



DIGNITY FOUNDATION

PROJECT "OLLANTA" 2007 - 2009

Mission statement:

Dignity Foundation's activities are targeted at disadvantaged women, offering them guidance and the prospect of becoming self-supporting in a sustainable way.

"Dignity" stands for:

Small-scale projects.
A demand-oriented approach
Equality and dignity.
Offering prospects rather than aid.
Flexibility.
Local population is responsible and in control.
Project management in initial phase
by foundation project manager.

Why women?

Key to development of family and living environment

Ollanta is situated near Iquitos in Peru (Amazon region)



Ollanta is a village of 200 people and is situated close to where the Chambira river joins the Marañon river. It belongs to the province of Loreto, in the Selva area of Peru.

The village receives no support whatsoever from the government,

Dignity Foundation will “adopt” the village of Ollanta in Peru and will council its population , particularly the woman, for a period of at least two years, on improving/developing healthcare and education and on selecting and implementing an economic system.



Feasibility, sustainability and dignity are the guiding principles.

What specific problems does the target group experience?

Little or no participation of women in the community.

Economic system inaccessible to women.

No clean drinking water and poor sanitation.

No understanding of the relationship between clean drinking water, sanitation and health.

No electricity.

Deficient waste disposal system.

No health centre.



What are the causes of these problems?

Isolated location.

Lack of expertise.

Insufficient (financial) support from the government or from national or international NGOs.

Insufficient income.

No education, awareness-raising and training.



Main objectives

Setting up a profitable economic system for women.

Introduction of a microcredit system.

Infrastructural objectives

Clean drinking water.

Improved sanitation.

Solar panels or low-noise generator for evening classes.

First aid post.



"Dignity Foundation"

Dignity Foundation was established on 29 March 2006 and has its statutory seat in Driebergen-Rijsenburg in the Netherlands.

It is an international foundation with a six member board (four from the Netherlands and two from Belgium).

Marian de Ruyter and Winneke Kornet were the initiators of this foundation.

The foundation aims to offer opportunities to women in developing countries in the field of entrepreneurship, sustainable self-support, education and access to financial resources and expertise.

Dignity Foundation is officially recognised as a charity in the Netherlands.

The foundation hopes to start a parallel not-for-profit association under Belgian law, so that it can also enter into financial relationships with Belgian donors.

Through its website, newsletter and other channels the foundation informs interested parties about specific projects and their results.

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