Las Compañeras del Campo  
The Companions of the Countryside

My Research:

Chilca Totora (Tarqui): countryside region outside of Cuenca city in Ecuador

¿Quién?
Señora María Florinda & Kushi Waira community (now called Sumak Sisa/Linda Flor)

¿Qué?
300 hard copies of zine: a collection of medicinal plants, poems, photographs, aromatic agüitas and organic compost recipes, and other indigenous practices

¿Por qué?
Support & contribute to the little available information on Sumak Sisa & create awareness about Ecuadorian indigenousness communities

¿Cómo?
Study abroad volunteer work, Intercompu, apartment in Cuenca after program

How the Dinah Dodd’s grant helped:

 Allowed me to:
- Travel to and from Chilca Totora for follow up research
- Make/distribute 300 zines in U.S./Ecuador
- Photograph/print with a film camera
- Develop anthropological research skills
- Build strong, international life long relationships

Helped others by:
- Supporting small local businesses & communities ($)
- Creating networks between urban/rural communities
- Teaching students about local plant identification/English

How the project lives on:

Website featuring zine: http://mayanab4.wix.com/multimediamay