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Read the text and answer the questions that follow. Write in sentences for each answer.

**Bridge made of string: Peruvians weave 500-year-old Incan crossing back into place**

Peruvians from the Huinchiri community in Cusco region are rebuilding a 500-year-old Incan hanging bridge, made using traditional weaving techniques to string a crossing together spanning the Apurimac river far below.

The Q’eswachaka bridge has been used for over 500 years to connect communities divided by the river. But during the Covid pandemic it fell into disrepair and collapsed in March.

Members of the affected communities, such as the Huinchiri, decided to rebuild the 30-meter (98.43 ft) long bridge in the traditional Incan style: by weaving it.

Teams of workers, starting from both sides of the ravine and balancing on giant main ropes that had been stretched over the river, worked towards the centre, putting in place smaller ropes as barriers between the handrail ropes and the walkway’s floor.

“Last year because of the pandemic, it wasn’t strengthened … That is why at the beginning of this year the bridge fell,” said Cusco Regional Governor Jean Paul Benavente.

“But now it is like an answer to the pandemic itself. From the depths of the Peruvian Andean identity, this bridge is strung up across the Apurimac basin and we can tell the world that we are coming out of this little by little.”

In 2013, Unesco recognised the skills and traditions associated to the reconstruction of the Q’eswachaka bridge as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

“This is history. More than 500 years of a paradox in time. The Q’eswachaka, this Incan living bridge, is really an expression and cultural manifestation,” added Benavente.

“This is community, in this particular case, the Huinchiri community from the Quehue district is currently working to string up this bridge that connects villages, but that also connects traditions and connects culture.”

**Answer the questions by writing complete sentences.**

1. How old is the bridge?

The bridge is 500 years old

1. What happened to the bridge in March?

In March the bridge collapsed due to lack of maintenance

1. What is the length of the bridge?

The bridge measured 98.43 ft long.

1. What does Unesco stand for – what is its full name?

Unesco means: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

1. What river does the bridge span?

The bridge is located on the Apurimac River. 