



Lin at the FORMABIAP facilities

Date of birth: March 27th 1994

People: Quechua

Languages:
Quechua
languages and
Spanish

Origins: Andoas –
Datem del
Marañón Province –
Pastaza River

**His biggest
strength:**

***“My family and
the ability of
resisting
frustrations.”***

Family

Father: Clever Cruz Guardia

Occupation: Welder

Community: Andoas

Mother: Doris Rubio

Community: New Andoas

Occupation: Housewife

Lin is the oldest of five brothers and sisters.

Lin is one of the few students to keep in touch with his family from his mother's side.

Academic records

Lin is 21 years old, and is one of the few indigenous doing a Business Administration major at the *Instituto Peruano de Administración de Empresa* (IPAE). A well-known centre recognized for its prestige in the university education in Peru.

Lin Cruz made a 180° change in his studies, going from environmental studies to the world of economics; last year he was still studying

environmental engineering at the *Universidad Científica del Perú* (UCP).

He feels motivated to resume his studies after the pause he took when leaving the environmental science studies, due to causes he could not control.



Lin after English class



Lin with Celine, general coordinator of the Sui Sui Program and y Josein, another quechua student.

Economical Status

Lin lived his first years in Iquitos, but then he had to accompany his parents to Andoas, due to work reasons.

After getting accepted at the university Lin had to come back to Iquitos.

Last year he was studying environmental engineering, but due to economical reasons he had to quit these studies.

Up until now, Lin has had to support his studies with a part-time job as welder, which he learned from his father. But sometimes this is not enough so he does some

other economical activities.

That is why he considers that getting the financial support from the program will help him focus completely in his studies. As the matter of facts, he is hoping to finish his university studies.

What he actually wants is to avoid having to go through a financial instability that might force him to quit his studies once again.

Social relations and citizen commitment

Lin is determined to finish his studies, become a professional, and be a reason of pride to his family and his own. Therefore, he struggles to support himself financially and keep studying, in spite of the difficulties faced when being away from his family. He does not want to find himself lonely and without somebody to trust his problems. He knows the many difficulties existing in his federation, and how some organisms like oil companies, aggravate certain conflicts. He is also aware that his student organization the OEPIAP needs to strengthen.

Being a student as well as a working man has let him little to no time to get involved in the dynamics of the OEPIAP. But he does recognize the importance of being well-organized. This he learned after having his father imprisoned, along with other indigenous activists, when defending their rights.

Personal projects and hopes

"Finish my studies and suggest radical changes in the community"



Lin along with his colleagues