

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

Rural province Tarija and neighbouring Chuquisaca are home to 97,613 people. As the local lagoon continues to dry up, Plan provided 6 irrigation systems for the area, bringing water to 4,800 children.

220 teachers from 100 schools have been trained to prevent violence, while 6,000 children received their birth certificate - a vital way to protect them from undocumented harm. 30 organisations of women entrepreneurs have been supported, and about 30 female survivors of sexual violence received care in a shelter.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Tarija.



7420

Children learned about their rights through games & activities



760

Teenagers were taught about contraception



22

Schools were built in Tarija



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 made it so that we have water, and during the pandemic, Plan brought medical 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 Bolivia’s largest commercial city, Santa Cruz. Growing up in a family of musicians, Belén has 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 oversee 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, 3,541 cases of human trafficking and smuggling were reported in the country.

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 allows her to build agency, confidence, and self-esteem through generative actions: 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 7,420 CHILDREN IN TARIJA

OUR PROJECTS IN TARIJA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



This year, Plan worked with community members of all ages to protect the vulnerable in Tarija.

SKILLS TO SUCCEED



Women in rural Bolivia are vulnerable to poverty. Using practical vocational training, network building, and government collaboration, Plan International teamed up with women in Tarija to make life a little easier.

440 young men and women received vocational training with livestock. These workshops included consideration about gender equity, violence, and the fair division of roles between genders. Once their products were made, they were distributed and promoted at two production fairs.

80 budding entrepreneurs received certification as veterinary promoters from SENASAG, Bolivia's National Service of Agricultural Health and Food Safety. Plan also signed two agreements with the municipal government to promote economic enterprises by young people, especially women.

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES



Trafficking is an invisible crime, with devastating impacts. This year, Plan International worked with Tarija's community members across all age groups to educate about the dangers of human trafficking and spread awareness about its prevention.

1,431 children between 6 and 8 years old have been taught about trafficking and its prevention using puppets and art. 730 children ages 9 to 13 also received colourful, playful lessons about safety from such harm.

2,773 teenagers and young adults participated in artistic, dynamic workshops about human trafficking, while 174 caregivers participated in dialogues about the issue. 1,067 authority figures, including teachers, were trained on trafficking and its prevention.



"Before, I was taken to a new city by a relative. I soon realised it was human trafficking. Plan's activities made me face the situation and not allow my rights to be violated anymore. Now, I contribute to other communities' work so this no longer happens to other girls." - **Evelin (19) from Tarija**

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



80%

Increase in reported domestic violence cases in Bolivia since 2020



9%

Of HIV/AIDS cases in Bolivia are people between 15 and 19 years



92%

Increase in human trafficking in Bolivia since 2020



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

- Every year, more than 1,000 people in Bolivia go missing, 300 of whom are teenagers. We will continue to work with community members of all ages to prevent human trafficking.
- Tarija and Chuquisaca made up 81% of reported sexual crimes against minors in 2018. We will work directly with children and teachers to identify unsafe situations.
- 28.6% of people ages 15 to 24 in Bolivia neither work nor study. We will continue to offer seed funding and education to young women entrepreneurs.
- Girls and women in Bolivia remain excluded from decision-making in their communities. We will continue to amplify and address their needs.

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



“Thank you for your help, because with it, we have achieved significant changes. We consolidated community alert systems against violence, harassment, abuse, and human trafficking. We strengthened spaces of trust for adolescents.”

Carlos Jalil
Programme Area Manager, Tarija

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