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CLEAN WATER.  
THRIVING COMMUNITIES.  
FLOURISHING RAINFORESTS.

**IMPACT REPORT 2025**

## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

When I reflect on 2025, it's not the projects or milestones that come to mind first. It's people like Magdalena and her family:

*"So much has changed. Before, our children were always sick. Today, they are much healthier."* — Magdalena Huinapi Lancha, Shawi community of Louis Terry

Many of you have been part of the Rainforest Flow family for years. Some have walked alongside us for more than two decades. Others joined us more recently. Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your belief in this work.

Because of your generosity, families have access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and better hygiene closer to home. Children are growing up healthier, and communities are building the skills, leadership, and confidence to manage these essential services.

One story reflects that transformation. In the Shawi community of Louis Terry, chronic diarrhea has decreased by 95% through access to clean water, dignified sanitation, hygiene education, and community health monitoring. Behind that statistic are healthier children, stronger families, and renewed hope.

For more than twenty years, we have learned that clean water, dignified sanitation, and hygiene are about far more than infrastructure. Together, they open the door to better health, stronger community leadership, and the opportunity to shape their own future. Through partnership, training, and trust, communities lead the way.

This year reminded us what is possible when communities and partners work together. In Yomybato, one of the most remote Indigenous communities in Peru's Amazon, clean water service was restored for approximately 500 people after mudslides damaged the ground near the community's water system. In Huacaria and Shintuya, community-led water management initiatives introduced household water meters to strengthen long-term sustainability and local ownership. We also continued providing technical training and governance support so village water committees can confidently manage these essential services.

We were honored to share this work at the international FLARE Conference on forests and livelihoods alongside the Chief of Manu National Park and the Director of Natural Services of Natural Protected Areas by the State (SERNANP). Together, we shared a message Indigenous communities have long understood: healthy people, healthy ecosystems, and thriving forests are deeply interconnected. During the year, Manu National Park also recognized Rainforest Flow's more than twenty years of partnership serving Indigenous communities within the reserve—an honor that belongs as much to you as it does to our organization.

Looking ahead, our Global WASH Training and Research Center represents the next chapter of this journey. Indigenous leaders, technicians, universities, NGOs, and public-sector partners are sharing knowledge and practical experience. We believe our model is replicable because it combines appropriate technology with the social processes that build trust, strengthen local leadership, and foster community ownership.

Thank you for being part of this transformative journey. Thank you for your generosity, your confidence, and your commitment to the communities we serve. Most of all, thank you for helping create opportunities that allow families and communities to thrive on their ancestral lands.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Santullo".

Nancy Santullo, Founder and Executive Director

P.S. Please make your gift today and help us reach our \$250,000 goal by December 2026 to bring clean water to the Indigenous community of Palotoa—and help train future leaders to bring this life-changing model to more communities across the Amazon.

Donate today: [bit.ly/CleanWaterChangesEverything](https://bit.ly/CleanWaterChangesEverything)

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025



Communities learned through health and hygiene classes, which support improved health results, including a 95% reduction in diarrhea.



Critical repairs were made to the water infrastructure by the water committees, restoring water to 500 people in Yomybato.



Hosted students and researchers from universities for hands-on WASH learning at the Global Training and Research Center.



Rainforest Flow was featured in the media, including primetime coverage on Peru's national broadcaster, [TV Perú](#).



At the request of the communities, we began a pilot project to install home water meters in Huacaria and Shintuya to promote equitable access to clean water.



Gathered Indigenous leaders to exchange knowledge and learn how clean water, sanitation, and hygiene practices improve family health and well-being.



We presented with other conservation leaders at the international FLARE (Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement) Conference in Lima, Peru, showcasing our work to a global audience.



Water Committee members are assuming their role as water keepers, ensuring good governance of the water system and helping other communities thrive.

# WHAT MAKES RAINFOREST FLOW DIFFERENT

Rainforest Flow works with Indigenous communities to develop quality, low-tech water and sanitation systems fine-tuned to the social and environmental context of their communities. Unlike the traditional concrete water systems, we build water treatment systems using portable geomembrane tanks and reservoirs that are easier to transport into remote communities and can be moved if needed. In each community, we partner with local municipal, health, and education ministries to make sure the projects are sustainable after Rainforest Flow's work is done.

