



Culturally Sensitive & Empowering: Sexual & Reproductive Health  
May 2025 Featured Grant



# About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- capacity building





# The Global Issue: Sexual & Reproductive Health Education for Girls

Includes sensitive & often taboo topics:

- consent
- sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- early pregnancy
- delaying marriage

Best success with culturally specific tools: storytelling, local history & literature





# May Featured Grantee: Sacred Valley Health

Partners with Indigenous communities in Peru

Improves health & well-being of underserved, marginalized people

Programs: women's health, nutrition, wilderness medicine, Community Health Workers, adolescent girls

Highly successful 2018 Together Women Rise grantee

# Life Challenges of Women in Peru

- Poverty = biggest challenge
- 30%+ earn no income
- Earn 30% less than men
- Peru: world's highest COVID death rates per capita
- Political crisis, extreme drought, national economic woes
- Additional marginalization for Indigenous Quechua-speaking women





# How Our Grant Will Be Used

**\$40,000 Project Grant**

**Adolescent Girls  
Empowerment Initiative**

Train & empower Indigenous adolescent girls → leaders in healthy gender relationships & reproductive health



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Quechua-speaking staff

Effective, accessible teaching

- Workshops
- Leadership development
- Networking young leaders
- Awareness & advocacy campaigns

Direct impact: 50 women and girls;  
Indirect impact: 800 women & girls





# Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Portion of personnel costs	Program director, Women's Health program manager, program assistant, administrative coordinator, monitoring and evaluation director, graphic designer for culturally relevant training materials to facilitate visual learning	\$10,600
AGEI Program Coordinator	Goal: experienced Sacred Valley Health worker through SVH professional development program - local, Indigenous woman familiar with SVH programs	\$10,000
Materials	Training materials for participants	\$5,000
Transportation	Includes transportation for program participants to and from SHV training headquarters in Ollantaytambo, transportation for community project support (for projects implemented by participants), etc.	\$4,700
Miscellaneous support	Project and core mission support	\$4,200
Networking and findings	Networking fairs, publication and dissemination of key learnings	\$3,500
Food and supplies	Healthy meals provided to program participants on training days	\$2,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$40,000</b>



