

Photos from the Chuchulaya Safe Drinking Water Project

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A view of the community of Chuchalaya

Chuchulaya is a community 9000 feet up in the beautiful Sorata Valley. The principal form of economic activity is agriculture, cultivating maize, wheat, papa milli, peas and vegetables and in the lower areas chirimoya, avocado and lemon. There are pigs, sheep, cows, geese and ducks, kept for family consumption.



Homes in the community of Chuchulaya

Life expectancy here is 52 years. 15% speak Spanish but the majority are Aymara. Whilst 84% of the population are literate, the percentage for women is 67%



People in the community

The community has 112 families, approximately 336 inhabitants, projected to climb to 448 inhabitants in twenty years.



Children learning in the school

Children attend the school in Chiacani to primary level. QBL has no particular tie to the school.



Water tank

The community of Chuchulaya has a drinking water system, constructed by the residents 20 years ago which is deficient and does not cover current needs. Due to the location of the tank, pressure is low and water does not reach the houses in the higher part of the community where families access springs and wells. The community have formed an alliance with Mollepampa to take water from springs in Carazani through Mollepampa providing water in the process to families in this community.



People working on the new system

The community participates in the creation of the system, providing labor where technical expertise is not required.



Laying pipes for the system

Three quarters of the houses in the community did not have piped water before this QBL project. Their lives will be greatly improved.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$278 per family.

This is one of the largest water projects QBL has undertaken.



With clean water, cleaning teeth can be a pleasure.

Teeth cleaning will be part of the educational workshops led by QBL.



More teeth cleaning

This is but one aspect of the improvement to hygiene and health which is expected to come to the community as a result of the supply of clean water. Another is an expected decrease in the incidence of acute diarrhoea.