

Information on the country strategy Bolivia

For each partner country of VLIR-UOS, a country strategy has been developed. The country strategy represents the strategic niche for VLIR-UOS cooperation in a country, with specific **thematic areas** and an institutional and/or regional focus, based on the needs and national priorities of the country with regard to higher education and development. The [VLIR-UOS Country Strategy for Bolivia](#) fits very well with the national development strategy and plans focusing on 'vivir bien' and sustainable development, translated in a country strategy with 3 central themes: '**environment and natural resources**', '**food security and sovereignty**' and '**social development**'. '**Research support**' has been identified as crosscutting theme. There is no strict limitation for the **geographical focus**, but the intention is to increase the cooperation with institutes outside the central axis (La Paz – Cochabamba – Santa Cruz) so as to reach the poorest parts of the country as well, which are often neglected by other donors (f.e. Chuquisaca). As for the **institutional focus**, TEAM and JOINT projects can be submitted in cooperation with one of the 12 universities from the national system (Universidad San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca, Sucre; Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz; Universidad Mayor de San Simón, Cochabamba; Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz; Universidad Técnica de Oruro, Oruro; Universidad Autónoma Tomás Frías, Potosí; Universidad Juan Misael Saracho, Tarija; Universidad Autónoma del Beni 'José Ballivián', Trinidad; Universidad Nacional 'Siglo XX', Potosí; Universidad Amazónica de Pando, Cobija; Universidad Pública de El Alto, El Alto; Universidad Católica Boliviana San Pablo (until the end of the IUC Programme only eligible for JOINT)). For South Initiatives, also the 3 indigenous universities are included (UNIBOL – Aymara 'Tupac Katari', Warisata; UNIBOL - Guarani 'Apiaguai Tüpa', Macharetí; UNIBOL – Quechua 'Casimiro Huanca', Chimoré). A promoter wishing to engage in a cooperation with a higher education institute or public (not for profit) research institute not listed, will need to motivate in the project proposal why a collaboration with this institute is found relevant, how the proposal is aligned with the country strategy and why he/she is presenting a proposal with the proposed partner institution.

Information for potential synergy and complementarity

Synergy and complementarity (S&C) can improve the impact of development cooperation interventions and is a top priority of the Belgian minister of Development Cooperation and encouraged by the reform of non-governmental cooperation in 2016. In order to promote S&C, all Belgian non-governmental development actors were invited to elaborate a Joint Strategic Framework (JSFs) per country in 2016. These JSFs provide information about the goals to which the actors want to contribute, and also indicate potential for synergy and complementarity. In the table below, a general overview of relevant information from the **Joint Strategic Framework** Bolivia is provided for each **thematic area** of the VLIR-UOS **country strategy**. The Joint Strategic **Goal** relevant for each theme is listed, together with the **Belgian non-governmental actors** which are active in **Bolivia** with funding of the Belgian development cooperation. By providing this list, VLIR-UOS wants to facilitate **synergy** and/or complementarity with programmes of other Belgian actors. Synergy and complementarity will also be integrated as an element in the **selection** of interventions, more in particular when discussing the (developmental) relevance of project proposals. The last updated version of the JSF Bolivia can be found [here](#).

Thematic area of the VLIR-UOS country strategy	Potential match with the Joint Strategic Goal of the Joint Strategic Framework	Belgian Non-Governmental Actors active in this area
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES	(4) Contribute to the protection of the environment , the sustainable management of natural resources and the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change , including a gender perspective	11.11.11, Eclasio, BOS+, BD, Louvain Coopération, SOS Faim, VVSG, Solidagro, LMSF

FOOD SECURITY & SOVEREIGNTY	(5) Strengthen peasant and indigenous families and their organizations to guarantee their right of sovereign and sustainable access to adequate and nutritious food , decent incomes , the resources needed for production (soil, water, seeds, services ...), and their participation in decision-making and regulation governing their future	Eclasio, BOS+, BD, LMSF, Louvain Coopération, SOS Faim, MMH, Solidagro
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>(1) Contribute to the protection, respect and promotion of human rights in their integrality and interdependence, to the strengthening of democracy and the rule of law in Bolivia</p> <p>(2) Contribute to the recognition, respect and promotion of the rights of women and girls in all fields, including sexual and reproductive rights</p> <p>(3) Contribute to good local governance for sustainable local development</p> <p>(6) Contribute to a more sustainable development process, based on an equitable distribution of resources and in balance with nature, and in a social and solidarity economy</p> <p>(8) Contribute to the recognition, respect and promotion of the right to a healthy life and well-being for women and men of all ages (Decent Work) Creating jobs and sustainable livelihoods, guaranteeing labour rights and extending social protection for all</p>	<p>11.11.11, Eclasio, BD, Louvain Coopération, LMSF, Solidagro, Via DB</p> <p>Eclasio, Louvain Coopération, BD, ARES, LMSF, SOS Faim, Solidagro, HI, PLAN</p> <p>HI, Eclasio, BD, SOS Faim, Louvain Coopération, VVSG, Plan 11.11.11, BD, SOS Faim, Solidagro, Louvain Coopération</p> <p>HI, Louvain Coopération, LMSF, Plan</p> <p>FOS-IFSI-SOLSOC, WSM-IIAV-BIS (regional level), HI</p>
Crosscutting themes for RESEARCH SUPPORT	(7) Contribute to the right to inclusive, equitable and quality education , to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, to improve the quality of research and to stimulate innovation	VLIR-UOS, ARES, HI, Plan, VIA DB, Eclasio, Louvain Coopération