## MISSION

**INVESTING IN INDIGENOUS RAINFOREST PEOPLES' HEALTH AND AUTONOMY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE PROGRAMS**

## VISION

**HEALTHY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES STEWARDING THRIVING RAINFORESTS**



## COMMUNITY STORY: TAYACOME

# GIVING COMMUNITIES AGENCY

After losing a young child to a waterborne illness, José became a water committee member, determined to change his story and to show that clean water is more than infrastructure: it's a conduit to community leadership and generational change. In the Matsigenka community of Tayakome, José Chinoa is one of six trained water committee members, local leaders responsible for the operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of their community's WASH system.

## COMMUNITY STORY: HUACARIA

# EMPOWERING WOMEN

**“I GREW UP IN HUACARIA, AND I WAS A KID WHEN RAINFOREST FLOW ARRIVED. DRINKING WATER FROM THE RIVER MADE US SICK... NOW WE’RE DRINKING CLEAN, SAFE WATER. IT’S NOT LIKE BEFORE, WE DON’T SUFFER HAULING WATER FROM THE RIVER. MY SINK IS AT HOME, SO I CAN WASH AND CLEAN RIGHT HERE. MY CHILDREN LIVE HEALTHY LIVES.”**

– Jovita Lizarme Palomino Solisonquehua, mother and water advocate

Today, Jovita is both a village leader and a mother of three, raising her children in Huacaria. For more than two decades, she and her community have taken ownership of their clean water systems and home bathrooms. The same clean water that reshaped her childhood now sustains her own family.





COMMUNITY STORY: SHINTUYA  
**SAFEGUARDING  
ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE**

**WE USED TO DRINK DIRTY WATER FROM STREAMS OR STAGNANT POOLS. THE CHILDREN WERE THE ONES MOST AFFECTED. THAT'S HOW MY SISTER DIED. NOW WE DRINK WATER THAT IS SAFE AND CLEAN. LIFE IS BETTER NOW."**

– Burapua, Harakmbut elder

Meet Burapua, an Indigenous Harakmbut elder in our partner community of Shintuya. Age unknown, Burapua still crafts bows and arrows, a tradition passed down to him from his father and grandfathers.

Access to clean water, health, and sanitation has freed him up to share his ancestral knowledge with the next generation.



## CREATING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

After unstable ground caused by unprecedented rains threatened the Yomybato water treatment system, Indigenous Water Committee members—including those from two neighboring project communities—joined forces to successfully relocate the system. Their swift action restored access to clean, safe drinking water for over 500 people in just 28 days.

Our sustainable, low-tech, climate-resilient, and portable water treatment systems are uniquely designed to meet the challenges of the Amazon's harsh and unpredictable climate—empowering local communities with resilient solutions.



## COMMUNITIES DESIGNING SOLUTIONS

The communities of Huacaria and Shintuya asked for Rainforest Flow's assistance in installing water meters so that they could implement a per family water fee based on usage. In phase one of the project, Rainforest Flow's technical team and village water committee members installed water meters in seven homes and the elementary school in Huacaria and four homes and the mission school in Shintuya.

Monthly monitoring is underway by a water committee member so that they can calculate a fair water fee based on cubic meters.

Meters will be replicated in an additional 66 homes in early 2026. This approach provides transparency, fair exchange of service, and builds the financial foundation necessary for long-term system maintenance and community ownership.

COMMUNITY STORY:  
SHAWI VILLAGE OF LOUIS TERRY

## TRANSFORMING DAILY LIFE

**“SO MUCH HAS CHANGED, I USED TO HAVE TO TRAVEL SO FAR TO CARRY WATER, NOW IT’S RIGHT HERE IN MY HOME. IT’S MADE LIFE EASIER AND MAKES ME HAPPY. BEFORE OUR KIDS WERE ALWAYS SICK. THEY’RE MUCH HEALTHIER NOW. IT’S MADE EVERYTHING BETTER, FOR WASHING AND COOKING.”**

– Magdalena Huinapi Lancha, mother and water advocate.





