



## ART GOLD BOLIVIA PROGRAMME

### PRESENTATION

The ART GOLD Bolivia Programme, signed in May 2008, represents a mechanism implemented in support of the will of the Bolivian Government to boost the development of the country, with respect to its cultural and ethnical diversity, expressed through its National Development Plan.

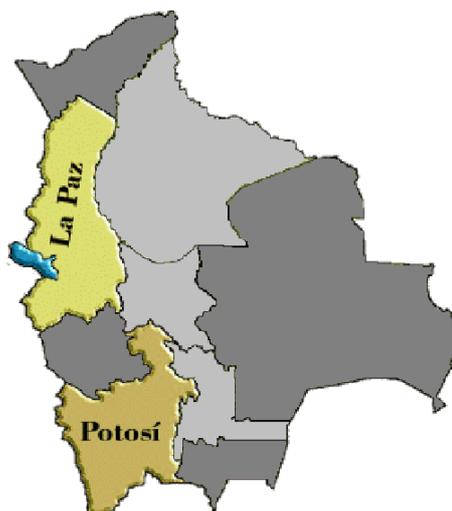
The Programme, which is part of the Government's strategies for administrative decentralization and reduction of poverty, supports the initiative of territorial planning and local development lead in the country by the Ministry of Planning and the Vice-Ministry of Decentralization.

Bolivia's current government is committed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and relies on the MDGs antennas already established in 8 of the 9 departments of the country. In the MDGs report developed each year, thanks to the joint effort of the government's institutions and UNDP, has become a reference for national and local planning, as well as an essential tool for the analysis and elaboration of public policies for development.

The main effort made by the government to design the development strategy is the elaboration of Bolivia's political guidelines concerning the sectors mentioned in the National Development Plan, which sets out an innovative vision that takes into account the real cultural, ethnical and productive diversity of the country.

The Development Plan has 4 strategic components:

- **Dignified Bolivia**, aims at eradicating poverty and inequity, and developing a fair pattern of distribution and/or redistribution of incomes, wealth and opportunities.
- **Democratic Bolivia**, based on a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and community-partner State and on a society in which people concretely exercise social and communitarian power and are also responsible of decision making regarding the development of their own communities in particular, and the country in general.
- **Productive Bolivia**, aims at the transformation, the integrated change and the diversification of the production model, generating surplus, incomes and jobs.
- **Sovereign Bolivia**, aims at boosting Bolivia's worldwide interaction based on its own identity and sovereignty



### THE ART GOLD BOLIVIA PROGRAMME

UNDP together with other UN Agencies supports the territorialization of the MDGs and collaborates in the elaboration of reference texts needed for the analysis and comprehension of the social and economic context of the country. The ART GOLD Bolivia Programme works in close collaboration with the MDGs Programme, providing to the multilateral, bilateral and decentralized International Cooperation actors an operational and flexible instrument for the articulation and harmonization of the initiatives prioritized in the territories and identified by the local authorities and communities. The first areas prioritized for the implementation of the Programme are the departments of Potosí and La Paz, which were identified based on the information contained in the MDGs report and then Human Development Indicators, as well as on parameters shared by the government and the donors.

### SYNTHETIC INFORMATION

#### Duration

The Programme was formulated between the months of February and March 2008 and was approved by the Ministry for Development Planning in May 2008. First implementation phase: June - December 2008.

#### Operation and

The **Ministry for Development Planning** is the counterpart of the ART GOLD

## coordination structures at the national level

Bolivia Programme at the national level; it is in charge of the participatory territorial planning activities and the initiatives at the national level.

**The National Coordination Committee (NCC)** is coordinated by the **Ministry for Development Planning** and is integrated by the Vice-Ministry for Decentralization, the Federation of Bolivian Municipalities' Associations (FAM), the Italian Embassy, the Spanish Embassy, UNDP and the UN Agencies involved in the Programme. The Committee guarantees that the Programme's initiatives are implemented in accordance to the policies and strategies defined in the National Development and Decentralization Plan; it also promotes its results. UNDP CO, with the support of the **Chief Technical Advisor (CTA)**, is responsible for the management of the Programme.

## Operational and coordination structures at departmental, regional y municipal levels

**Departments:** The **Departmental Working Groups (DWG)** are articulated with the Prefectures, the Regions and the Municipalities. The DWG are under the coordination of the Prefect and are complementary to the Departmental Development Plans. They are integrated by the representatives from the sectoral offices, the NGOs, the communitarian and indigenous organizations, the training centres and the universities of the territory.

**Regions:** The **Regional Working Groups (RWG)** are articulated with the Municipalities, are under the coordination of the Mayors and are complementary to the Regional and Municipal Development Plans. They are integrated by the representatives from the public and private sector and the civil society present at the municipal level.

