

FIBC Food Security Project Report 2

THE COMMUNITY ISQUILLANI BENEFITED FROM SEED POTATOES

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Families from the community Isquillani inspired us to trust God. When we visited them in May, they looked calm and smiled in spite of the fact that they didn't have enough food or seed potatoes. It is a community that has an elementary school, so children need food to go to school, especially potatoes for their meals because they live in a place far from modern life. So younger and older people in Isquillani hoped that they would receive the seed potatoes as a blessing from God.

On Saturday, September 30th five young Friend volunteers traveled early in the morning to the community Isquillani. When we were halfway there, we saw that the truck that was carrying the huge bags of seed potatoes had run out of gas. We were worried about how the activity of distribution could go on that day. Once we got to the community, we waited for the truck. Fortunately, after 30 minutes the truck arrived and people happily helped to unload the bags of seed potatoes from it. Thanks to God, the whole process of distribution went well. That day 58 families came to pick up their 125 pounds of seed potatoes.



Volunteers were welcomed by local families



Local people helping with the distribution

Our volunteer Belen shared her experience in Isquillani, and said, "I loved seeing how the people in the community worked with us as we distributed the seed potatoes. And I liked that they shared a delicious traditional lunch together."

Also, Imogene shared about her experience of that day by saying, "For me, it was a pleasure to be part of this distribution of seed potatoes to families, and seeing how each person happily carried their bags of seed potatoes as they left for home. Although I felt exhausted after helping with the distribution, I felt well since the experience of this Seed Potatoes Project gave me an opportunity to do something for others."

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PICTURES OF THE SEED POTATOES DISTRIBUTION IN ISQUILLANI



Young Friends distributing the seed potatoes



Families getting 125 pounds of seed potatoes



a Quaker woman from Isquillani



Volunteers after a long day of service work