

OUR IMPACT: NPH BOLIVIA

Country Facts

Area: 424,164 square miles – approximately the size of California and Texas combined

Population: 12,311,974 (2024 est.)

Languages: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

Issues: Ranks at or near the bottom among Latin American countries in several areas of health and development, including poverty, education, fertility, malnutrition, mortality, and life expectancy; soil erosion; loss of biodiversity; industrial pollution of water supplies



NPH Bolivia At a Glance

Opened: April 17, 2005

Location: Casa Padre William B. Wasson is located in the lowlands 50 miles north of Santa Cruz in San Ignacio de Sara where the weather is hot, humid and rainy.

NPH Operates:



Family-style
home



Primary school
(grades K - 6)



Medical
clinic



Children help maintain the gardens and farm, which includes vegetables, fruit, and livestock



NPH OneFamily program for family reintegration

NPH Bolivia 2023 Impact



86
children and adults
supported

46
local people employed

15
K - University graduates



Did You Know?

- Patricia Rueda is NPH Bolivia's National Director. ▶
- In 2023, the "quasi-family" framework was integrated throughout the residential care program at Casa Padre Wasson. This endeavor included extensive educator training, procuring essential equipment, and decreasing child-to-educator ratios to ensure individualized attention. As a result, every child now thrives in a familial setting, where they receive tailored care and support, and have the opportunity to live with their biological siblings.
- Through the NPH OneFamily program, 13 children and youth were reintegrated into their biological families in 2023. To aid families further, a seed capital program was implemented to empower entrepreneurship without sacrificing financial stability.
- In 2022, two houses were opened in Portachuelo for young adults transitioning from the NPH home to independent living. Under the guidance of a facilitator, the young adults learn essential life skills such as going to school on their own, shopping, and using public transport, health services and banks by themselves. This program prepares them for living independently away from NPH so they may be self-sufficient members of the community.
- A variety of vegetables are grown in gardens at the children's houses. These gardens give the children a chance to acquire new skills in the field as well as learn the values of responsibility and patience. Food grown in the children's gardens is used for meals, thus supplementing the home's budget.
- The dairy milk project provides children with fresh milk and makes the home more self-sustainable.

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