

# PULL MANUEL LASO (GUAMOTE)

HYGIENE PROJECT

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A beautiful scenic hour journey by car from the city of Riobamba brings you to the rural village of Pull Manuel Laso. There, over 70 students attend the only elementary school and previously did not have access to any lavatories; they had to ask neighbors near the schoolhouse to use theirs. Proper lavatories and handwashing stations are vital for developing healthy hygiene habits and keeping kids in school.

At high elevations, the cold mountain air makes having to go to the bathroom outdoors even less inviting. Sometimes the students would take longer than usual just to find a spot to relieve themselves in privacy; this would cut into their value class time. School Director Franciisca Paguay reached out to MEDLIFE to express the school's great need for proper hygienic services.

"We just want to be able to give the students the opportunity to learn in a clean and safe environment," she tells us. "Teachers also benefit greatly from the new latrines, so everyone is very happy now."

On a Mobile Clinic in May of 2011, the Hygiene Project took place and student volunteers alongside community members helped build a structure that would benefit not only the students but the community as well.

