or partner



1%

Of secondary school students have satisfactory performance in reading



31%

Of women aged 15-19 are pregnant or have children



Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.

- Early pregnancy rates are high in Loreto, so Plan will work with health services to ensure adolescents have access to specific care spaces and services, including reproductive rights information.
- Teachers in Loreto do not have access to the skills and tools to identify and prevent violence against children. Plan will work with 16 schools to create safe spaces where children can access education without fear of violence.
- During the pandemic, many jobs were lost, with young people among the most affected. We will increase access to vocational and entrepreneurship training so young people can get a job or start their own business.

We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Loreto.



“Thanks for being part of Plan! We invite you to join the effort we will make in the following years for girls to grow up and develop in family and community environments that respect their rights.”

Franco Duran Rocabado
Programme Area Manager, Loreto

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS