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Dear GBF Friends,

Since 2011, GBF has been managing a \$50M global mezzanine investment fund (GBI-I) which provides long term investment capital to high impact businesses in East Africa, South and South-East Asia, and Latin America. The high impact businesses in GBI-I's portfolio generate dignified jobs, fair and sustainable incomes, or cost savings for people from underserved communities, engaging them in the value chains as suppliers, distributors, employees or consumers.

In Latin America, GBF has committed **US\$19.7M in 12 high impact businesses** in Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Paraguay. From 2011 to-date, GBI-I LatAm investees have generated an estimated **\$120M** of income to more than 46,000 farmers, artisans, workers and vendors.

Here in the Andean region, GBF's primary focus has been on supporting companies in the agribusiness sector, especially in non-traditional sectors such as organic fruits and vegetables, Andean grains, and other non-commoditized agricultural products. While agriculture represents on average 9% of GDP in GBF's target countries (Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador), the sector generates on average 25% of employment disproportionately impacting rural underserved communities. Therefore, companies working along the agricultural supply chain are important drivers of inclusive growth. GBF's agribusiness investees Villa Andina, CAVSAC, Phoenix Foods, and Shared X work with thousands of small holder farmers not only buying the products they grow, but providing technical assistance on good agricultural practices and certification norms, financing quality inputs, and often providing working capital, to help the farmers increase their productivity and incomes.

We have been working closely with [Phoenix Foods](#), [Villa Andina](#), [Cavsac](#), [Natural Habitats](#), [Alquimia](#), and [Shared X](#), and we are proud to support them as they supply high quality value added finished foods and beverages to local and global markets, while positively impacting the rural communities where they work .

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Our Newest Video!

In nearly six years of working together, we've seen Villa Andina connect over 5,000 small-scale farmers to more lucrative markets and train producers to grow high value goods. We are happy to share with you this video and thank you for joining us on this journey. [Click here to watch!](#)

