

PERU NEWSLETTER 2025



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Dear Supporters,

We are extremely thankful of your support and trust for our Peru project, and we are excited to share our very first newsletter from Peru with you!

2024/2025 has been a busy, but very exciting year and we have so much to share with you. See enclosed in this newsletter a small sample that highlights the impact you are having on the most disadvantaged children in Peru, to help ensure they receive the quality education each and every one of them deserve.

Since the start of our partnership in Peru, we have had the privilege of watching our programmes flourish, as well as introducing new projects. We are excited to share our Solar 4 Students and Girls Shelter project developments with you. 2024 also saw our very first UK student trip to Peru where many cross-continent friendships were created.

We thank you for your continued support in our goal of removing the barriers to education faced by children living in poverty. Throughout the newsletter we have many stories to share with you, and we hope that they inspire you, as much as they inspire us.



A NEW PARTNERSHIP

Three years ago Edukid started to explore opening another overseas programme to help children living in poverty. Through our links with the Methodist Schools, the Bishop of Peru heard the ideas and asked Edukid to work with him in the Amazon Rainforest, specifically with the local Indigenous Awajun Community.

For many years, the Awajun Community and Leaders had been asking Bishop Samuel for help sending their children to school. Although school is free in Peru, many of these families could not afford clothes and a meal each day, meaning some of the children were finding it hard to stay awake during lessons. Through further exploration, it also revealed that a number of Awajun children were also living alone for much of the year. As there are no schools in the local villages, children travelled to school on boats up the river. The boat trips are very expensive and families could simply not afford 2 journeys a day. Instead children were living alone in Imacita, many of which were primary school age children. Edukid consulted with Awajun leaders and the children and together with the Bishop, built a response around the needs and requests of the local community.

To date, Edukid support 330 children in two primary schools and one secondary school in Imacita, Peru. Within the last two years the programme has made great strides, securing over 25% of children with UK supporters. However, there are many students who need the help and Edukid are working to secure more supporters to enable the project to be fully sustainable.



OUR SUPPORT

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

Edukid discovered that many children were living on as little as one boiled potato per day, and as a result of the lack of food it was affecting concentration levels in school and preventing healthy physical development. Many of the children we work with often spend the day at school with empty stomachs and have very limited, and nutrition-lacking diets.

In response to such challenges, Edukid worked with the local community and now provides a daily nutritional meal to pupils in their place of education. This helps the children to grow strong, feel healthy and happy, and remained focused on their studies instead of their stomachs! On a recent trip, the Edukid team were able to witness the preparation of the school meals, and saw they included meats, beans, rice, vegetables and fruits. This support has remained vital in ensuring children stay in schools, pass their exams and help break their cycle of poverty.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Often, buying a school uniform is a barrier to students being able to attend school as many families cannot afford the financial costs. Edukid provide each child with the school uniform they need to be able to access education and they are designed to be sustainable, comfy and climate-friendly. By removing this obstacle, we help children stay in school and remain focused on their education.



UPCOMING PROJECTS!

THE GIRLS SHELTER



GENDER EQUALITY



QUALITY EDUCATION



**REDUCED
INEQUALITIES**

We work with many vulnerable girls in Peru who are at high risk of child marriage, domestic violence, abuse and teenage pregnancy. We discovered many of the girls, as young as primary school age, were living alone and without adults in Imacita.

Edukid has responded to this reality by developing the newest project: The Girls Shelter. Through a generous donation, the shelter is now underway in its development, with land being cleared and construction starting as we speak.

All too often, females are the lowest priority when it comes to education. Therefore, the aim of the Girls Shelter is to provide a safe place for some of the most vulnerable young girls; a space where they can learn and thrive, free from risks of domestic violence, abuse and child marriage. The project will have an immediate impact on girls' ability to access education.

We are incredibly excited about this project and its potential to give some of the most vulnerable girls the opportunity for safety and education. Improved access to education is recognised as helping to break the cycle of poverty.



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TO HEAR VANNESSAS STORY
OF LIVING ALONE IN
IMACITA.**



UPCOMING PROJECTS!

SOLAR 4 STUDENTS



**AFFORDABLE &
CLEAN ENERGY**



QUALITY EDUCATION



NO POVERTY

After a successful 8 years ensuring all children within the Edukid programme in Uganda had access to solar light, Natalie and Solar 4 Students have now begun fundraising towards lighting up a school in Imacita, Peru.

Being a country close to the equator, Peru sees the sun go down each day at approximately 5:45PM. Currently, the local indigenous school in Imacita faces significant challenges due to the lack of access to electricity and so once the sun goes down it is pitch black. The lack of light impacts both the safety and valuable learning time for students. Without light, students finish class early and lose precious hours of studying time.

Edukid is committed to breaking down the barriers to education that children living in poverty face. In this case, lack of electricity is a barrier to progressing at school and so **Edukid and Solar 4 Students** have developed a project that provides clean, safe and sustainable light!

**To the children living in Imacita,
light means everything:**

☀ It means more precious hours in a busy, short day.

📖 It means being able to do homework once it gets dark. It means better grades and better school attendance.

🏠 It means being safe to move around after dark, with a well-lit school!

💡 It means the opportunity to dream of a brighter future.



GENEROUS DONATIONS



Kallen completed a 12 hour sponsored cycle at a local Tesco to raise money for his trip to Peru with Edukid. Kallen has now visited both Edukid projects in Uganda and Peru.



