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INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITIES BY BUILDING TWO WATER TREATMENT PLANTS IN PERUVIAN RIVER VILLAGES



International Expeditions, the world leader in nature travel, funded the construction of two simple water treatment plants in Santa Teresa and Irlanda, Peru, providing clean drinking water to Amazon and Napo River villages. Building upon three decades of conservation support in the area, IE's new treatment plants provide 2,200 liters of parasite-free water to 380 people (including more than 125 school-age children) to drink, brush their teeth and cook with every day.

In addition to major health benefits, the treatment plants are also helping foster a more sustainable economy in the remote river communities. The excess clean water can be sold to

neighboring villages or used to bake bread and make jams, minimizing the villagers' need to make money by logging in the rainforest. The plants also prevent trees from being harvested to build large fires for boiling water.

The water treatment plant pictured here was built in four days with the assistance of the Irlanda community and volunteers. International Expeditions currently has plans to fund at least two more water treatment plants throughout the Peruvian rainforest in the coming year.

Year-round, IE operates a 10-day Amazon Voyage which offers travelers a rare opportunity to visit *ribereños* in their remote river villages, hand out school supplies to children and meet with a local shaman.

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