



# 2016 Grant Request

Request: 2016-5

**Project Name:** Wet Mill & Drying Patio

**Funding Needed:** \$3,600

**Country Most Impacted by Project:** Peru

**Region:** Lambayeque - Yerba Buena Espinal-Sta Rosa & Machucara

**Project Impact:** Six small producers of coffee in the first year, nine in the second year, reaching twenty two beneficiaries by the fifth year.

Indirect beneficiaries: 100 relatives of the coffee-growers.

**Project Description:** In recent years, the crops have been seriously affected by yellow rust. It is a fungal disease that ruins the plant at the leaves and stems. The coffee-growing women have positioned themselves in the specialty coffee markets because they've maintained their organic certifications. The challenges faced by the increasing amount of yellow rust means that the livelihood of these women and their families is being threatened.

The coffee-growing women currently use wood wet mills, and a drying blanket on the ground for processing their coffee crops. By implementing a new cement wet mill and drying patio, the women will be able to discontinue the use of wood wet mills which are obsolete. It will also get the women off the ground and implement a more efficient method for coffee drying.



## Benefits:

- The coffee quality will be improved, ensuring the placement of their product in specialty markets.
- Women using the new wet mill and drying patio will see a more efficient use of their time during the workday.
- The coffee-growing women will no longer feel their coffee is at-risk to the tempermental enviornment.

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