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In the small community of Guacona Grande in the Andean province of Chimborazo stands the small school of *Garcia Goina*. After a recent clinic, Manuel Bagua, the Director of the school, solicited MEDLIFE's help in the reconstruction of the school's inadequate hygiene facilities.

All 40 young students and their two teachers had only an old toilet and a stall with just a hole in the ground that was both unhygienic and embarrassing for the children to use. Next to the old bathroom was a large, difficult to reach water tank that served as the hand washing station. To access the water, children had to climb up on nearby objects to get over the large sides of the tank. Parents of the schoolchildren reported that the youngest students were scared to use it for fear that they would fall and hurt themselves while attempting to wash their hands.



