

Peru Newsletter 2026



Dear Supporters,

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity towards our Peru project. 2026 has been another exciting and inspiring year, and we have so much to share with you in this newsletter!

From continuing the development of our Girls' Shelter, to providing solar power that is helping students access education and study safely, we are seeing real and lasting change in the lives of children and young people. We have also been proud to begin piloting our Gender Rights Project, empowering girls and young women with knowledge, confidence, and support.

We are especially grateful to our new corporate partner, Concero, whose support is helping to provide education for a classroom of 30 children, as well as the IT equipment and resources they need for quality education. Partnerships like these are making a real difference and helping us reach even more children in need.

A special thank you goes to our incredible supporters. Whether you have taken part in a fundraising event, sponsored a child, donated to our work, or shared our mission with others, your support makes everything we do possible. We simply could not do what we do without your continued love, trust, and support for Edukid.

As always, thank you for being part of the Edukid Family ❤️



Watch our latest videos!

School Feeding Programme, Peru!



A Day In The Life: Marisol's Story!



A big thank you to Edukid's Trustee, Mark Kensett, for joining us on a trip to Peru and creating these videos, to help our wonderful supporters see who they are helping and the impact they are having!

School Feeding Programme!

Last year, we shared how Edukid learnt, during our early visit to Imacita, that many children in the communities we support were surviving on as little as one boiled potato a day or only 3 meals a week. Hunger was having a serious impact on childrens' concentration in school, attendance, and healthy physical development.

Thanks to the continued support of our wonderful supporters, this year Edukid is now providing daily nutritional meals to 370 children across two primary schools in Peru, as well as 10 vulnerable secondary school students who require additional support to remain in education.

Each day, children receive a nutritious meal including rice, beans, vegetables, fruit, and protein, helping them stay healthy, focused, and ready to learn. For many students, this is the most substantial meal they will eat all day.

Every year, 66,600 meals are provided to children in Peru, helping improve school attendance, concentration, wellbeing, and educational outcomes. The programme continues to play a vital role in ensuring children can remain in school and work towards a brighter future.



Headteacher Erma Linda recently shared the wonderful news of the girls' volleyball team who won their first ever school competition, and she puts this down to the girls having a healthy meal every day!



Ridel's Story



Ridel lives with his sister and her three young daughters in Imacita. Before the feeding programme began, he often went hungry, sometimes eating only three meals in an entire week. The lack of regular food left him tired, distracted, and struggling to keep up at school. To help his family, Ridel would spend his afternoons unloading trucks and boats, earning what little he could to buy food for them all.

Now, thanks to the daily school meals provided through the programme, Ridel no longer worries about going hungry. He enjoys a large, nutritious meal every day at school, giving him the energy and focus he needs to learn and play. His teacher, knowing the challenges his family faces, often sends him home with leftover food to share with his sister and nieces, ensuring that the programme's impact reaches the whole household.



"These meals mean that every child can learn with energy. They no longer come to school hungry."

Kakias, Ridel's Social Worker

The Girls Shelter

In our last newsletter, we introduced you to one of our newest and most important projects: **The Girls' Shelter**.

The need for a safe place for young girls living alone has become increasingly clear within the community. Many of these girls are incredibly vulnerable to abuse, neglect and exploitation, simply because they do not have a safe and secure home or the protection of a family around them. Providing a place where they can be safe, cared for and supported became an urgent priority for us. One of the most wonderful parts of this project has been the support of the Indigenous community, who generously donated the land on which the shelter is being built. They recognised the need within their own community and wanted to see the project get underway as quickly as possible.

Since our last update, the land has been cleared, the walls have gone up, the roof is on, windows have been fitted and the flooring has been completed. During our trip in July, we were particularly excited to see solar panels installed on the shelter. These will provide sustainable lighting for the building and are an important part of creating a safe, practical and sustainable home for the girls.

We are now at the furnishing stage and equipping the shelter with beds, toilets, and a classroom. Our hope is that the first girls will be able to move in as soon as possible! This project is about giving vulnerable girls a safe place to sleep, a secure environment in which to grow, and the opportunity to look towards a brighter future.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this project over the past year, and especially to the generous supporter whose donation helped us get the Girls' Shelter project underway. We are so excited to see the shelter nearing completion and cannot wait for the day when the first girls can move in and have a safe place to call home! We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses and look forward to sharing the next exciting chapter with you.



New Project: Gender and Rights Project

From our experience working in remote Indigenous communities in the Peruvian Amazon, we have seen that adolescent pregnancy and poor sexual and reproductive health remain major challenges for many girls and young women. Poverty, limited access to healthcare and education, and deeply rooted gender norms continue to place girls at increased risk of exploitation, early pregnancy, and leaving school too soon.

In our last newsletter, we shared Cassandra's story. We first met Cassandra when she was 15 years old, living at home with her young baby and terminally ill grandmother. After becoming pregnant, she was forced to leave school and give up her part-time job, leaving the family in extreme poverty with limited access to food and insecure living conditions, while she continued caring for both her child and family members.

