

## STORY OF PAULINA, PUPANA WOMEN'S GROUP

Paulina Quilumba, belongs to the Pupana Sur organization in the province of Cotopaxi. Paulina, is married to William Pullopaxi, they have 4 children. William and Paulina thank the FEDICE foundation for the support provided in these 13 years with training and financial resources.



Paulina, has been collaborating as treasurer of the organization for the period of 11 years. Due to her responsibility and honesty, the organization has entrusted the economic management, it manages the

accounting notebooks and the records of credits, collections and presenting economic reports to the organization.

Paulina started with the project of raising pigs. After she changed to the project of renting tents, dishes, tables and chairs for social events. The family business was developing normally before the pandemic. However, with the changes for the pandemics of the COVID-19, the family made a decision of change their business to a grocery store, there are not many profits, but they defend themselves for the day to day, says Paulina.



It is important to mention the family does not stagnate and seeks new work alternatives, opportunities to obtain economic support. William works in a taxi of his own and Paulina works at home, taking care of her children, taking care of the store and doing housework.

As a family, we thank the foundation and the brothers in the United States for the financial support for the installation of the store, which is Paulina's source of work.

Paulina says: "Despite the pandemic, we thank God for the opportunity to continue working with our new familiar project. We are sure, we will overcome of this difficult situation and then will return to our business, since we have the things in storage and at any time we can have our other business and at the same time continue with the store.

