

Supporting Farmers in Baadre - the Kurdistan Region of Iraq



As part of its commitment to social development in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, Hunt Oil Middle East (HOME) has initiated a collaborative effort with local farmers in Baadre to cultivate high-quality Arizona potatoes. These potatoes are particularly sought after for their use in producing potato chips, thus offering a lucrative market opportunity.

The local farmers in Baadre have organized themselves into a cooperative (Co-Op) to cultivate 40 donums of land for the first-time production of Arizona potatoes in the area. HOME has forged an alliance with this cooperative to support their endeavor.

Under this partnership, HOME provides essential resources such as seed potatoes, fertilizers, pesticides, and comprehensive training for the farmers. While the local farmers provide the labor, machinery, water well installation, water pipes, storage facilities, and marketing efforts.

A portion of the revenue generated from this project will be reinvested into next year's potato farming activities, ensuring sustainability and continuity. Additionally, a segment of the proceeds will be allocated towards expanding farming initiatives to include seasonal vegetables, further bolstering local agricultural growth.

This project not only fosters the development of local agriculture in Baadre but also creates valuable seasonal employment opportunities for the local workforce, contributing to the socio-economic advancement of the region.

Supporting the local development of the Vinchos District - Peru



PERU LNG, together with the authorities of the Vinchos District and local NGOs, have forged an alliance aimed at fostering the economic development of the community through the enhancement of agricultural activities and tourism in the area.

Situated in the highlands of Peru, the district of Vinchos boasts a population of approximately 16,000 inhabitants, predominantly engaged in agriculture, livestock farming, and fish cultivation, along with the trade of agricultural products. Vinchos is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and rich historical heritage.

Recognizing the potential of its economic activities and tourism, PERU LNG has been actively financing various projects since 2021 to bolster the district's development endeavors. These initiatives include capacity-building efforts for over 60 families specializing in crafting alpaca fiber-based products, facilitating their entry into markets in Japan and the USA in the last few years.

Additionally, during 2023 PERU LNG has been instrumental in providing training to families involved in trout farming, focusing on best practices in trout management, such as feeding, health, and business formalization. By the conclusion of 2023, more than 33 participating families achieved important outcomes, significantly increasing trout weight, and reducing mortality rates from 25% to a mere 3%.

Moreover, support has been extended to 280 agricultural households since 2022, concentrating on enhancing cultivation techniques and animal husbandry practices. This assistance encompasses the distribution of high-quality seeds, irrigation equipment, and other interventions, leading to a significant increase in potato production, from 10 to 30 tons, and a sixfold increase in guinea pig population per family, reaching 150 animals by the end of 2023.

To bolster tourism, in 2023 a strategic plan was developed collaboratively with cultural and tourism experts, including local authorities. The plan aims to highlight the Vinchos' natural splendor, local culture, and distinctive traditions. The plan is poised for implementation in 2024, with initiatives aimed at showcasing Vinchos' tourist attractions, including the restoration and preservation of historical and natural sites.

PERU LNG underscores the importance of community-driven development initiatives aligned with the capacities and potentialities of neighboring communities to ensure sustainability over time.