



Country card

**Bolivia**





# HI Team and intervention areas

HI BOLIVIA, in the Latin America Regional Program, has 8 staff members.





# General data of the country

## a. General Data

| DATA   | Bolivia | Peru  | Belgium |
|--|---------|-------|---------|
| Population                                   | 11.8    | 33.5  | 11.5    |
| IHDI   | 0.72    | 0.78  | 0.93    |
| Gender-related development index             | 0.945   | 0.957 | 0.974   |
| Maternity mortality                          | 155     | 88    | 5       |
| GINI Index                                   | 42.2    | 42.8  | 27.4    |
| Population within UNHCR mandate              | 810     | 2.529 | 42.168  |
| INFORM index                                 | 4.2     | 4.7   | 1.9     |
| Fragile state index                          | 74.97   | 67.63 | 27.10   |
| Public social protection                     | 10.2    | 5.5   | 29.2    |
| Net official development assistance received | 1116.1  | 629.6 | 0       |

## b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

| Humanitarian law instruments                             | Status                 |
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| 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.

Bolivia is going through a post-electoral crisis since the presidential elections of October 2019. Evo Morales had declared himself the winner of the presidential election for a fourth term, but the opposition had cried fraud. After weeks of protests, the president resigned and fled Bolivia, leaving the police and army behind. He fled first to Mexico and then to Argentina, and Añez became interim president in November 2019. She promised to lead a transitional government in order to call new elections in 2020.

The general elections, postponed twice because of the Covid-19 pandemic, finally realized on October 18, 2020 in a context of strong political polarization and health crisis.

The official result of the general elections was published after the second round, on October 29, 2020, when the official count gave Luis Arce the victory with 55.11% of the votes.

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, there is no food security, increased citizen insecurity, high rate of unemployment, particularly in youth.

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 (DLI) project in the department of Potosí with a local NGO, Ayninakuna until the end of 2013.

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

1. **Support to establishing 7 pilot rehabilitation centers in 2 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 (DRM)** in the departments of Potosí, Oruro and La Paz.

As of 2017, the following projects are being 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.



# Overview on ongoing projects

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

| Project title & Main sectors of intervention  | Objective of project in the sector   | Main activities   | Beneficiaries  | Final beneficiaries  | Partners   | Location   | Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors |
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| <p><b>Physical &amp; Functional Rehabilitation</b></p> <p>Access to rehabilitation in Bolivia</p> | <p>Develop accessible, comprehensive and quality rehabilitation services for all throughout the country.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of health service providers</li> <li>• Strengthening quality of service and access</li> <li>• Implementation of a community outreach approach</li> <li>• Support to Ministry of Health</li> </ul> | <p>15 rehabilitation centers in 6 departments</p> <p><b>Direct:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,535 people with disabilities</li> <li>• 137 rehab professionals &amp; 314 primary health workers trained</li> <li>• 51 children clubfoot</li> </ul> | <p>15 rehabilitation centers in 6/9 dept.</p> <p><b>Direct:</b> 6,000 users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 from the Ministry of Health</li> <li>• 10 from SEDES (Department level)</li> <li>• 40 rehabilitation professionals (Rehabilitation Centers)</li> <li>• 80 primary health workers</li> </ul> <p><b>Indirect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 342,000 people from 4 target municipalities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Health: 15 rehabilitation centres</li> <li>• Network of local health services</li> <li>• Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA) and Universidad Tecnológica de Oruro (UTO)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oruro</li> <li>• Potosí</li> <li>• Beni</li> <li>• Pando</li> <li>• Santa Cruz</li> <li>• Cochabamba</li> </ul> | <p>01.2017 – 12.2021</p> <p><b>DGD</b></p>           |



