

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

The rural province of Chiquitania has been hard-hit by forest fires and droughts since 2020. With your help, Plan provided necessary water resources that reached 48,326 people. Over 12,470 children also received masks and sanitiser to protect themselves from contracting COVID-19.

17 schools have been supported by our COVID-19 safety measures, while 129 mothers elected to learn how to prevent violence and pregnancy in order to talk about it with their children.

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



2375

Children have learned about safety and gender equity



540

Teenagers learned about sexual health



579

Parents learned about gender equality



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 3,033 CHILDREN IN CHIQUITANIA

OUR PROJECTS IN CHIQUITANIA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



ENGAGING PARENTS



1,700 girls dropped out of school in 2019 - and the number is increasing. In order to combat the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on girls' educations, Plan International partnered with parents, young children and teachers as part of our Childhood First Project.

1,566 children under the age of 8 participated in workshops about gender equity and protection. 648 children received free birth certificates, a vital step in allowing them to register for school.

Communities across Chiquitania found ways to engage young learners on serious topics, from staying in school to staying safe.

415 parents were trained in our positive parenting workshops, and 26 educators from 5 municipalities learned new skills for teaching students with special needs. 298 students will be impacted by our "occupational therapy" trainings, which did not exist in this area before.

PROTECTING THE GIRLS OF CHIQUITANIA



75% of human trafficking victims are girls or women.

Through Plan International's Way Home project, we work to educate community members of all ages about the dangers and prevalence of human trafficking in Bolivia, as well as how to stay safe.

This year, we trained 1,175 children and teenagers (985 girls, 190 boys) about trafficking, risk factors and self-protection. 55 educators learned about the best way to report cases of human trafficking.

50 local authority figures took part in face-to-face dialogues about the prevention of human trafficking. In order to bring this invisible problem to light, Plan offered sensitivity trainings to 20 local journalists on how to talk about trafficking.



"I am a leader. What I like the most is helping people. With the Way Home project, I have learned about human trafficking and smuggling and how to apply the three golden rules in situations of risk."

- Belén (14) from Chiquitania

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



4%

Of students in Chiquitania drop out of school



27%

Of people in Chiquitania have access to sewage systems



75%

Of human trafficking victims in Bolivia in 2021 were women



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

- Gender-based violence continues to plague Chiquitania. We will educate girls about the rules of protection using playful puppet shows.
- As part of our effort to curb human trafficking, we will educate children about identifying and preventing this invisible crime.
- The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the financial struggles of women in Chiquitania. We will continue to support the enterprises of young women.
- As families work to recover financially from the pandemic, we will also support agricultural producers by training them in climate adaptive agriculture.

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



“Your support gives us more opportunities for more girls and boys to participate in our projects. Together, we can achieve a more just and friendly society. We appreciate the support you provide to the children of the Chiquitania area.”

Ángel Balderas Padilla
Programme Area Manager, Chiquitania

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