



## QUINAROA CC

### ACTIVITY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

*"Empowering Women to manufacture  
Handmade Soaps"*

Previously to March 8<sup>th</sup> the "Empowered Women: Learning to Sell a Dream" workshops were held:



*Leaders talk about their experiences*



*Workshop at the University*

### Day of the Walk in the Forest of the University Villa

To know a bit about the context that turned the activity of day 8th. At this time the longest blackout that our country has lived since the arrival of electricity was carried out. We were left without communications, the electricity went away from us on Thursday at approximately 17:00, it took us by surprise. So we could not communicate because we run out of electronic equipment charges. Nevertheless, the activity was also carried out; the children arrived since early hours to prepare the hydration and the sharing that was given to the women that day. In Trujillo, we call this drink "agua de panela" (lemonade sweetened with "papelón" which is a brown sweetener from sugar cane) and some fruits for bringing to participants. While in Lagunillas, the community was making a "sancocho" (chicken,

beef and chicken soup) and we already had the *agua de panela* and the fruits. In this way, people of the community with members of our CC waited for participants at the Quinaroa Cooperation Circle's Headquarter, to homage women in their day.

We started the Walk in the middle of the Forest in a very special place, we sat on the rocks, we did a ritual of Gratitude and we expressed and shared our experiences of life, to close with the delivery of the certificates.



***Delivery of certificates to Women's Teachers and Leaders and to men as Leaders who took the beginners training to join the world ECOSOAP***

In Lagunillas, we started with a ritual in our *Sacred Place Jama* where the *Urao Lagoon* is located, there we started the recreational walk through the main streets of the city, there were stations to taste with fruit to go through one of the ancient roads, still land, it should be noted that Lagunillas is a town with many paved streets and the old or real roads are few, this road linked us with the Quinaroa Cooperation Circle Headquarters. In such a way that we finished the activity there, we were able to reward all the participants, giving them a detail in their day.



***A view before the starting Ritual in Our Sacred Place Jama***



Old and Adult women from the community with our girls

Station in the sector 'The grotto of the Virgin Mary' in one of the main streets of the city



Hydration Station for enjoying "agua de panela" and fruits



**Entering the Royal Road**

**Recreational Walk**



**Arriving at the Quinara CC's Headquarter**



**AT QUINAROA CC'S HEADQUARTER**



**Men preparing to homage Women in their day**





Participants preparing to Share



Lucidia Gutiérrez's Words  
Old Woman representing  
the Indigenous People of  
Quineroes

**Awarding of Women's Prizes and making Agreements**



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**Back in Trujillo to complete the activity**

At the end of the day, people were full of enthusiasm and gratitude. We arrived to two important agreements during the Workshops and we closed them on the day of the Walk.

Since many women were interested to take the training but learned about the Workshops too late for reasons beyond their control, as the fall of electricity that affected communications, they could not attend them, so they asked us to plan another sessions. This was an important decision, given that the next phase of the Project is the training in Entrepreneurial Market and there were women that complete the first training; however even if women that attended had to wait for having the continuity, they gave an excellent contribution because they concluded that they can wait for the rest, to come together to the second phase and give opportunities for all. This showed us, the generosity, the solidarity and willingness to share of our women.

Two important dates are approaching in May: Labor's Day and the celebration of San Isidro who is the protector of plantings and farmers, many of our women dedicate themselves to Agriculture. The participants asked to schedule more activities in commemoration of these dates; and they offered to speak from their experiences in these events and in the next workshops.

The *Mercadito* (Small Market) is the pending activity of the Project which will take place from April 8<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful for the support of URI WIN CC, with this Award many of us are motivated to continue carrying out activities to protect and promote the good use of our natural resources, inspiring and encouraging more women to follow the path of Entrepreneurship in Hand Made Natural Soaps as a way to contribute with the domestic economy.



Table . Activities carried out on March 8 with the prize won

Activity	Money spent \$	Money contributed	Balance
Workshops coffe brake	40	40	0
Logistics trek	70	70	0
Hydration walk	30	30	0
Awards	50	50	0
Delivery of certificates of the Workshops and merit awards	30	50	20
Entrepreneurship Market			
Great sharing: Lunch, award to the best exhibitor	30	60	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>50</b>