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|   |   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 professionals trained on clubfoot</li> <li>• 1,173 children early detection</li> <li>• 136 rehab professionals trained</li> </ul> <p><b>Indirect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 518,140 family members of users of rehab centres</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population potentially reached: 555,130</li> </ul>  |  |   |  |
| <p><b>Economic Inclusion</b></p> <p>Socio-economic integration of people with disabilities and their family members</p> | <p>Improve access to inclusive vocational training and job placement services for people with disabilities enabling labour inclusion.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of service providers</li> <li>• Support to municipal inclusive employment services</li> <li>• Support to private sector for inclusion of people with disabilities</li> <li>• Awareness raising</li> <li>• Policy work with Ministry of Labour</li> <li>• Linking people with disabilities to</li> </ul> | <p><b>Direct:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 323 people with disabilities</li> <li>• 10 service providers</li> <li>• 140 Human Resources managers</li> </ul> <p><b>Indirect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,615 family members of people with disabilities</li> </ul> | <p><b>Direct:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 350 people with disabilities &amp; care keepers</li> <li>• 40 public servants</li> <li>• 30 company managers and HR personnel</li> <li>• 10,000 population</li> </ul> <p><b>Indirect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,750 family members</li> <li>• Population potentially reached: 3,430</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Autonomous Government of El Alto (GAMEA)</li> <li>• Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz (GAMLPA)</li> <li>• FAUTAPO Foundation (NGO)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Alto</li> <li>• La Paz</li> </ul> | <p>01.2017 – 12.2021</p> <p><b>DGD</b></p> |



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|   |   | employment opportunities   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 facilitators of training processes</li> <li>• 5 media mobilized in favour of inclusion</li> <li>• 13 companies with employment opportunities for people with disabilities</li> <li>• 23,425 people sensitized</li> </ul> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universidad Mayor San Andres (UMSA)</li> <li>• ICCO: Manqa Schools</li> <li>• Ministry of Labor</li> </ul>  |   |                                   |
| <p><b>Sexual and reproductive Health and Rights</b></p> <p>Sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents and youth</p> | Promote the full exercise of Sexual and Reproductive Rights of persons with disabilities, including the right to a life free of violence and access to comprehensive sexuality education. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive and accessible material on Comprehensive Education on Sexuality, Gender-based Violence, Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights</li> <li>• Training of service providers for people with disabilities, parents, guardians and young people with disabilities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 280 people between</li> <li>• Service Providers</li> <li>• 200 parents, guardians and young people with disabilities members of the Disability Unit</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,500 people</li> <li>• Population potentially reached with awareness: 50,000</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Justice and Institutional Transparency</li> <li>• National Directorate for Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• Municipal units for people with disabilities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oruro</li> <li>• El Alto</li> <li>• Sucre</li> <li>• Cochabamba</li> <li>• Potosí</li> <li>• Cobija</li> </ul> | 02.2020 – 09.2021<br><b>UNFPA</b> |







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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical support to Municipal Disability Units</li> <li>• Visibility of persons with disabilities and the exercise of their sexual and reproductive rights</li> <li>• Strengthening of the General Directorate for Persons with Disabilities of the Ministry of Justice and Institutional Transparency</li> </ul> |     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Government of El Alto - Direction of people with disabilities</li> </ul>                                     |         |   |
| <p><b>Sexual and reproductive Health and Rights</b></p> <p>Prevention and response to gender-based violence in Bolivia and at the regional level</p> | <p>Community-based strategy with an inclusive approach for the prevention and care of violence against women</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematize the model of community agents in prevention and care of gender-based violence</li> <li>• Improve the current model with regard to the inclusion of particularly vulnerable groups</li> <li>• Analyze the model and develop guidelines for its adaptability and replicability.</li> </ul>               | n/a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women with disabilities/mothers/caretaker of children with disabilities, migrant and indigenous women, girls and adolescents</li> <li>• State and civil society organizations working in the field of protection against violence and abuse in Bolivia.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gregoria Apaza Women's Promotion Center (CPMGA)</li> <li>• The Bolivian Catholic University "SAN PABLO"</li> </ul> | Bolivia | <p>07.2020 – 07.2022</p> <p><b>World Bank</b></p> |



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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disseminate the inclusive model</li></ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
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# Donors

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| <p><b>Directorate-general<br/>Development Cooperation and<br/>Humanitarian Aid (DGD)</b></p>  <p><b>Belgium</b><br/>partner in development</p> | <p><b>UNFPA</b></p>  | <p><b>World Bank</b></p> |
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