



Country Sheet

Bolivia





HI Team and intervention areas

HI Bolivia, in the Latin America Regional Program, has 7 staff members.

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General data of the country

a) General Data

DATA	Bolivia	Peru	Belgium
Population	12.4	34.4	11.8
IHDI	0.56	0.607	0.878
SIGI Score	20.6	18.6	7.4
Maternity mortality	161	69	5
GINI Index	40.9	40.3	26,6
Population within UNHCR mandate	7.288	523.721	222.589
INFORM index	3.8	4.9	2.1
Fragile state index	69.4	72	30.3
Population covered by at least one social protection benefit (%)	60.2	29.3	100
Net official development assistance received (millions)	334.1	829.3	0

b) Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified on 09/06/1998
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified on 30/04/2013
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified on 16/11/2009



c) Geopolitical analysis

As a middle-income country, Bolivia remains one of Latin America's poorest nations. Bolivia's first indigenous president, Evo Morales, was first elected in 2005. Since then, progress has been made in the areas of poverty reduction, education, health, recognition and inclusion of the country's 36 ethnic groups and indigenous cultures.

Despite this progress, the economic model implemented in Bolivia, based on extractivism, has failed in many aspects and is not meeting the basic needs of the population. Bolivia still ranks highest in percentages of poverty (38.6%) and extreme poverty (16.8%), teenage pregnancies, violence against women, etc. Limitations are observed in the quality of health and education services, increased citizen insecurity, high rate of unemployment, particularly in youth.

In Bolivia, imports of various products, from medicines to fuel, have been difficult in recent months, amid an acute shortage of dollars, and an extensive political crisis that is worsening month by month, one year before the presidential elections.

Bolivia is regularly affected by natural disasters and effects of climate change on agricultural activity are already visible, upsetting the economy of the country.



Summary of HI presence in the country

HI initiated activities in Bolivia in 2011 implementing an inclusive local development project in the department of Potosí with a local NGO, Ayninakuna until the end of 2013.

Between 2014 and 2016, the HI program thrived with 3 projects:

1. Support to establishing seven pilot rehabilitation centers in two of the country's poorest regions, aimed at supporting the national strategy.
2. Access to decent work for persons with disabilities and parents in the Municipality of El Alto.
3. Inclusive disaster risk management in the departments of Potosí, Oruro and La Paz.

As of 2017, the following projects were implemented: "Nationwide scaling up of rehabilitation centers" (7 of the 9 departments of Bolivia) and "Access to decent work for persons with disabilities and parents in the municipalities of El Alto and La Paz (funding by DGD 2017-2021).

Other projects implemented during this period included: Developing accessible, comprehensive and quality rehabilitation services for all throughout the country (financed by UNICEF) and Sexual and Reproductive Health (financed by UNFPA).

For the period 2020 -2022, HI also implemented the project: "Community-based strategy with an inclusive approach for the prevention and care of violence against women", financed by World Bank and implemented in consortium with the IISEC (Instituto de investigaciones socio economicas) and the Centro de Promoción de la Mujer Gregoria Apaza.

In 2023, 1 project has been implemented: improve the health status of children and adolescents from 0 to 18 years old with disabilities or at risk of developing a disability, in a comprehensive approach, in the departments of Santa Cruz and La Paz in Bolivia (financed by DGD 2022- 2024).



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Project title & Main sector(s) of intervention	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Partner(s)	Location	Project start and end date	Donors who finance the project
<p>Towards better rehabilitation and health for boys, girls and adolescents</p> <p>Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening national policies. ▪ Training of professionals and implementation of programmes aimed at the identification, prevention and care of disability. ▪ Raising community awareness ▪ Psychosocial support for parents and caregivers and improved access to services. ▪ Implementation of accessibility plans ▪ Implementation of a rehabilitation quality management system in 12 rehabilitation centers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 312 health professionals strengthened ▪ 734 fathers and mothers of children and adolescents with disabilities and their children ▪ 573 community members (with and without disabilities) ▪ 179 public officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Health ▪ 12 Rehab centres ▪ Network of local health services ▪ Universidad Mayor de San Andrés ▪ Departmental Health Service of La Paz and Santa Cruz ▪ Municipal government: EL Alto, La Paz, Santa Cruz, Caranavi ▪ National Federation of the Blind of Bolivia ▪ Bolivian Federation of the Deaf ▪ National Committee for Persons with Disabilities. ▪ Municipal Disability Units in each municipality of intervention. ▪ Bolivian Institute of Blindness ▪ Academic Unit of Campesinos de Pucarani ▪ Catholic University of Bolivia. 	<p>Departments La Paz y Santa Cruz And nationally by the Ministry of Health</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2024</p>	<p>Direction générale Coopération au développement et Aide humanitaire (DGD)</p>



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