

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

This year, Plan International focused its efforts in Villa Adela on early childhood development, sexual rights and reproductive health and curbing violence against women.

23 young leaders will now have a voice in their community as part of the Committee for Children and Teens of Jesús de Machaca Municipality.

112 teenagers were trained in leadership, contraceptive methods and sexual education, while 112 adults participated in local events to raise awareness about gender-based violence.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Villa Adela.



948

Community members learned about safety, gender equity and feminist leadership



112

Teen leaders trained in sexual rights & reproductive health



4

Labour rooms in hospitals were remodeled & equipped



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 6,083 CHILDREN IN VILLA ADELA

OUR PROJECTS IN VILLA ADELA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Villa Adela took crucial steps toward building safer communities for women, from workshops for pregnant women to lessons in digital security.

STAYING HEALTHY AND HAPPY



Although 71.6% of teens in Bolivia are sexually active, only 13% use contraception. The result is a high rate of teen motherhood, 25%, and a high maternal mortality rate.

In the “Achieving Reproductive Rights In Bolivian Adolescents” programme, ARRIBA, Plan International used the Champions of Change methodology to educate 51 teens about agency, empowerment and gender equality. An additional 47 teens learned about gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive rights.

221 women of childbearing age and pregnant women participated in workshops covering topics like family planning and the identification of danger signs during pregnancy. 175 community leaders learned to consider their role in promoting gender equity and reproductive rights.

PROMOTING STRONG GIRLS



Bolivia is one of the most dangerous places to grow up as a girl. Since the pandemic began, instances of sexual and gender-based violence have increased continuously: during just three months in 2020, there were 1,216 reported cases of violence against girls under 18.

Plan International’s “Strengthening Feminist Leadership” programme takes a multifaceted approach to the issue of violence against girls and women. This year, 931 community leaders of all ages received valuable lessons in feminist leadership, gender and violence.

15 young women entrepreneurs were empowered to develop greater technical and social skills to have more agency in their lives. An additional 61 young people learned about technology and digital safety.



“Gender equality and feminism are being supported in schools. This supports women a lot, since they are learning to see life from another perspective. The FOLIFE project is greatly benefiting women and supporting feminist enterprises.”

- Darleyn, 14, from Villa Adela

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



40%

Of people in Villa Adela have access to health centres



36%

Of people in Villa Adela have access to working toilets



20%

Of young Bolivian women in rural areas live in extreme poverty



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

- The vast majority of victims of gender-based violence do not know how to report such abuse. We will carry out communication campaigns to make sure people know the consequences of violence.
- Only 61% of Villa Adela's population are vaccinated against COVID-19. We will continue to supply biosafety resources to schools and health centres.
- Young people in Villa Adela do not have sufficient access to quality education. We will encourage authorities to implement essential services for development of children.
- 20% of women in rural Bolivia have already been pregnant by age 20. We will connect young girls with feminist role models to inspire more agency and future planning.

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



"Thank you very much for your invaluable contributions and solidarity, which enables us to make a difference in the lives of the children, adolescents, families, and communities where we work."

Luis Iturry U.
Programme Area Manager, Villa Adela

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