

CHILDHOOD IN EMERGENCY

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In this newsletter you will learn about actions that Plan International Bolivia carried out and carries out in the context of COVID-19 pandemic; in order to help girls, boys, adolescents, youth, women and families in vulnerable situations.

At the same time, impact of actions carried out and testimonies of people benefited from humanitarian aid, which was delivered in more than 40 municipalities of Bolivia, is presented.

Additionally, you will learn about the campaign **Let's change girl's history**, which seeks to make visible the needs they have; above all, in the context of the health emergency.

LET'S CHANGE GIRL'S HISTORY

Plan International Bolivia is an independent, humanitarian and development organization, working in 39 municipalities and 776 communities through a sponsorship system. However, in the context of the health emergency caused by COVID-19, also planned to provide humanitarian assistance to urban and peri-urban areas, outside its intervention area. Through the response to the health emergency, the organization seeks to change the history of children, especially girls, so they can exercise their rights and live in equality

THE HEALTH EMERGENCY

The health emergency due to covid-19 affected the entire world, in different magnitudes. In Bolivia, on February 26, 2020, the first suspected case of coronavirus was reported and the first confirmed cases were announced on March 10. On March 28, the Ministry of Health confirmed the first deaths from the disease.

Currently, there are more than 100,000 cases of covid-19, nationwide. Many Bolivian families were affected, since in addition to going through the disease and losing loved ones, many of them are without work or sources of income.







Although the data on the number of infections and the economic situation of families are topics that are in public opinion, we ever wonder what happens to vulnerable girls in the country? Does anyone wonder if their families have the resources to buy food? Can they access biosecurity supplies? In many cases no.

The reality of vulnerable families is that they cannot access basic supplies that guarantee their well-being. Based on this fact, Plan International Bolivia implemented different actions to ensure and take care of the lives of thousands of girls, boys and their families during the health crisis.



THE **IMPACT** OF CHANGING STORIES

Food, hygiene, biosecurity and education kits were delivered; in addition to carrying out other activities that reinforce the donation of inputs. Thus, it was possible to benefit thousands of people in different parts of Bolivia.

27.017 GIRLS 	73.047 WOMEN 	243 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 
22.982 BOYS 	57.918 MEN 	181.207 PEOPLE 

45
MUNICIPALITIES

- 12 La Paz
- 12 Santa Cruz
- 8 Chuquisaca
- 6 Tarija
- 4 Potosí
- 2 Cochabamba

- 6.378 food kits
- 8.019 hygiene kits
- 866 biosecurity kits
- 205 seeds kits

KITS
15.468



HOW DO WE RESPOND?

Based on the context in which many girls, boys, adolescents and their families find themselves, Plan International Bolivia designed an Emergency Response Plan to contribute to the exercise of rights of this group of people and their resilience capacity, prioritizing the prevention of transmission of covid-19, protection against violence, food security, education and health with a gender transformative approach.

LACK OF PROTECTION IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

During the quarantine period, due to covid-19 pandemic, the impact on the lives of girls, adolescents, young people and women negatively affects their human rights. In many cases, women live with their aggressors, gender violence is present or girls are victims of sexual violence, mostly at the hands of relatives, friends or neighbors. On the other hand, possibilities of access to childhood education are reduced, since in many cases there is no access to electronic equipment or internet connectivity to hold distance classes

EXPERIENCES

"I want to thank God for allowing me to receive this help, this donation for us. Many inmates are mothers who have to live with our children here and it will be a great help. Thank you very much and God bless you."

(Inmate mother at Palmasola Rehabilitation Center in Santa Cruz)

"I wanted to thank you for all you have brought us to the community. Here we are doing good some days, others not so good. Because of the pandemic, we cannot go to school neither take virtual classes, because not everyone has access to Internet, nor do they have money to buy cards or cell phones."

(Luciana, 12 years old)



Luciana, 12 años



OUR EMERGENCY KITS



HYGIENE

Soaps, washing powder, hand towels, feminine sanitary towels, toilet paper



FOOD

Rice, noodles, sugar, oil, lentils, beans, white flour, oats, cans of sardines



FOOD

Protection and Safety flyer



BIOSECURITY

Face masks and alcohol gel

THE FORCE OF ACTIONS

Education: We provide continuity of education through virtual and distance media in 40 educational units, in coordination with the educational community, analyzing issues of prevention of sexual violence, digital violence with a gender approach, gender-based violence and prevention of teen pregnancy.

Health: Strengthen the implementation of the Ministry of Health's Maternal Health contingency plan - Bolivia, to provide digital systems of self-training, tele-consultation / tele-education and donations of biosafety supplies, with the support of the Government of Canada.

Protection: Evaluation of rapid protection needs of 194 municipalities in the services of Children's Defendant Offices and Municipal Comprehensive Legal Services. Strengthening capacities through online and distance courses for 1,200 municipal servants together with the Ministry of Justice, with the cooperation of four organizations. Provision of biosecurity supplies and credit for cell telephone of the protection services personnel.

Gender: Campaign for the prevention of gender-based violence, through information to report cases in association with La Casa de la Mujer, Community of Human Rights, with the support of the Swedish Cooperation.

LET'S CHANGE GIRLS' HISTORY

It is a campaign of Plan International Bolivia that seeks to strengthen humanitarian aid for girls in the context of the covid-19 emergency. Through the campaign, it is intended to positively transform the stories of inequality, injustice, inequity, violation of rights and exposure to psychological, physical and sexual violence.

The humanitarian and development organization works for the rights of children and, above all, to achieve equality for girls. In this sense, all emergency response actions reach girls, boys, adolescents, youth, women and their families in vulnerable situations.



DO YOU DARE TO CHANGE THE STORY OF MORE GIRLS?

Contact our institution to help this cause

PLAN INTERNATIONAL

We work together with girls, boys, young people, our donors and allies, we strive to achieve a just world, tackling from the root the challenges faced by girls, especially girls and vulnerable boys and girls.

We support the rights of boys and girls from birth to adulthood; and we support communities in adapting and responding to crisis and adversity.

We have been building effective partnerships for girls and boys for over 80 years, and we are active in more than 75 countries. In Bolivia we have been working for these causes for more than 50 years.



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