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Best Practices Workshop:

Clean Water Strategies

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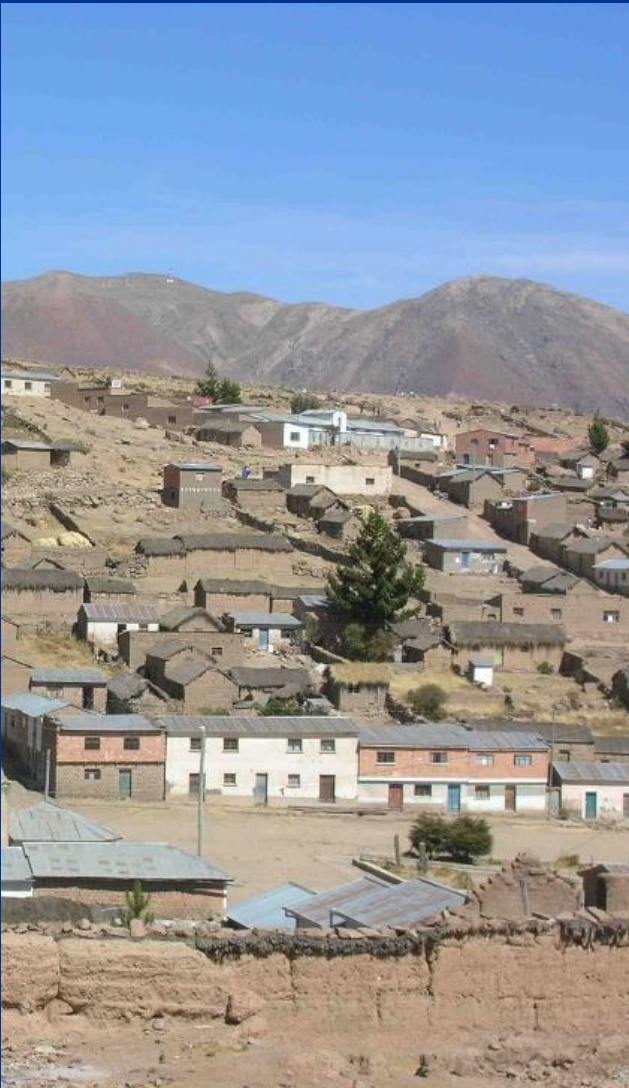
Clean Water Strategies

- Water is life...
- PTPA mission principles
- Important themes guiding efforts
- Best practices & lessons learned

Water is life...

Sin Agua, No Hay Vida.

Without Water, There is no Life



Sanitation key to health, key to dignity



Understanding and addressing root causes...





