City of San Lorenzo, Peru

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For years, residents of the San Lorenzo community were facing a water crisis. The nearest well dried up, leaving them with no alternative but an exhausting journey to the Marañon River. This trek to collect water was also physically demanding, taking a toll on their bodies over time, and it was dangerous.

Roberto Huiñapi Chanchari, a 64-year-old farmer, shared: “For many years, we suffered from the lack of drinking water. There was no hope that we could have safe water. I live with my wife, the two of us alone. One day, while we were collecting water from a well open to contamination, a huge boa constrictor came out.

“My wife, who was alone, ran so desperately that she tripped and hit her head to the point of fainting. At that time, I was on my farm. My close neighbors upon hearing my wife’s scream went to see what was happening and saw my wife lying on the ground. They called me and I quickly went to see her—thank God the neighbors had already given her first aid.”

After enduring years of unclean water and dangerous conditions, community members heard about Living Water and asked for help. Staff drilled a new borehole, and now 180 men, women and children have safe water and renewed hope!

The new pump has given community members access to safe water.

During a sanitation and hygiene workshop, residents learn practical tools to stay healthy.