

“WIÑAY MASHIKUNA” (women growing up) is a group made up of 10 families from the community of Gualacata, Otavalo.

The group was started in response to the difficulties we faced due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we organized with the idea of carrying out small businesses to seek economic income in those difficult times. At the beginning we had problems not being able to meet in person due to the pandemic and also because of the fear of getting infected.



After 2 years of the pandemic, already vaccinated and knowing how to live with this disease, we decided to ask FEDICE to support us with a project to raise our animals.

I am María Encarnación Inlago, the first project was raising a bull.

With the second project I bought an oven, since another of my activities that I do is making bread that I sell in the community and nearby places. Before I worked with a small oven where I prepared 35 loaves, now with the help of FEDICE I was able to buy a larger oven where I can prepare 100 loaves.

The oven cost me \$700, the reimbursable funds were \$500, I had to complete the value, but this will help me continue with my business, increase my production and generate more income for my family.

“I am very happy with this oven; I will continue forward and ask you to continue supporting the ventures of indigenous women.”

