

Mano a Mano

We started in 1994 around a kitchen table, looking for ways to improve the health of rural Bolivians. Ten years later, we have created a partnership that has prevented hundreds of untimely deaths, made education available to thousands of children, and built a foundation for a better future.

The Need

No Access to Health Care: Rural Bolivians lack access to affordable care. High cost limits availability of modern equipment, supplies.

Infant Death: 300 of every 1,000 rural children die before age 1, largely because of preventable illness.

Dangerous Births: 650 rural Bolivian women die for every 100,000 live births — Latin America's highest maternal death rate.

Tainted Water: Contaminated water exposes villagers to disease.

Limited Education: Many rural areas have poor schools and cannot attract teachers. Low education leads to more poverty and ill health.

Dangerous Travel: Accident rates are among the world's highest. Many villages are accessible only by foot. Markets are out of reach.

The Solution

Create a community health care infrastructure that will survive over the long term. Cut costs by stocking with surplus US medical supplies.

Provide health education, routine vaccinations and responsive acute care.

Offer pre- and post-natal care and hygienic birth assistance.

Construct public bathrooms and showers with washing facilities and teach villagers to use them.

Build rural schools with decent housing that attracts and retains teachers.

Open and improve roads. Construct aircraft landing strips.

What We've Done

Built and staffed 45 clinics from 1997 to 2004. By 2011 we'll have built another 90. Shipped 1.2 million pounds of supplies since 1995.

Vaccinated 100,000 moms and children in Mano a Mano clinics from 1997 to 2004. 80,000 took our health education classes.

Of 2,900 births in our clinics since 1997, zero maternal or infant deaths.

Completed 13 bathroom/shower projects. Another 33 requested.

Built schools with adjacent teacher housing in 12 communities. Another 34 requested.

Improved 155 miles of roads connecting villages to main roads. Built 9 landing strips in remote villages.

Yes, you can help....

Your donation in US dollars buys a lot of health in Bolivia. \$20,000 builds a complete medical clinic. \$11,000 constructs two large classrooms. \$10,000 builds a duplex for two teachers with families. \$600 pays a doctor for a month. \$60 is a nurse's weekly wage.



Mano a Mano carves out roads...



...to clinics and schools we help build...



...and stock with US surplus supplies.



Our Mission

To create partnerships with impoverished Bolivian communities that improve health and increase economic well-being.

Our Values

Mano a Mano operates on principles of volunteerism, frugality, competence, accountability, empowerment and partnership with local communities.

How We Work

Two percent of our total income pays US administrative costs. The overwhelming majority of our work in both countries is accomplished by armies of dedicated volunteers. All projects focus on long-term viability.

To Find Out More, Contribute or Volunteer

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**A partnership
to build
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