WATER AND CONFLICT

INCORPORATING PEACEBUILDING INTO WATER DEVELOPMENT

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

1. Water and Conflict

2. Principles for Water and Cooperation

3. Framing Water Development within a Peacebuilding Paradigm

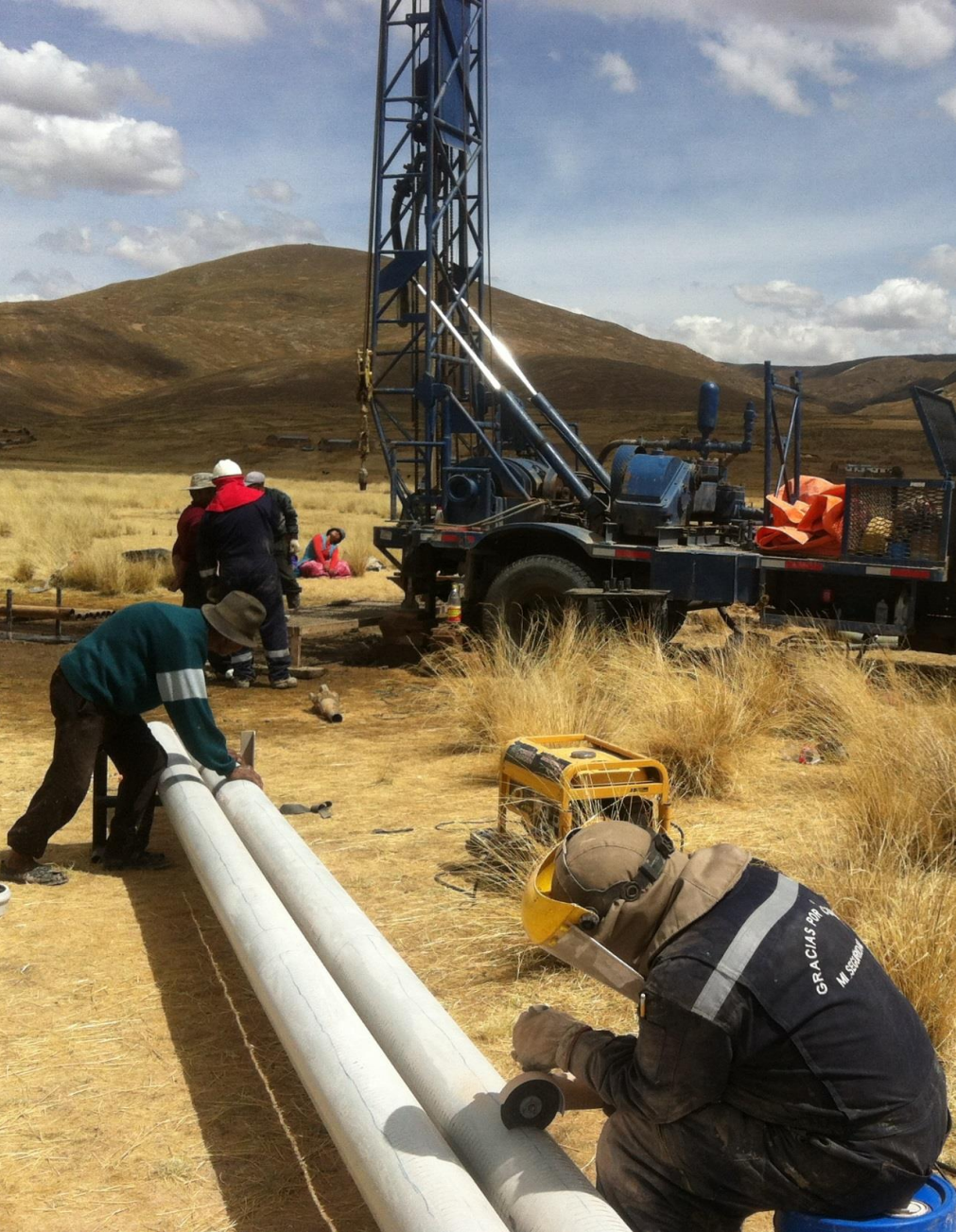
4. Applying Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation to Water and Sanitation Programming

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PTPA mission principles

- Deepen cross-cultural understanding
- Build solidarity and respect
- Enrich spirituality and share faith
- Alleviate poverty & achieve sustainability
- Be compassionate, caring and loving stewards of God's kingdom



Important themes guiding efforts

- Transparency and accountability
- Importance of input from sister parish and respectful consideration in mutual decision-making
- Collaboration with like-minded organizations
- Sustainability; avoiding “toxic” charity



Listening... & Active Participation

Best practices & lessons learned

- Improving likelihood of success
- 3 key takeaways
- 3 significant challenges
- 3 strategies to effectively address them
- Maintaining and growing relationships during times of unrest and travel restrictions



Improving likelihood of success

- Request originates from the community
- Shared sacrifice, lasting sense of ownership
- Water supply source(s) confirmed
- Capable, trusted local implementing partners
- Strengthening local governance, O&M
- Follow up visits





3 significant challenges

- Technical, social, financial limitations
- Overcoming past negative experiences communities have from prior efforts
- Avoiding dividing a community between “haves” and “have nots”

3 strategies to effectively address those challenges



- Enter a community to understand what is needed and what is possible; being intentional to minimize raising expectations
- Listening... learning from community's past experiences. All parties committing to follow through to completion
- Plan for reaching all who want to participate in the community, (even if needing to implement in phases)

Growing relationships during challenging times



- “Stay with the people”, being present remotely...
- Shared prayer
- Virtual web meetings
- Embracing new paradigms – increased reliance on and trust in local partners

