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*Enhancing the lives of women and families in the coffee-producing communities around the world.*

## Construction of the Wet Mill Beneficio

Corral de Piedra, Salas, Lambayeque

**Funded By:**

Coffee Holding Co.

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Without your generous donation and ongoing support this project would not have been possible. We are optimistic that this new community wet mill plant will achieve the goals of improving their coffee quality, making more of their coffee available on the market and improving the coffee producer's income.



### **Overall Project Description Summary:**

Salas is one of the important districts of the province of Lambayeque, the main crop of this area is coffee, associated with others such as banana, citrus and forest, among others. Organic coffee processed in this area is the main crop that generates income to producers and is exported to markets abroad. The quality of the coffee still didn't reach the standards required by the specialty coffee niche due to their poor infrastructure to make a profit from the damp coffee since there was not a processing plant in the area.

It was urgent to improve the quality of the product so the producers could sell their coffee at a better price. The producers are making extraordinary efforts investing in the renewal of their coffee farms, but to substantially improve the quality of the coffee the community wet mill plant was needed.

The project aimed to centralize the process of pulping, fermenting, washing and drying of the coffee with the implementation of the small wet mill plant consisting of a receiving tank, two tanks for fermentation, drying patio, a pulper and solar blanket. This infrastructure would allow them to standardize the quality of coffee for all members in Corral de Piedra and offer higher quality coffee microlots.



Due to these generous donations, the Corral de Piedra wet mill beneficio project was started in July, 2017. The project started with a meeting of the managers, members of the Association of producers to determine the location, identify the producers available to work on the construction team and start the process to hire a technical specialist to direct the construction of the wet mill plant. It was determined that financial resources were needed an irrigation system pipeline to channel water from a source located in the mountain causing them to adjust the budget estimate. This unanticipated expense for the construction and materials for the complete irrigation system would, ultimately, result in not having enough funding to complete the project as outlined in the original grant request leaving the pulper and solar dryer and a small storage yet to be completed. However, the community wet mill plant will be operational during the upcoming coffee harvest. The community will install a manual pulper, will use the existing drying patio and storage. They plan to submit a 2018 grant request for a new pulper, solar dryer and storage by the solar dryer making it more convenient.

### Funds For the Future:

This fund will be managed with a 50% sharing methodology, i.e., in the third year of operation 50% of the investment cost will be collected and awarded to another community that will benefit from a community wet mill plant.