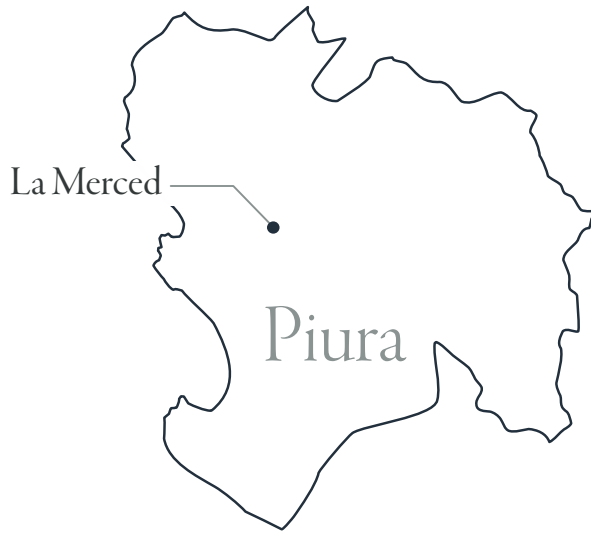


The story of
La Merced

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This is the story about **La Merced**,
a rural community in Piura, Peru, and about
Vera Aqua Vera Vita {VAVV} who wish to
make a true life change!



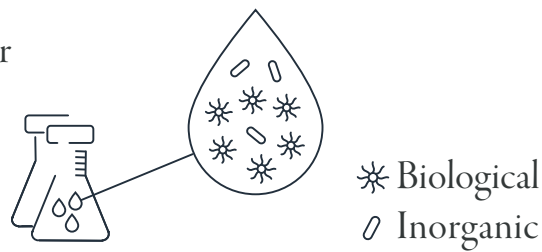
La Merced is one of three close by communities with very similar names. There are **200 people** living there.



The children have no access to safe water, toilets and soap for hand washing at school, or at their homes. Actually, all families in **La Merced** have to walk a few minutes to a **water canal** to get any water.

But why do they miss school?

“VAVV has found
9 contaminants
in our MCL water
tests, that pose
health risks.”



It is because of the contaminated water, and not having ways to keep them healthy. The water tests show too many pollutants that are not allowed in drinking water and cause the children to be very sick and lose many school days.

Contaminated water are water with pollutants.

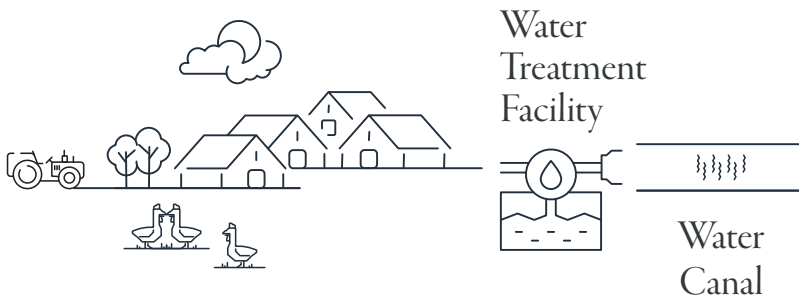
Pollutants are any substances, as chemicals or waste products, which are dangerous to our environment.

MCL means **Maximum Contaminant Level** of pollutants that is allowed in our drinking water.

Biological means from living matter: bacteria, viruses, and parasites.

Inorganic means chemical contaminants which can be naturally-occurring (salts, metals), or from wastewater discharges (oil, gas, mining, farming).

What does VAVV do?



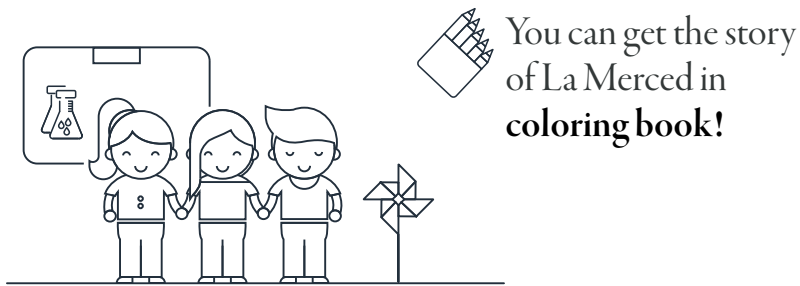
The VAVV team plans to help all children and families in **La Merced** by building a **water treatment facility**, connected to their **water canal**. It would remove all pollutants and allow safe and easy access to healthy water in all **La Merced**!

They also plan to teach daily hygiene habits, specially how to wash hands regularly, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Water Treatment

Facility cleans, disinfects and test water before you use it in your home and other places.

What can you do?



It is so simple! Join VAVV team by telling the story of the **La Merced** children in your class, and perhaps suggest your teacher to create a fundraising campaign to help them!

We can all be healthy and happy:
"True Water True Life."

Thank you!

Don't forget to share your colored pages of **La Merced** with us, we would love to see them!

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