



BOLIVIA

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PROAGRO, COMPONENT: WATER HARVEST



Client	GTZ / German Technical Co- operation	Scope of Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Design, Work Supervision, Start-up of the Project • Technical Assistance to the project performer entity • Sectoral Budgetary Support • Coordination support to other donors and Bolivian public organizations (TGN) • Technical support in the implementation of storage tanks and other non-structural works • Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering • Design and implementation of the irrigation infrastructure • Administration of the GTZ funds • Institutional Strengthening of the farmers organization and of the Municipalities in the North of Potosí • Support and organization of the works developed by Direct Administration • Tender Assistance • Marketing support of the products • Assistance in the basin management in order to protect the water resources
Financing	GTZ / German Technical Co- operation		
Duration of Services	01/2008 – 12/2010		
Cost of Implementation	3 Mio. EURO		

Brief Project Description

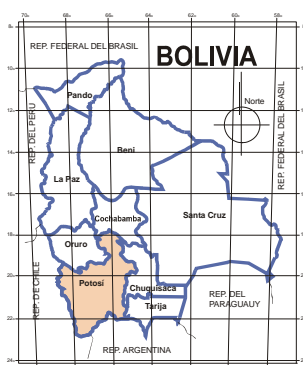
The project area is located in one of the poorest areas of Bolivia possessing the highest levels of vulnerability to Food Security which are located in the north of Potosí and south of Cochabamba. These conditions are due to short summers and cold winters, dry climate, wide spread erosion processes (landslides), lack of stable road connections to the main markets (Cochabamba and Potosí), lack of know-how of micro-irrigation methods and lack of knowledge of the relationship between the water resources and the activities developed in the catchment areas.

The objective of the Programme is to support the irrigation sector and the national programmes related to the sustainable rural development. The Programme aims to develop capacities in the basin management, micro-irrigation and product marketing with the objective to improve the living conditions of the beneficiary population.

The programme operates at different levels and sub-components:

- Management of the catchment areas of the micro-retention basins by means of improved management and hydrological control of the degraded areas
- Planning and Construction of micro-retention basins
- Implementation of training measures in the field of introduction of micro-irrigation methods, improved soil conservation and marketing of agricultural products
- Capacity building of stakeholders (user groups, municipalities etc.) in preparation and implementation of management plans

The project supports approximately 1.000 families in the construction of structural and non-structural micro-irrigation works in order to improve Food Security. Institutional Strengthening of the local actors for good coordination of the donation funds and acquisition of additional donors is one essential sub-component of the programme as well as the improvement in risk management of natural disasters and preparation of measures to reduce the impacts of the global climate change.



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The funds of the German Technical Cooperation are directed to the irrigation sector. The Programme intends to involve other donors, such as regional governments, TGN and other international donors.

The expected direct results of the Programme are the reduction of the temporary migration, improvement of the food supply and to develop local entities capable of managing their own public resources.