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## The familia Rios Puma

### Chaullaccocha



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In the family of Antonio Rios Churata and Martina Puma Ccama do live Martina's father as well as their children Rubén Darío (13 years), Marco Antonio (10 years), Dina (5 years) and Jaqueline (1 year). During the week Rubén Darío lives in the Patacancha because there is the Secundaria while Marco Antonio and Dina are in Primary resp. pre-school in Chaullaccochac.

At the moment Antonio works a lot as porter on the Inca Trail but the income from this is minimal and not sufficient to satisfy the needs of the family. Due to that he is in contact with tourists and does speak some Spanish. He is very proud of his house because he was able to study a chimney in another village and could reconstruct it so that it functions. His house is the best in the whole village because basically it is the only one with a toilette that works. He wants to improve it further so that at some point in the future tourists can spend the night there.



Martina is a bit shy but very friendly. She works on handicrafts to increase the family income. Here biggest problem is the fact that she has no possibility to sell these things – let alone for a fair price.

The house of the family is typical for Chaullaccocha and it is insecure in the rainy season which means that due to the high humidity water is on the floor in the room. Like all the others the whole family lives in one single room which they share with their animals (guinea pigs, chicken, etc.) and all of them sleep in one bed.



The hygienic situation in which the family lives as well as in the house is completely inadequate. Due to the lack of windows there is no light and ventilation with the result that the whole family and especially the children are suffering from the typical illnesses: colds, stomach problems, eye problems (red eyes), skin issues (**Schrunden** and warts), etc. In addition Antonio and Martina suffer from the consequences of their work especially with head- and back-aches. In the last two years Martina has regularly problems with her ears from which pus is emanating and **Gallensteine**, which would require surgery. But as usually

there is no way to get the required medical attention.



The family basically lives from potatoes and their derivatives (dried and frozen versions). Once in a while they have meat and this is the case when one of their animals had dies. The situation with fruits and vegetables is similar as they hardly eat it. On one hand they lack the money to buy it and on the other hand the possibility to have access to it. The children to get lunch at school which is paid by another organization. But this is not sufficient to get rid of the lack of nutrition from which 92% of the kids are suffering.

In contrast to other families they do have animals which are the basis of the family income. Antonio breeds them especially to pay for the education of his children. Like all of the others they live from the cultivation of potatoes, Inca Trail and handicraft.

In addition Antonio is responsible for health issues in the community and he knows a lot about traditional healing methods. In case of emergency he is the "Hebamme". He would really love to enhance his medical knowledge especially in the areas of prevention and First Aid.

Martina and Antonio do have the dream that their children receive a good education so that they can study afterwards and will work as real professionals. They do hope that their children will live in much better conditions than they do now.

Rubén Darío would like to work as guide because he knows some of them who had visited their home. Marco Antonio would love to go to university and become a lawyer. But there is only a primary school in the village.



The level of the Secundaria (a kind of college), which is located in Patacancha 17km away, is very low. This reduces the probability tremendously that they will succeed in the entry exams for enhanced schooling let alone a university – if it is not completely impossible at all.