# COMMUNITIES TEACHING THE AMAZON

In November, Rainforest Flow hosted the *Intercultural Workshop: Clean Water, Sanitation, and a Dignified Life in the Amazon*, bringing together 48 Indigenous representatives from 22 communities and ten Indigenous Peoples across the Peruvian Amazon.

The workshop created a space for Indigenous leaders to connect, share knowledge, and strengthen a growing network working to expand access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Participants exchanged experiences and community-based solutions while exploring how culturally appropriate WASH systems support health, dignity, and long-term well-being.

Through hands-on training and peer learning, participants strengthened skills in system operation, water quality monitoring, maintenance, financial management, and community leadership. Discussions also emphasized the importance of advocating for water and sanitation investments that reflect Indigenous priorities.

By building technical capacity, leadership, and collaboration, the workshop is helping grow an Indigenous-led network of WASH champions working together to create healthier communities across the Amazon.



# IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MANU NATIONAL PARK



Rainforest Flow and our Founder & Executive Director, Nancy Santullo, are honored to have been recognized by the Chief of Manu National Park, Ernesto John Florez, for our long-term service to four Indigenous communities in the Manu Biosphere Reserve. This recognition is shared with the entire Rainforest Flow team—and with the Indigenous people we are so proud to work with.

The Chief of Manu Park understands that when the Indigenous Peoples that live in and around Manu National Park are thriving, the park also thrives. Through our partnership with Manu National Park, these communities now have access to clean water, dignified sanitation in homes and schools, and improved health and well-being—the foundation of a thriving life in their homeland.

As Peru's first national park and one of the most biologically diverse places on Earth, Manu is a powerful example of how environmental protection and Indigenous wellbeing go hand in hand.



## PROVEN RESULTS

### 2025 HEALTH DATA

#### Louis Terry

- **Sustained 94% reduction** in diarrheal disease in the general population 4 years after implementation, with no cases reported among children under 5 for the past two monitoring cycles.
- **50% reduction** in the prevalence of intestinal worms, 3.5 X increase in the number of individuals testing parasite-free.
- **50% reduction** in childhood anemia, with decreasing seasonal anemia caused by food insecurity.
- **39% reduction** in the prevalence of moderate childhood malnutrition.

