Cabeceras Aid Project

Cabeceras Aid Project is a non-profit organization founded in 1996 to provide humanitarian aid to geographically isolated indigenous communities of the Amazon Basin. Our goal is to promote the well-being and autonomy of these communities as they face the challenges of contact with the outside world.

Our organization's field projects focus on collaborative, community-based research and education projects including healthcare education, language documentation, and development of educational materials in local languages. We also provide necessary material aid, including medical supplies, teaching materials, and basic tools, to support our community-based projects.

In the rainforests of Peru – where Cabeceras Aid Project is currently active – many small indigenous communities live in the remote *cabeceras*, or headwaters, of rivers that flow on to join the great Amazon River. History attests that all too often, contact between small indigenous groups and modern society has been devastating for the indigenous peoples involved, because these groups lack resistance to introduced diseases and lack crucial knowledge to confront the new problems posed by contact with the outside world.

Cabeceras Aid Project seeks to break this pattern by providing indigenous groups with aid – in the forms of both material resources and knowledge – which will help these groups manage their interactions with the modern world in a manner that gives them greater control over their own future.

For more information, visit www.cabeceras.org or contact us!

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Cabeceras fieldworker and Nanti healthcare worker in training.
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During the summer of 2002, Cabeceras Aid Project will carry out three important community-based projects:

• The Urubamba River Valley Medical Aid Project

Cabeceras is collaborating with Peruvian Ministry of Health doctors in this southeastern region to provide essential medical kits to trained village healthcare workers in the area's most remote indigenous communities.

• The Camisea Nanti Project

Cabeceras fieldworkers will continue their on-going work to document the Nanti language, to develop educational materials in this language, and to document Nanti resource use patterns to defend their community land rights.

• The Iquito Language Documentation Project

Cabeceras fieldworkers are initiating the first year of a three-year project to create educational materials in and for Iquito, a highly endangered language spoken in the Iquito community of San Antonio in northern Peru.

Thank you for supporting our organization!