

LA/BOL/34: **Support Rural and Periurban Sanitation in Bolivia**
Year: 1 of 3
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Client: Basic Services and Health Vice Ministries, sub national and local governments, rural and periurban EPSAs
Country: Bolivia
Partners: UNICEF, UE, ACDI, SIDA, PROCOSI, JICA, PROAPAC, PROHISABA

Desired Project Outcome: The Government adopts rural and periurban sanitation policies, incorporating actively intra/inter sector networking for hygiene promotion, updated data on the different sanitation components, complementary studies to improve and scale up the rural and periurban sanitation access with the provision of sustainable sanitation services in Bolivia.

Project Description: The lack of sanitation services provision in Bolivia, especially in poor urban and rural areas, needs a solid base of information, specific analysis of challenges related with vulnerable populations, formative research on habits and behavioral changes and clear policy and social strategies.

To provide these new elements for the design of an specific Sanitation Strategy, WSP will provide continue TA to the Vice Ministry of Basic Services (VMBS) efforts initiated with the National Sanitation Study in 2007 which has motivated the government, the social organizations, the development agencies and the academic institutions to prioritize sanitation and include it into the sub national and local agendas.

In the meantime, it is important to link the TA entities and networks, promoting the active dialogue and exchange with various technical agencies and sector authorities on needs and priorities of the sanitation subsector in Bolivia. The FY09 plan is focusing on the dissemination of the National Sanitation Study, Sanitation and Hygiene Studies, Demand Creation Initiatives, Sanitation as generator of employment and incomes, carried out by WSP and others, looking for adequate sanitation alternatives.

In order to respond to the important sector challenges in consultation with sector authorities, WSP will focus its assistance in the following processes:

1. Support on the development of a sustainable sanitation policy, the general inclusion of sanitation in the PNSB 2008-2015 and roadmaps for each sanitation component including specially hygiene promotion.
2. Support the continuous coordination with World Bank sector and task team leaders assuring the alignment of the WSP Bolivia initiatives, sharing results and initiatives.
3. Provide technical assistance to sector coordination (intra and inter sector committees), supporting the WSS Sectoral Table, Cooperation Agencies Mechanism, Periurban and Rural Platforms, Cross Sectoral Dialogue with health, education and productive sectors, generation of the mechanism/network of VSB, INE, VIPFE and other institutions to harmonize and align the sectoral information specially in sanitation.
4. Support the Hand Washing Initiative for behavioral changes, based on inter sectoral approaches, articulating Health, Water and Education Sectors and supervise the participative elaboration of i) conceptual framework, ii) baseline and iii) action plan for the HW Initiative in Bolivia.
5. Promote and support the elaboration and dissemination of studies and formative research on adequate alternatives for sanitation specific issues that will help the various actors of the sector with wider knowledge through publications that reach regional and local levels in the framework of local, national and international workshops and conferences.

Assumptions:

1. VMBS will incorporate recommendations on rural and periurban sanitation policies and tools.
2. VMBS and the sector stake holders are willing the intra/ inter sector coordination and programmatic articulation.
3. ASDI, ACDI, UE and multi-donor program/ UNICEF, PROCOSI, Water and Hygiene Forum and ONGs are deeply interested in co-funding different initiatives.

Start date: Jul. 08

End Date: Jun. 11

Indicators of Outcome:

- The PNSB 2008 -2015 includes the sanitation challenges, specific strategies and route maps for the MDG
- The Rural and Peri-urban strategies address Sanitation priorities, specific strategic lines related with the contamination of wasted water, fecal sludge and solid waste.

- Institutional alliances at national, regional and local levels and sanitation agreements will be achieved and in place.
- Sanitation studies and formative research are elaborated and disseminated.
- An enable environment for sanitation dialogue and a cross sector work has been consolidated.
- The BOLIVIASAN 2008 is organized and executed with various partners and achieve the National Agreement for the Sanitation

Project Milestones:

1. The PNSB 2008 -2015, Peri-urban and Rural Strategy consider a sanitation emphasis and are published. (Dec 08)
2. The sanitation studies are validated and government includes its recommendations on sector policies. These documents are published (Nov. 08).
3. Cross sector networks are actively working in Hand Washing Initiatives (July. 08).

Project Update: WSP has improved its sector position to impulse key activities in rural and periurban areas, hygiene promotion, new sanitation alternatives and cross sector dialogue. This project will also benefit the results of the Periurban Strategy for Basic Sanitation and the better understanding of the small scale operator's potential role in rural and periurban areas. There is the risk of some delays in the FY09

Project Activities and Outputs:

Activities	Output(s) and their deliverable dates
TA to the Basic Sanitation and Health Vice Ministries and cross sectoral networks in the sanitation pro-poor.	STC TOR/ Rural and periurban sanitation diagnosis complemented with prioritized studies (Nov 08). International Conference BOLIVIASAN 2008 (Nov 08).
Technical Assistance to the VSB and other institutions in the sanitation pro-poor.	National Sanitation Strategy with specific proposals for Rural and Periurban Areas. Finalized document (Dec 09). Publication in three regional approaches with regional consensus: High flats, valleys and tropical regions (Dec 10).
Design of a cross sectoral communication and information strategic lines and its inclusion in policies.	VMSB, INE, VIPFE mechanism and partnerships for the harmonization and alignment of sectoral and cross information to feed the next National Census in 2011.(Jun 11)
TA and knowledge management in Sanitation and hygiene initiatives.	Support on the National Hand Washing Initiative for MINSA and Ministry of Water programs, UNICEF multi donor program. Basic Documents (Aug 08). Participation of WSP LAC Hand Washing , PPPL, PRONASAR and Productive Sanitation experiences en BOLIVIASAN 2008 (Nov 08) Systematization of Total Sanitation in Bolivia (Aug. 07).
Networking and articulation to promote the cross sector Water, Sanitation & Health.	Water and Health cross sector networks on Sanitation and HW Initiative in the National Sanitation Agreement framework (Nov 08) Yearly National Water and Health Forum (Jul 08) Publications of CAUDAL sector Sanitation oriented magazine and quarterly publications with concerted orientations, (Sep- 08- Jan 09 – Apr09)