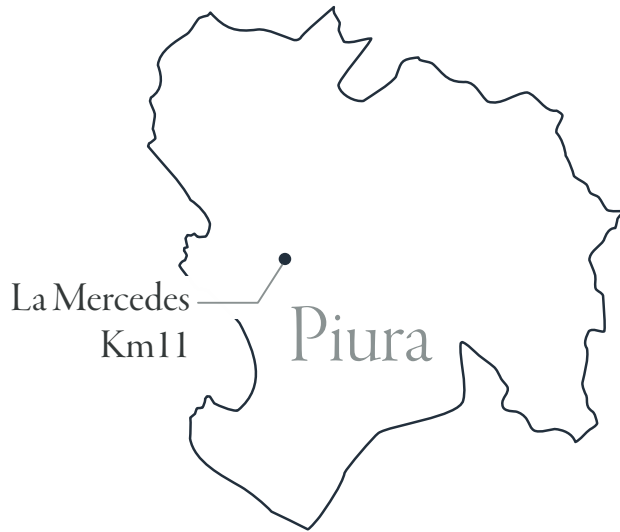


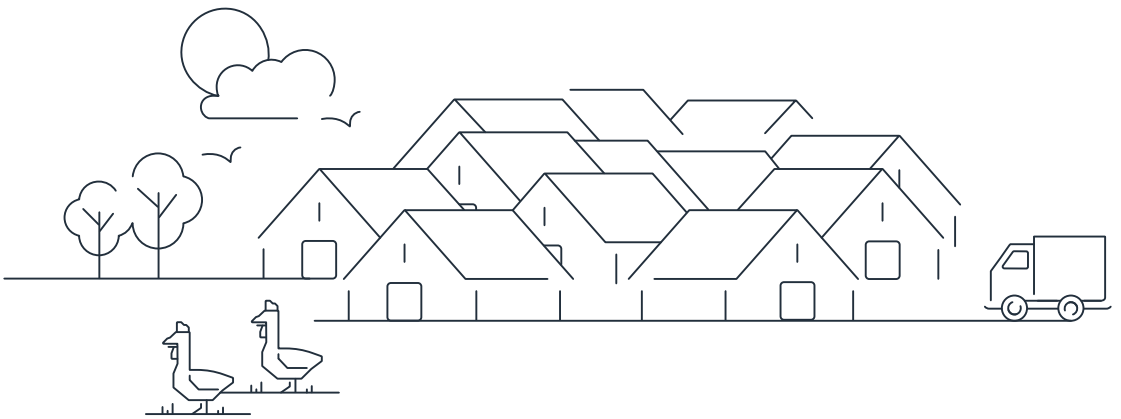
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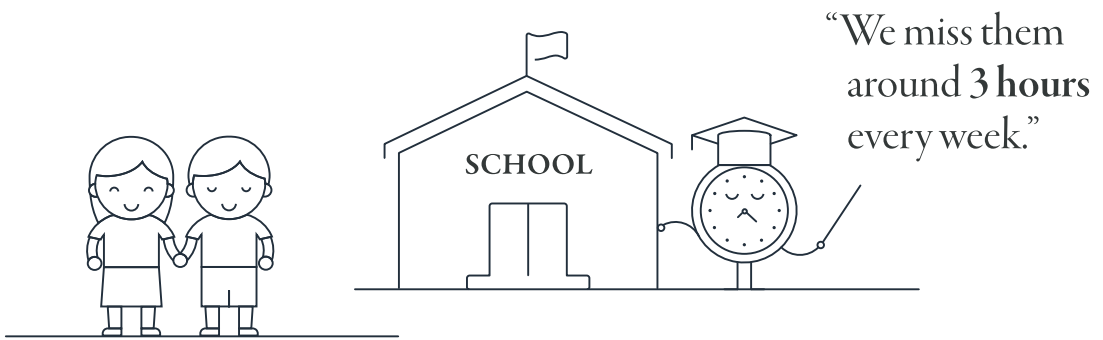




**This** is the story about **Las Mercedes KM11**, a rural community in Piura, Peru, and about **Vera Aqua Vera Vita (VAVV)** who wish to make a true life change!



**Las Mercedes KM11** is also a big community. There are **1,025 people** living there.



There are **205 children** in **Las Mercedes KM11** and one school, but they are losing almost a **half school day**, every week!

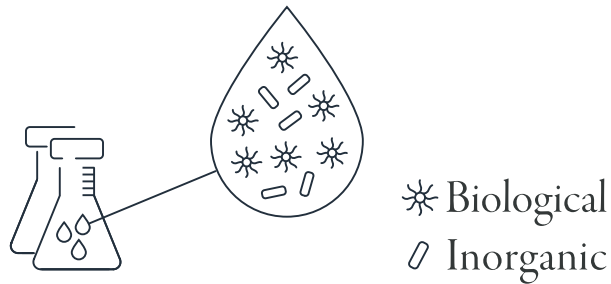
**Why is that?**



The children have no access to safe water, toilets and soap for hand washing at school, or at their homes. Actually, all families in **Las Mercedes KM11** have to walk a half an hour to a **water canal** to get any water.

**But why do they miss school?**

“VAVV has found  
**11 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.

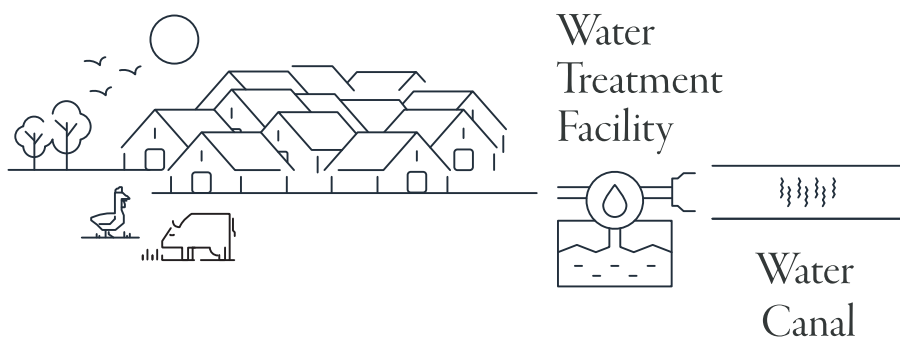
**Pollutants** are any substances, as chemicals or waste products, which are dangerous to our environment.

**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 **Las Mercedes KM11** 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 **Las Mercedes KM11**!



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?**



You can get the story  
of Las Mercedes KM11 in  
**coloring book!**

It is so simple! Join VAVV team by  
telling the story of the **Las Mercedes  
KM11** 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 **Las Mercedes KM11** with us, we would love to see them!

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