More information about the other Belgian actors active in **Bolivia** with funding of the Belgian development cooperation can be found in the table below. Their own suggestions for possible cooperation with academics are also provided, but this should not be seen as an exhaustive list. Academics and ICOS (institutional coordinators for development coordination at level of the Flemish HEIs) elaborating a project proposal are invited to contact relevant organisations for more information and/or to enquire them on potential collaborations. Information on the activities of **Enabel** (former BTC) in Bolivia can be found on their [database](#).

NGA	Short description of the activities in Bolivia	Name of the local partner(s)	Region(s)	Suggested research topics	Contact person
11.11.11	In Bolivia, 11.11.11 cooperates with organizations active at national level on topics related to social and economic justice and environmental and climate justice.	Fundación Jubileo, PBFCC, Colectivo Casa, Fundación Solón	National		Freya Rondelez

Académie de Recherche et d'Enseignement Supérieur (ARES)	<p>ARES develops an institutional cooperation program with UMSS in Cochabamba, to train new researchers and human resources able to develop quality research on the priority themes defined by the Bolivian government.</p>	<p>UMSS</p>	<p>Cochabamba</p>		<p>Silvia Lucchini</p>
Louvain Coopération au Développement et ECLOSIO (UNI4Coop)	<p>LC/Eclosio aims to support peasant and peri-urban families to improve their socio-economic conditions, health and the exercise of their rights. The strategy is based mainly on capacity building, articulation between actors, awareness raising, economic entrepreneurship, managing knowledge and the mainstreaming of gender and environment at all level. The program takes part in the following themes: sustainable agriculture and agroecology, social economy, territorial management and integral health</p>	<p>AOPEB, APROSAR, CIES, Esperanza Bolivia, Fundación Alternativas and Fundación TIERRA</p>	<p>La Paz, Oruro Tarija</p>	<p>Research Studies on malnutrition (public policies impact, quality of drinking water influence, ecological vegetables production effects etc.) Comparative study of nutritional qualities and innocuity between ecologic and conventional foods. Studies on climatic change: adaptation and mitigation strategies of small family farmers; effects of local territorial and natural resources management; adaptability and resilience of native and introduces species, varieties and breeds, etc.).</p> <p>Education Specialized training programs in agroecology for technicians, extensionists and agricultural advisors.</p>	<p>Pierre Rouschop (Eclosio) Daniel Pérez Cueto (LC)</p>
Bos+	<p>The overall objective of BOS+ in Bolivia is to improve the livelihoods of indigenous and rural communities, to strengthen producers in sustainable forest management and the value chain of forest products and improve agroforestry and agro-ecological systems.</p>	<p>Fundación Ecología de la Tierra (FundET), WWF Bolivia, Instituto Boliviano de Investigación Forestal (IBIF), Productividad Biósfera y Medio Ambiente (Probioma)</p>	<p>Norte Amazónico de La Paz and Chiquitana</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterization and use of native Melipona bees for honey and crop pollination • Assessment of Ecosystem conditions and land-use by means of remote sensing 	<p>Lien Merre (Bolivia) Eduardo de la Peña (Belgium)</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of Sustainable food production and conservation of landscape and tropical forests 	
Broederlijk Delen (BD)	In Bolivia, BD supports indigenous and farming communities so that they can manage their habitat in a sustainable way, and better protect themselves against the threats to a development policy that is unilaterally focused on the exploitation and export of raw materials (impact of mining, oil and gas extraction and agribusiness)	ANAPA, CCCH, CEDIB, CENDA, CEPA, CIPCA Cordillera, JARANA, PBFCC, PROBIOMA, Programa NINA	Tierras Altas (part of the high plateau in the southwest) and Chaco		Thomas Craenen
Le Monde Selon les Femmes (LMSLF)	LMSLF tries to empower women and their organizations for a society with gender justice that recognizes women as holders of rights and actors of change. The areas of intervention of this program relates to sustainable responsible management of the environment, climate change, prevention and the fight against violence against women.	Red boliviana de Mujeres Transformando la Economía (REMTE Bolivia) and 'la Casa de la Mujer'	La Paz, Santa Cruz, Potosí y Tarija		Stefania Del Zotto
Miel Maya Honing (MMH)	MMH aims to improve apiculture techniques, to strengthen beekeeping organizations, their financial autonomy and rejuvenation of the members. The development of departmental apiculture platforms is also part of objectives of the project in order to carry out political advocacy work for better beekeeping regulations.	AOPEB, CIOEC-COCHABAMBA, ADAPICRUZ	Departments Tarija, Cochabamba and Santa-Cruz		Benoit Olivier
Humanity and Inclusion (former Handicap International - HI)	The HI program in Bolivia seeks a global change to improve the quality of life of all persons with disabilities and vulnerable people by promoting a more inclusive society. HI works on the priority issues of access to health-rehabilitation, to decent work and inclusive disaster risk management to improve quality of life of	Ministerio de Salud Unidad de discapacidad-UDHRBPS, Servicios departamentales de Salud de Oruro y Potosi (SEDES), Universidad Técnica de Oruro	Nacional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security Rulings and women & girls with disabilities: a study on the cultural perceptions towards SSR "El trabajo o el bono?": investigation with persons with disabilities on perceptions and resistances towards paid work 	Valérie Beauchemin (Bolivia) Laura Mosberg (Brussels)

