

# 2015

## BOLIVIA

### CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Since 1986, Save the Children in Bolivia has worked with local communities and organizations to design Sponsorship programs tailored to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of children. We currently work in Cochabamba, a peri-urban area where children face challenges daily. In 2015, low literacy rates, rampant preventable disease and poor sanitation were just a few of these hardships. To address these difficulties, we placed an emphasis on comprehensive reading and writing programs and improving health practices. Below you can see how we continue to do whatever it takes to give children in Bolivia a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.




Thanks to you, we reached **69,064** children and adults last year.


**In 2015**, you helped us achieve so much for children, giving them the best chance for a brighter future.



Thanks to your support, **961** educators participated in **training** workshops on math strategies, emergent reading and experiential learning. This means children are **learning more effectively.** 

With your help, children in 47 sponsorship schools **improved** their math skills by **12%** and language arts skills by **13%.** 

**12,292** girls and boys participated  in **vision screening** tests in 2015, compared to 9,845 in 2014. As a result, approximately 4,200 children received eye care or glasses.

**3,920** secondary school students participated in **vocational workshops** to create life plans for the future. This is up from 866 students in 2014, thanks to you. 

# 2015 Child Sponsorship Programs: Bolivia

## Results you made possible for children



### Early Childhood Care and Development

- Sponsors like you ensured that 6,686 children across 43 preschool classes and 29 early learning centers moved up to the next educational level in 2015. A smooth transition into primary school paves the way for future success in school.
- With your help, we've expanded early learning opportunities for girls and boys in Bolivia by working hand in hand with the local government. One municipality has already passed a law supporting early education for children under age 5.
- Last year the government certified 200 teachers who were trained

on our early learning programs. Certification is a key step to ensuring lasting change for young learners and the communities they live in.

- Your support made it possible for us to teach 3,993 parents and teachers how to better support children through sessions that focused on topics like positive discipline and how best to foster children's learning, development and well-being.

### Basic Education

- 96% of children in sponsorship schools reached grade 5 last year, compared to 80% in 2014.
- With support from our sponsors, we rolled out an innovative way to boost children's communication skills in 2015. Students wrote in a notebook in school and shared it at home with their family. This strengthened their reading and writing skills while empowering them to share their views and opinions.
- Together, we seek to ensure that children with learning disabilities are not left behind. Last year, 215 special education teachers used our literacy and logical reasoning strategies in their work with children with disabilities.

### School Health and Nutrition

- Thanks to you, more than 2,000 school, community and government representatives across 43 municipalities participated in a health education symposium to learn to implement health activities to benefit schoolchildren.
- We published our first-ever Spanish puberty education book to help girls and boys understand and manage the changes they experience.

### Adolescent Development

- Sponsorship led efforts to help young adults in Bolivia learn about personal empowerment, sexual and reproductive health and economic opportunities. Facilitated by teachers and parents, these sessions also highlighted cultural activities like contemporary dance and theater.
- With your support, 1,705 teens benefitted from vocational training in 2015, up from 1,025 in 2014.
- Last year we created 55 youth groups and began helping them implement their business plans, up from 15 groups in 2014.



Want to hear more about the amazing work you and our community of sponsors accomplished all over the world last year? Read our 2015 Sponsorship Year in Review at [SavetheChildren.org/Sponsor-Report](http://SavetheChildren.org/Sponsor-Report).