

Project Snapshot:

CENTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Location: Potosi, Bolivia

Partner: Global Fund for Children

Partner Website: www.globalfundforchildren.org

Summary of project:

In Bolivia, 60 % of the population lives below the poverty line. The average family has 6 children and even at an early age children are expected to help earn income to provide for the family's basic needs. In the city of Potosi, mining is the main source of employment. Mining is dangerous and conditions are harsh, with 10 hour work days in dark, cramped space with 100 degree heat. Children working in the mines rarely return to school and it becomes much more difficult for them to find new employment due to lack of education and skills.

Center for Regional Development (CRD) focuses on preventing and reducing child labor in the mines around Potosi Bolivia by providing viable economic and educational alternatives to children. CRD programs offer scholarships, tutoring support, vocational training, and youth enterprise to child miners. CRD supports a youth-run greenhouses producing fruits and vegetables for the local market.

Funds for the project:

100% of all funds will help CRD prevent and reduce child labor in the mines by providing alternative economic and educational opportunities to children and their families. Funds will specifically support the greenhouse program.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu



Bolivia Info:

Population: 9,947,418
(compared to USA's 310M)

20% of women are illiterate, as compared to 7% of males

60% of the population lives below the poverty line

10% of all miners in Bolivia are under-age

Source: CIA World Fact book