Daisy is taking on the tough challenge of running from the capital of Peru - Lima - to the local village where Edukid help - Imacita. Daisy will be taking on the challenge virtually, and will be running a total of 1,331.1 km! Daisy's aim is to raise £800 to help Edukid in the building of the Girls Dormitory in Peru.



Kate and Robbie completed the London Landmarks Half Marathon and raised an incredible £1,100 towards their chosen Edukid project: The Girls Dormitory in Peru.



Huge well done and thank you to Rydal Penrhos for completing a 'WALK-A-THON' and raising an incredible £2,500 for children in Peru.

CROSS-CONTINENT FRIENDSHIPS

VISIT TO PERU WITH UK SCHOOL STUDENTS

2024 saw our very first trip to Peru with UK School Students. Students and staff members from Kent College and The Grange embarked on the life changing trip to visit the Indigenous Awajun Community in Amazonia's region of Northern Peru.

During the trip, students travelled to Imacita, Peru, to visit local schools and children within the Edukid projects. They learnt about the challenges young children face such a poverty, hunger and gender inequality. Whilst education in Imacita is free, many students struggle to concentrate in class as many live off less than 3 meals a week. Students from Kent College and The Grange learnt that Edukid provide a daily, nutritional meal to the school children we support. During the trip, the UK students and teachers had the opportunity to help with meal preparation whilst understanding and learning about the need for meals each day in school.

Students created many special cross-continent friendships with children from Imacita Primary, Maracana and the local secondary school. To summarise the trip, here is what one of the students had to say...

"I expected to have an amazing time, but not as amazing as it has been. My perspective on how I view my life and others lives has changed, and my awareness on the issues that Edukid is tackling has developed. This experience has made me motivated to continue making a difference in the world. Thank you Edukid".



HOME VISITS

CASSANDRA'S STORY

During our visit to Peru, students were able to meet and visit the home of Cassandra, a young girl living in Imacita. Cassandra is 18 years old, and lives at home with her two year old baby, siblings and terminally sick grandmother.

In Imacita, a number of challenges, such as teenage pregnancy and early child marriages, prevent young girls from accessing an education. Since Cassandra had her baby, she had to drop out of school and lost her job as there was no one to care for her child. The students learnt that all forms of income within the family has been lost and it has become a daily struggle to afford food. Often the family were living on only 3 meals a week.

Cassandras home has been built on her uncles land, and when her terminally ill grandmother passes away, Cassandra, her baby, and siblings will be made homeless as the uncles will reclaim the land.

As a response to hearing Cassandras story, as short term help the group decided to buy food supplies such as big sacks of beans, rice and baby food. Additional supplies such as sanitary items and soap were purchased for sanitation purposes.

The long term plan for Cassandra will be for her to live in the girls shelter as soon as it is ready. Cassandra will be able to access education, vocational training, childcare and importantly ensure her safety and wellbeing.



YOUR IMPACT

FOR £20 A MONTH YOU CAN PROVIDE A CHILD WITH...



A QUALITY EDUCATION

Edukid are working alongside two primary schools in order to increase the quality of education available to the children. Edukid are facilitating the schools with the materials required in order to improve learning for the pupils.



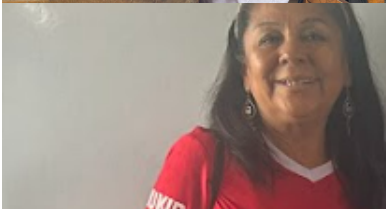
A PATHWAY FOR THE FUTURE

As students move on from primary to secondary school, we ensure that there is a pathway of opportunity for them to progress into vocational training or university. This enables students to achieve their dreams and secure independent futures free from the constraints of poverty.



RESOURCES FOR LEARNING

Often, buying resources such as books and pens is a barrier to students being able to attend school. Edukid are equipping each child with the educational resources needed to be able to learn, alongside school uniform and additional clothing.



A SOCIAL SUPPORT WORKER

With lack of adult supervision and protection, many of the young children we support are extremely vulnerable. We are providing a social support worker who is able to identify the most vulnerable children in our projects and equip them with the necessary support, guidance, intervention and protection.



A NUTRITIONAL DIET

The children we work with often spend the day at school with empty stomachs and have very limited diets. Edukid is providing a daily nutritional meal to pupils in order that they are able to grow strong, feel healthy and happy, and remained focused on their studies instead of their stomachs!



CLOTHING AND SCHOOL UNIFORM

Often, buying school uniform is a barrier to students being able to attend school. Edukid provide each child with the school uniform they need to be able to access education.

Scan the QR code to find out how to support our work in Peru!



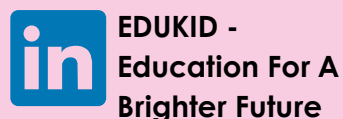
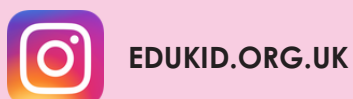
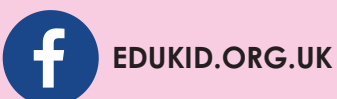
THANK YOU!

Without the support and trust from our generous UK and international supporters, all of these projects simply wouldn't exist in the same capacity. Your support enables us to work towards our goal of removing the barriers to education faced by children living in poverty in Peru.

Children have the right to access quality education, and you are helping them to get this! Your continued support ensures that 330 children in Northern Peru receive the education and daily nutritious meal that each and every one of them deserves.

From the whole Edukid team, we would like to say a massive THANK YOU!

With love, The Edukid Team x





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