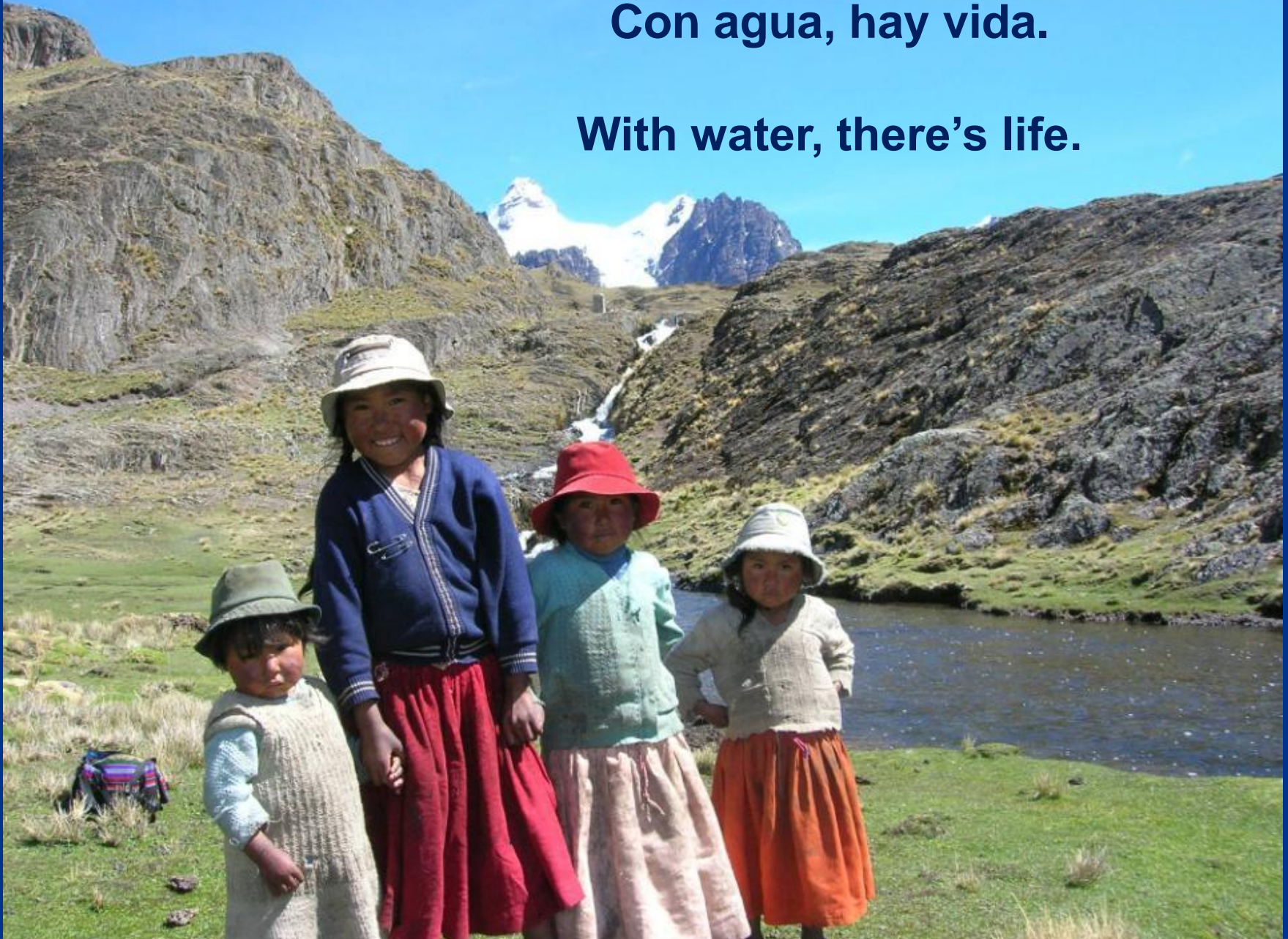


3 key takeaways

- Communities rally for water and sanitation
- A proven, capable local partner is key
- Implement the project applying PTPA's guiding principles; and in doing so, strengthen local capacity

Con agua, hay vida.

With water, there's life.



Thank you

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