The Departmental and Regional Working Groups ensure the participatory implementation of the Programme, taking joint and concerted decisions, and guaranteeing the active participation of the citizens.

## Cooperation partners

**UN Agencies:** Besides UNDP, discussions are in course with various United Nations Agencies to collaborate in the framework of the Programme, especially with UNIDO and UNIFEM.

**Bilateral Coop.:** The Italian Embassy and the Italian Cooperation, as well as the Spanish Embassy and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) support the Programme. Discussions have begun with other country donors and with the coordination of Spanish and Italian NGOs in Bolivia.

## Finance

Total budget: 2.515.000 USD  
Italian Government: 1.400.000 Euros for 2008  
Spanish Government: 2000.000 Euros

## GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF INTERVENTION

For 2008, the Programme has prioritized its interventions in the departments of Potosí and La Paz where the following activities will be developed:

- Implementation of the Departmental and Regional Working Groups, to elaborate the platform of participative action, to identify and co-finance quick impact projects and strengthen the planning and management capacities at the departmental and regional levels.
- Support to the implementation process of the National Development Plan, promoting and facilitating the articulation and harmonization between the Departmental, the Municipal and the National Development Plans through regional planning.
- Support local authorities in the implementation of tools for the recuperation and systematization of traditional knowledge, for the creation of new jobs and to boost the productive sector.

## Department of Potosí

The Department of Potosí represents 10,8% of Bolivia's territory (118.218 km), it is divided in 16 provinces and 38 municipalities. It also has the largest percentage of rural population in the country (33,7 %) and its current levels of economic development are insufficient to reduce the level of poverty.

The production capacity of the territory is limited because of its low productive and export diversity, and the high inequity in the distribution of incomes. But the department also presents potentialities, as result of the recent boost brought by the mining export, as well as the development of other economic sectors: tourism (Salar de Uyuni), textile and organic agro-industrial production.

The will to adapt Potosí's Planning process to the National Development Plan represents an essential factor needed to contextualize ART's methodology to Bolivia's context. The National Development Plan provides a large leeway for the implementation of concerted strategies with the social actors, the indigenous communities and the municipal governments of the department.

## **Department of La Paz**

The department of La Paz represents 27,9% of Bolivia's territory (133.985 km), it is divided in 20 provinces and 82 municipalities. The geomorphologic, ecological, agro-ecological, productive, social, ethnical and cultural diversity of the department, together with the difference on its transport infrastructure and its political and economical organization, have clearly showed the need to identify more homogeneous planning scenarios, capable of articulating this diversity. In response to this diversity that the departmental government has organize the public management of the territory in 7 regions: a) Amazonia b) Yungas c) Metropolitan area d) Valles Norte e) Valles Sur f) Altiplano Norte g) Altiplano Sur.

The human development indicator UNDP 2001 corresponds to 0,631, the inequity indicator UDAPE 2001 is of 0,380 in the urban area and 0,314 in the rural area. Concerning the achievement of the MDGs, the last development report elaborated by UNDP Bolivia highlighted the paradoxical situation of the department of La Paz, spite of its large public services coverage, compared to the national average, child malnutrition and mother mortality are among the highest in the country.

## **ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

The National Coordination Committee will be activated and activities will be planned to enhance, systematize and promote the experiences carried out through the Programme in support of the implementation of the National Development Plan. Support will be given to strengthen national policies for planning, and to implement and articulate them with other territorial processes according to the accomplishment of the MDGs. Strategic projects developed to fight exclusion will be supported, in the fields of health, education, economy, production, justice, among others.

The National Decentralization policy's mechanisms and processes will be also supported and strengthened, promoting the articulation between local, national and international actors and partners. The participation of the NCC in international events related to human development and promoted by the ART Initiative will be guaranteed. In the framework of the promotion of a national strategy for local development, the implementation of tools for productive development and job creation will also be encouraged. To support innovations for development, the ART IDEASS initiative will be promoted through the Vice-Ministry for Science and Technology and the Universities.

## **ACTIVITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

Strategic partnerships of Decentralized Cooperation will be activated, in support of the implementation of impact projects identified at the local level, and initiatives to boost production and job creation. The activities will foresee the collaboration of ART's International Services for Technical Assistance (IDEASS, ISLED and UNIVERSITAS) and the Scientific Committee. A mission is being organized with the government of El Salvador to visit the experiences carried out by the Local Economic Development Agency (LEDA) currently supported by the sub-regional Programme MyDEL. At the end of October a delegation of the Ministry for Health will participate to the Seminar "Innovation and Development in Health: Integration of Traditional Medicine in the Public Health Systems" organized in Florence by UNOPS, UNDP and the Tuscany Region.

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