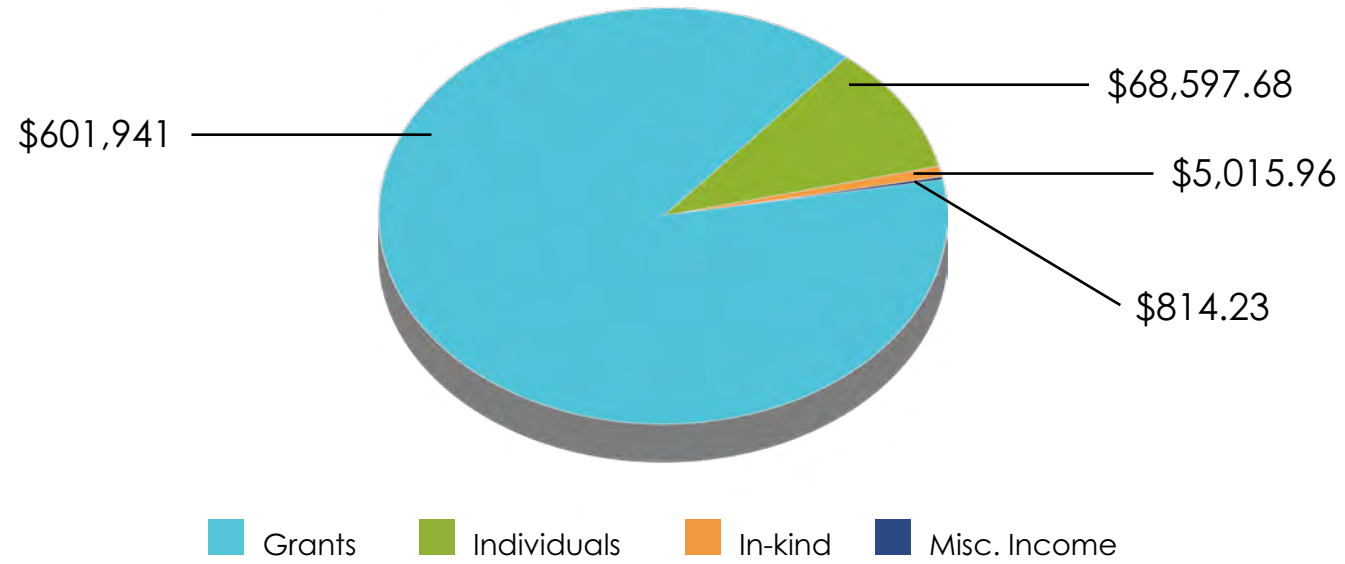
#### Shintuya

- **80% reduction** in diarrheal disease in the general population 6 years after implementation, with no cases of diarrhea reported among children under 5 for the past two monitoring cycles.
- **47% reduction** in intestinal worms, with relatively low infection rates compared to other project communities.
- **47% reduction** in childhood anemia and 29% reduction in anemia prevalence overall.
- **39% reduction** in mild and moderate childhood malnutrition.

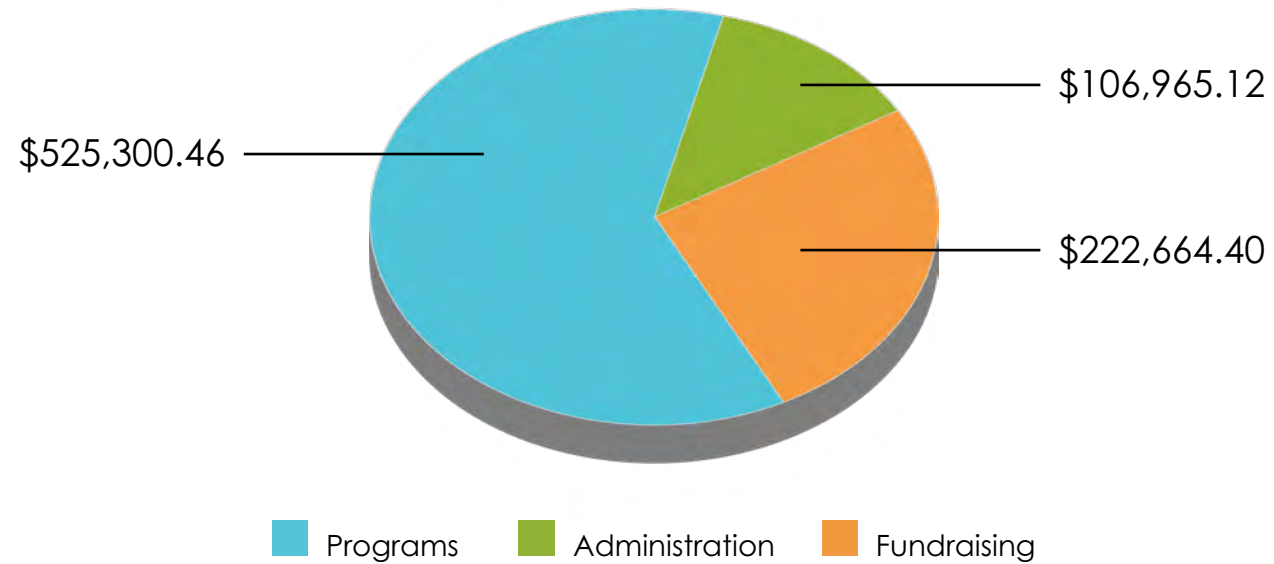
We carry out baseline studies and ongoing health and social impact assessments to track and measure health outcomes. These results are verified by third-party laboratories.

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Thank you for joining us on this journey. We invite you to continue to support our mission as we continue this vital work together with the communities. Your involvement is crucial to achieving even greater milestones in the future. Here's how you can help:

### DONATE

Your financial contributions directly support our programs. Every donation makes a difference. [Donate Now](#)

### SPREAD THE WORD

Help us raise awareness by sharing our mission with your network. Follow us on social media and share our posts.

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If you represent an organization interested in partnering with Rainforest Flow, we'd love to hear from you.

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