

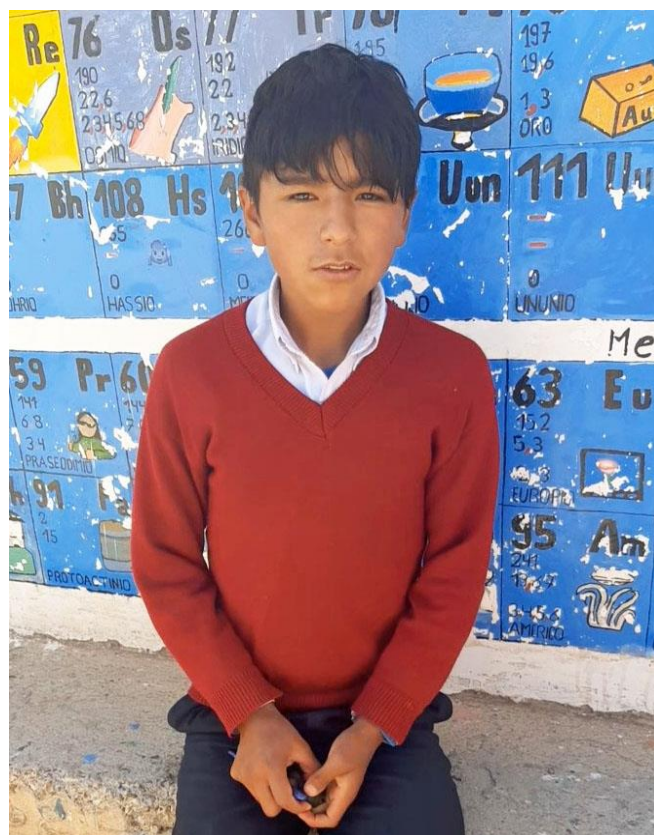
## YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Potosí Cochabamba. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.

Potosí Cochabamba comprises six municipalities in Bolivia. This year, we created 8 organisations to support and empower young women entrepreneurs. In addition to fostering collaboration between the women and institutions, we trained young people in business skills like management and budget planning.

650 teenagers took on the role of youth leaders and will pass on knowledge about sexual health and reproductive rights to their peers. This includes providing menstrual hygiene supplies to 2,000 young girls.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Potosí Cochabamba.



# 3680

Children educated about gender equity



# 135

Communities received school supplies



# 8

Organisations formed to support women entrepreneurs



## COVID-19'S IMPACT IN BOLIVIA

Hear from Marisol about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"Plan has done a lot in my community. My mum told me that they supported us so that we have water, and during the pandemic, Plan brought biosafety supplies for the school like facemasks and sanitiser. Here, people say that Plan did not abandon us."

# CASE STORY: SAFER CITIES FOR GIRLS



**NAME: BELÉN**

**AGE: 14 YEARS OLD**

**HOBBY: VOLLEYBALL**

“The best thing about being a community leader is helping and supporting more girls. I dream of an inclusive society without violence.”

## Meet Belén

**Like your sponsored child, Belén has been empowered by Plan International to change her life.** Belén lives in San Pablo de Guarayos, a community six hours outside of Santa Cruz. Growing up in a family of musicians, Belén fostered a love of volleyball, and dreams of studying medicine.

## Improving Measures for Safety

Belén's mother is a strong force in their community, and a role model to her teen daughter. Watching her mother speak to groups, Belén learned valuable lessons about confidence and leadership.

This year, Plan International selected Belén to be in charge of their Way Home programme, which focuses on protecting communities from crimes against women, particularly human trafficking. Belén now meets with other women leaders from her community to discuss the dangers they face and to brainstorm prevention.

In Bolivia, human trafficking is a significant issue. From January 2019 to June 2021, the country had 3,541 reported cases of human trafficking and smuggling.

## Girls Become Leaders

Through Belén's work with Plan's Way Home project, she has become more passionate than ever about using the tools of education and prevention to protect girls and women in San Pablo de Guarayos.

Belén's role in the Way Home project allows her to build agency, confidence and self-esteem through a position of leadership that fosters deeper conversations about safety for girls and women between community members of all ages. The women leaders of the Way Home project strive toward creating a city in which “no woman is a victim.”



*Belén is becoming a confident leader.*

**WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 6,403 CHILDREN IN POTOSÍ COCHABAMBA**



# OUR PROJECTS IN POTOSÍ COCHABAMBA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



“We worked with community members of all ages to redefine equality, safety, and resilience for Potosí Cochabamba.”

## PROMOTING STRONG GIRLS



**Girls participated with local networks to develop new senses of confidence and agency.**

Our Folife programme is intended to support a budding generation of feminist leaders.

This year, we collaborated with Potosí Cochabamba's Youth Network and Municipal Network Against Violence to offer a camp, workshops and dialogue spaces for young women to meet, learn and share ideas.

Our participating learners received workshops in vital topics like sexual and reproductive rights, violence prevention, economic empowerment and leadership. We also offered practical skills trainings to girls, like digital technology and digital safety.

## EDUCATING PARENTS



**Our PAPAI project strengthens the bond between fathers and their children.** Through educating young children and their parents on safety, communication, and connection, we are breaking down a deep-set of intergenerational violence.

This year, we offered 92 sessions in 92 communities across Potosí Cochabamba for parents and children under 9 years old. This included both 305 sponsored and 1,840 unsponsored children.

Meanwhile, 108 parents took part in our Active Paternity Fairs, spread across 18 clubs throughout Potosí Cochabamba. 14 primary schools and 11 primary and secondary combined schools were given greater play equipment to create fun, safe spaces for children and parents to play together.



“Plan's paternity notebook taught me how to be in the family, how to live with my wife and kids, how to listen to my children, how they have to listen to me. It's not like before. Now we have to work as a family.”

**- Mark, 42, from Potosí Cochabamba**

# YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



## FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



34%

Of girls aged 15-19 in Bolivia are already mothers



8%

Of Bolivia's population is unemployed



15%

Of people in Bolivia live in extreme poverty



**Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.**

- Bolivia reported 108 femicides in 2021. We will work with parents and educators to raise a safe generation of girls.
- The average unemployment rate for women in Bolivia is higher than for men. Our Feminist Entrepreneurship Project will support the businesses of 8 young women.
- Bolivia has high rates of teen pregnancy. We will continue our work to empower young girls to imagine ambitious futures with advocacy campaigns like the Girls' Day.
- Education is a powerful way to reach the children of Potosí Cochabamba. We will strengthen the knowledge of local educators in topics like gender equity and protection.

**We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter, happier future for the children in Potosí Cochabamba.**



"None of our actions would have been possible without the significant support you provide. Our challenges for the next year are to delve into sexual and reproductive rights and initiate actions on climate change."

**Maria Teresa Sossa Hoyos**  
Programme Area Manager, Potosí  
Cochabamba

## YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS