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Access to a college education for the children of Andean farmers and herders is a recent phenomenon in the Peruvian altiplano. The people in the Chijnaya network of villages place great value on education and have high aspirations for their sons and daughters. They make major sacrifices to support their children's goals, but with their low incomes and the problematic nature of farming in a challenging climate, families find it difficult to earn enough money to



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