When we recently met with Cassandra again, we learnt that she had entered a relationship with a man who initially offered financial support, which later resulted in her becoming pregnant with her second child. Cassandra's experience reflects the reality faced by many girls in remote communities, where poverty, limited support, and lack of opportunities can quickly trap young women in cycles of vulnerability and dependence.

Stories like Cassandra's are what inspired this new project that takes a community-led and culturally grounded approach to supporting vulnerable girls and strengthening safeguarding systems around young people.

Working closely with local partners, schools, families, and Indigenous leaders, the project will provide safe accommodation and tailored support for girls at risk, alongside education sessions focused on relationships, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health, and life skills for both boys and girls. Peer mentorship and wider community engagement activities will also play a central role in encouraging dialogue, building awareness, and challenging harmful stereotypes that limit girls' choices and opportunities.

As an organisation working in remote and underserved areas, we recognise the importance of solutions that are practical, locally owned, and sustainable. Initially this project will be run as a pilot project and is designed not only to respond to immediate risks, but also to better understand what approaches are most effective and acceptable within these communities.



Update on Solar 4 Students

In 2017, driven by a vision to empower communities through access to safe, sustainable light, Natalie and Edukid established **Solar 4 Students**. The project began in Northern Uganda, supporting children in very rural communities where access to electricity was limited. Many students were unable to study after dark, relying on unsafe or costly alternatives, which created a significant barrier to learning.

Solar 4 Students was created to change this by providing solar-powered lighting for students and their families, helping to extend learning time, improve safety, and support education sustainably. Natalie helped fundraise for 584 solar panels, one for every child enrolled on the Edukid programme!



In 2023, Natalie travelled to Peru to meet the Awajún community. This visit was an important opportunity to listen, learn, and understand how solar energy could best support local needs. Solar 4 Students is now supporting the Awajún community through the next phase of its work: **"Light Up the School."** This project involves installing solar panels at the community school and adding solar lamp posts along the entrance path. These improvements respond directly to a community need, as safe travel after dark is a real concern for school children.

We are delighted to share the very first pictures from the solar installation in Peru!

The solar lamp posts are now in place and are already helping to light the walkway into the community, making the journey safer for children after dark.

Solar lighting is also now installed at the girls' shelter, powering both the shelter and the classrooms at the school, providing light and powering laptops and projectors giving students a more engaging educational experience.



Corporate Partnerships!



Edukid is proud to be working with Concero Education Technology, a UK-based organisation supporting schools and businesses through secure, reliable and accessible technology.

Founded in education, Concero understands the vital role technology plays in helping children and teachers improve educational opportunities. Through its partnership with Edukid, Concero is extending this impact globally to support children facing significant barriers to education.

Concero will fund a full classroom of 30 children in Peru, providing IT equipment and access to an online curriculum. For the first time, Imacita Primary School will have access to IT and online learning resources, helping improve the quality of education for its students.

Over the next five years, our shared goal is to support every classroom at the school through sponsorship and technology, creating lasting change one classroom at a time. Nadiah from Concero said: "This partnership is about more than fundraising; it's about creating awareness and building a community around education. Concero will be engaging its network of schools, partners, and customers throughout the year, encouraging them to get involved through fundraising, sharing the initiative, and supporting Edukid's mission."

Edukid is excited to work alongside Concero to help children in Peru to access the quality education every child deserves. We look forward to sharing updates on the progress of the classroom and wider fundraising efforts over the coming months. To find out more, head over to Concero's website: <https://www.concero.education/edukid/>



A BIG THANK YOU TO **gleeds** OXFORD!

A huge thank you to the team at Gleeds Oxford for taking on a 30km (18.6-mile) section of the Thames Path during August in support of Edukid. With 18 people and four dogs taking part, the team challenge contributed to a combined 660km, or around 1.1 million steps, across the day. We're delighted to share that a fantastic £1,581 has been raised!

We're also looking forward to welcoming a member of the Gleeds team to visit Peru, where they will see first-hand the impact of their support and the difference their fundraising is helping to make for children and communities. Thank you Gleeds Oxford!

Making The Connection

MEET OUR IN-COUNTRY TEAM

Our team in Peru work tirelessly to manage our community programmes, support nearly 400 children through their education and constantly strive for a brighter future for all. Meet them below!



Carmen

Director of Programmes



Erma Linda

Project Co-ordinator
(Spanish Community)



Nelly

Project Co-ordinator
(Awajun Community)



Kakias

Community Social Worker



Natalia

Community Social Worker



Huge congratulations to Carmen and Bishop Samuel, who got married last year! They have been wonderful friends for many years, and we are absolutely delighted to see them so happy together as husband and wife.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for being part of the Edukid family and for your continued support throughout another incredible year. Every donation, fundraising event, and act of generosity helps create opportunities for children and communities across Peru.

The achievements celebrated in this newsletter, from the continued development of the Girls' Shelter and the expansion of our Gender Rights Project, to providing solar power that is helping students access quality education and study safely, are only possible because of supporters like you. Together, you are helping children access their right to an education, build brighter futures, and realise their potential.

These stories represent just a small glimpse of the impact your support is making. We look forward to reaching even more children, families, and communities in the years ahead.

With love and best wishes,

The Edukid Team 💖



