

WATER PURIFIER WORKING IN TRINIDAD!

The population of Trinidad was benefited by the installation of a water purifier to help the individuals who lost their homes in the floods this past season and who were living in temporary housing installed by World Vision Bolivia.

The purifier was transported from La Paz to the city of Trinidad in an airplane with Venezuelan cooperation.



Airplane from the Venezuelan air force that transported the water purifier system.

The inhabitants of the Puerto Almacén community, together with the humanitarian relief team from WV Bolivia, installed the water purification system. It is purifying water from the overflow from the rivers.

Overall, the population of Trinidad is using the purifier that came from Aqua Sun International. There are 35 families and 219 children from the Pedro Vaca Diez school. What is important from this event is that the community members learned how

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to install the system and now are trained to install it in another place.



Community members assembling the support structure of the water tank.

In Puerto Almacén, we met 18-year-old Elizabeth Chaima collecting water in the bags supplied by WV Bolivia. She has a 10-month-old baby and lives with her in-laws while her husband, 20-year-old Wilmar Chavez, works ferrying cars across the river in Puerto Barador.



7-year-old girl getting pure water for her food.

"The days that we spent without water were very terrible because my son was sick a lot. We did not have a way to shelter ourselves well from the weather and the lack of water caused many to get sick...the only one who helped us with the water was WV Bolivia. Unfortunately, the water source it had been taken from ran out and it has been almost ten days that we have been without potable water. Now, once again, we thank you (WV Bolivia) for collaborating with us."

Elizabeth Chaima is one of the inhabitants of Puerto Almacén who, since Saturday, May 12, has once again benefited from potable water, thanks to the donation from Aqua Sun International and World Vision and its humanitarian aid program.

The water purifier is currently being used in the Puerto Almacén community on the banks of the Ibarez River. It is not only benefiting the 35 families but also neighbors close to this location, such as those from Carretera, El Puente, Mangalito, and Puerto Barador.

A team from Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs from World Vision Bolivia continues working in the area, doing follow-up to the rehabilitation activities.

We are thankful to the Aqua Sun International organization for having made it possible for hundreds of individuals to have access to potable water, among them boys and girls who are the most vulnerable to diarrheic illnesses from contaminated water.

Thank you very much and may God bless you.

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