

# PULL SAN PEDRO (GUAMOTE)

HYGIENE PROJECT

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Students at *29 de Junio* School in the rural village of Pull San Pedro did not have access to proper lavatories and handwashing stations, which are vital for developing healthy hygiene habits and keeping kids in school. At an elevation of nearly 12,000 feet, the cold mountain air made having to go to the bathroom outdoors when the two inadequate toilets were occupied even less inviting.

Parents members of the community gathered what little economic resources they had just to build their first set of lavatories with toilets that were basically just holes in the ground without any system of waste disposal. Such a basic biological necessity became an unpleasant experience and caused constant interruption from their studies, as students were unable to focus and would sometimes become ill from the unsanitary conditions.

During the inauguration ceremony held in January of 2012, MEDLIFE staff was present to receive the many thanks from students and teachers.



"Everyday, we see the happy looks on the children's faces because they can go to the bathroom with ease and dignity in a clean, private facility," mentions one teacher during a brief interview. "We, teachers, would have to go into the woods to use the bathroom as well, so we are extremely grateful for all your help and for the volunteers that came from so far."