	persons with disabilities, their families and those at risk of developing a disability.			vs a monthly allowance offered by the government	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of persons with disabilities • Telerehabilitation in Bolivia: feasibility study and implementation modalities 	
Plan Belgium	The program of Plan Belgium aims at 2 specific objectives related to the development and education of 2 vulnerable groups: 1) the integral development of early childhood (DIPI) for children from 0 to 8 years old living in a situation of vulnerability; 2) Inclusive quality secondary education for vulnerable adolescents due to their isolation, gender or disabilities living in 4 municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAUTAP (& Prometa) 	La Paz, Chuquisaca and Santa Cruz		Monica Guevara (Bolivia) Pierre Laviolette (Brussels)
Solidagro	Solidagro works from a rights approach in capacity building of grassroot organizations to achieve effective policy influencing in the context of the right to food and water.	AGRECOL, AYNISUYU, Instituto de Capacitación Campesina (INCCA)	Cono Sur (Cochabamba)		Jaap Opdecoul
SOSFaim	The objective of SOS FAIM in Bolivia is to strengthen the economic, environmental and social performance of the sustainable family farming actors and the rural social economy, in order to improve the living conditions of the family farmers and microentrepreneurs in rural areas.	AOPEB, RED OEPAIC, FINDEPRO, RED TUSOCO, AGRECOL, CIUDADANIA and LIDEMA	La Paz and Cochabamba		Claire Stoeckel
VIA Don Bosco (VIA DB)	The goal of VIA Don Bosco in Bolivia is to offer high-quality technical and professional training and to guide young people to the world of work. This is how we want to contribute to socio-professional integration, a dignified existence and a sustainable future for vulnerable girls and boys.	OFPROBOL, CEAMM, ET Miguel Magone DB, DFT Kamí, CAMA Colcapirhua, CEAMA Yapacaní, CAMA El Alto, OIL	La Paz, Cochabamba, Chuquisaca and Santa Cruz		Steven Decraen

Vlaamse Vereniging van Steden en Gemeenten (VVSG)	<p>The twinning project between the municipalities of Brasschaat and Tarija starts an environmental awareness campaign in Tarija to inform the population and to recover degraded lands. It will face the contamination of the slaughterhouse in its surroundings and downstream.</p>	Municipality of Tarija	Tarija		Karlien Gorissen
Waardig Werk (Solidarité Socialiste & Wereld Solidariteit Mondiale)	<p>The objective of WSM is to strengthen partners which will disseminate and demand the right to social protection from national policy makers and contribute to improving access to social protection through services for vulnerable informal and formal workers, especially young people and women.</p> <p>FOS aims to contribute to a decent life for marginalized and / or discriminated populations (workers, producers, women and young people, etc.). Through different strategies and at different levels the program seeks to contribute to the strengthening of social actors, both in organizational strengthening and in the incidence politics, work with its bases, etc.</p>	CRISOL, Centro de Promoción de la Mujer Gregoria Apaza, CEJUPA, SENTEC CNTACB, FENATRAHOB, CGTFB, Colectiva RebeldiaCSUTCB CONAMAQ, IESS	National		Leen Vandewiele Gladys Cifuentes

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