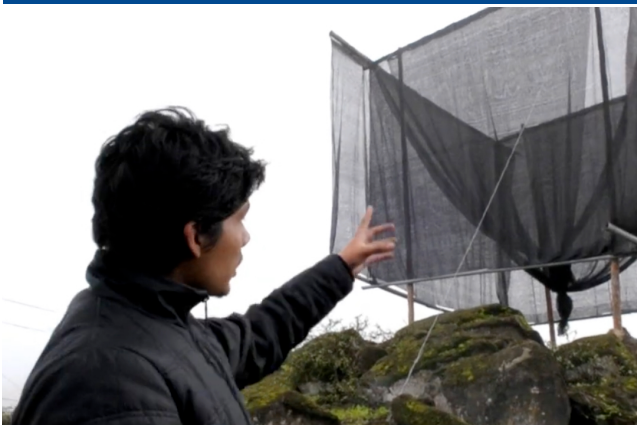




Development Assistance Fund (DAF)

Families in Cerro Nueva Esperanza are improving their quality of life thanks to the 20 fog catchers built by the "Peruanos sin Agua" movement and USAID/Peru.



HOW TO APPLY?

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For complete details on the Development Assistance Fund and application process please visit the following web site:

<http://www.grants.gov>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Development Assistance Fund (DAF) aims to fund Peruvian organizations to address the basic needs of lower-income and marginalized groups and produce immediate impact at the community level. By focusing at the grass roots the DAF creates a direct link between USAID/Peru and the Peruvian people that promotes goodwill and strengthens the relationship between the United States government and poor communities.

DAF activities embrace themes from all USAID/Peru program areas. The DAF program seeks grant ideas that advance local economic growth, promote human health and education, and provide emergency and humanitarian assistance to marginalized people. Funding proposals that foster stronger democratic practices and community level organizations, conserve the environment, or pursue licit livelihoods in former coca-growing regions are also welcome. The most important -- and mandatory -- component of every DAF activity is community commitment and participation. Community buy-in not only ensures a successful activity with lasting impact, but also encourages the community's future participation in the decision-making process in resolving problems and building more equitable living conditions.

The communities targeted by the DAF include rural and depressed urban areas, as well as areas prone to social conflict (e.g., the Peruvian Amazon and communities where extractive industries are operating). Within this broad definition the DAF aims to fund activities that benefit those in need including women, children and youth organizations, people with disabilities, Afro-Peruvian and Indigenous groups, and others affected by inequities. The beneficiaries are the ones most directly affected not only by conditions of poverty, but also by cultural, economic, and social barriers that prevent their real integration into local and national development efforts. Thus, DAF will contribute to providing equitable opportunities for disadvantaged people.

GRANT MECHANICS

The DAF program will consider proposals that do not exceed \$50,000 and implement activities in no more than 12 months (less than six months preferred). Furthermore, applicants are expected to contribute a minimum of 25% of the total activity cost. This community contribution may include cash or support such as land, labor, locally available materials, etc. and the value of this contribution should be documented in the grant.