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### MELTING GLACIERS AFFECT FARMERS IN PERU

#### VIDEO

PUCARUMI VILLAGE /  
HERDER WITH LLAMAS /  
FARMERS PLANTING POTATOES

GLACIER / WATER ON ROCKS  
FARMERS WALK / BLACK  
GLACIERS

FELIPE CRISPIN CANDORI ON  
CAMERA

FARMERS WORK / POTATOES /  
GLACIER MELTING / DRY FIELD  
AND SKY

#### AUDIO

##### NARRATION

Pucarumi lies at the foot of the Ausangate glacier in the uplands of Peru. Here, herders rely on pastures fed by glacier melt to feed their animals...and they plant indigenous potatoes in fertile ground. (13.5")

The glacier provides water for irrigation and for drinking. But Felipe Crispin Candori, a farmer here, says the glacier is slowly turning black, the color of the rock below the ice and snow. (13.5")

##### FELIPE CRISPIN CANDORI: (Spanish) **M**

*"We are feeling the effects of climate change, which is greatly affecting us."* (5")

##### NARRATION

Things are already changing here. There is less fertile land for staples like the local potato. Soon, according to World Bank experts, people here will have to plant new crops. And instead of having water stored in ice on the glacier, the World Bank's Warren Evans says farmers and

herdsmen will have to find new ways of keeping and using water. (21.5")

WARREN EVANS ON CAMERA

WARREN EVANS: (English) **M**

*"Their farming systems, their livestock management systems, everything has been designed around the seasons that were based on the water flow from the glaciers. This is all changing very rapidly."* (12")

MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS /  
VILLAGERS AND WATER

NARRATION

Mid-latitude mountain ranges like the southern Andes, the Himalayas, and the Alps are showing some of the greatest proportionate ice loss. In Latin America, many people live in arid regions and depend on the melt from the glaciers for irrigation and drinking water. (14")

FELIPE CRISPIN CANDORI ON  
CAMERA

FELIPE CRISPIN CANDORI: (Spanish) **M**

*"I am worried to see my children once the Ausangate glacier is gone. Once the snow has gone."* (6")

FARMERS AND LLAMAS /  
WOMEN KNIT

NARRATION

Farmers in Pucarumi say they can already see changes: their animals have less wool forcing villagers to switch to synthetic wool to make their hats, sweaters and scarves. (11")

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