

BOLIVIA: CIDA REPORT



THEMATIC FOCUS

CIDA's programming in Bolivia aligns with the country's priorities of reducing poverty and improving quality of life for vulnerable and marginalized populations. CIDA support in Bolivia is focused on:

Children and Youth

- Improving maternal health and reducing child mortality
- Improving access to essential health care
- Combatting malnutrition
- Increasing sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation services

Sustainable Economic Growth

- Supporting training in market-driven skills for employment programs
- Promoting effective corporate social responsibility initiatives with the extractive sector for the sustainable well-being of communities
- Empowering women as economic actors by increasing their access to markets, property, credit, and technology
- Strengthening sustainable development of the hydrocarbon sector to benefit local communities

KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Inequality and exclusion, especially in the indigenous population
- Relatively new democratic institutions and internal political tensions
- Need to diversify Bolivian economy
- Disparities in wealth distribution between regions

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Population (2010): **10 million¹**
- HDI rank (2010): **95th of 169 countries²**
- Percentage of population living on less than US\$1.25 per day (2007): **11.9%³**
- Gross national income per capita (2007): **US\$1,460⁴**
- Total CIDA development assistance: **C\$28.76 million⁵**

1. United Nations Population Fund

2. Human Development Index (HDI), *Human Development Report 2010*, United Nations Development Programme

3, 4. Country Indicators, World Bank; World Development Indicators Online, 2009

5. Canadian International Development Agency funding: 2009-2010

KEY PROJECTS

Health Sector Support Program (PASS in Spanish)

- Seeks to improve quality of life by establishing a more effective and equitable public health care system, and reduce the incidence of communicable diseases
- Implemented in partnership with the Bolivian Ministry of Health and Sports and UNICEF

Strategic Governance Mechanism

- Provides support to four national, democratic oversight authorities—the National Electoral Court, the Ombudsman's Office, the National Statistics Institute, and the Auditor General's Office—to strengthen their contribution to government accountability and transparency

Bolivia Hydrocarbon Regulatory Assistance Project

- Strengthens the capacity of institutions responsible for monitoring and regulating Bolivia's hydrocarbon sector to ensure sustainable resource development while maximizing benefits to all in Bolivia

CIDA's work in Bolivia is part of Canada's contribution to the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals.



2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Children and Youth

- Helped the health services in Beni, Pando and Oruro to implement the national norms for planning, managing and providing health services
- Helped achieve a significant increase in the numbers of births in health facilities (up to 74 percent in Beni, and 86 percent in Pando and Oruro)
- Assisted mobile health brigades to increase service in targeted communities, from 65 percent in 2008 to the current 90 percent
- Improved the number of children receiving a full set of vaccinations (up to 80 percent in Oruro, 87 percent in Beni, and 77 percent in Pando)
- Provided 24 percent of infants with a nutritional supplement (up from 18 percent in 2008)
- Provided 71 percent of pregnant women with at least four prenatal consultations (up from 63 percent in 2008)



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Sustainable Economic Growth

- Supported new cooperative industry in the production, transformation and commercialization of herbs and spices, notably oregano and essential oils



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MOVING FORWARD: ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Between 2010 and 2015, CIDA will focus its development support in Bolivia on health and economic growth. Anticipated results include:

Children and Youth

- Reduce malnutrition by improving vitamin A coverage from 33 percent to 80 percent, among children under five
- Reduce neonatal, child, and maternal mortality by increasing the percentage of deliveries in health centres

Sustainable Economic Growth

- Increase access to markets, property, credit and technology for up to 35,000 women
- Provide Bolivian youth with skills for employment in the local market
- Implement community-level sustainable development projects working with extractive companies, regional and local governments, and non-governmental organizations
- Provide access to safe drinking for 10 percent more families in five departments

KEY PARTNERS

Canadian: Micronutrient Initiative, IBM Canada, SOCODEVI, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, CUSO-VSO, Oxfam-Québec, and Canadian Crossroads International

Multilateral: UNICEF, IDB, World Food Programme, UNDP, United Nations Population Fund, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, World Bank

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