

EYE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Bolivia: Grow Well to Live Well (BO-L1064)

Challenge: Bolivia’s infant mortality rate—51.5 for every 1,000 live births—is the highest in the region, reflecting adverse developmental, nutritional, and health conditions from the moment of conception. The chronic malnutrition rate in children under the age of 5 is 21.8 %, with great inequalities in rural and indigenous areas. Iron-deficiency and anemia affects 57% of all rural children and 61% of children in the altiplano. Though data are lacking, significant delays in cognitive and psychosocial development are likely to occur in a child’s early years because of malnutrition and lack of early stimulation. This leads to learning deficiencies caused by delays in the development of psychomotor, language, and reasoning skills.

Objective: Through the Ministry of Health, the Growing Well to Live Well program will provide comprehensive services, implementation of standards and supervision of quality care, in two departments: Potosí and Chuquisaca. The general objective of the program is to help improve the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of children, improving access and quality offered to children under 4 years of age. The program strengthens child care and parenting practices through home visits and strengthening Childcare Centers. It also creates Stimulation Centers to evaluate and treat children with physical, cognitive and socio-emotional delays. It also aims to improve inter-institutional coordination.



EYE Bond Criteria	Social Protection
Project Number	BO-L1064 (Approved on April 25, 2012)
Expected Results include:	By project end: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Improve Early Childhood Development (ECD) access to children under age 4•Improve quality of ECD services•Implement complementary ECD interventions•Strengthen ECD services of health sector•Improve Infrastructure•Improve Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
IDB Loan Amount	\$20 million (blended resources: 75% Ordinary Capital and 25% Fund for Special Operations)
Additional Information	http://www.iadb.org/en/projects/project-description-title,1303.html?id=BO-L1064