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Progress Report Details

Consolidated Project Information	
Project Number	BOLI80
Project Title	Vocational Training and Promotion of Micro Enterprises in the Yungas of La Paz
Project Duration	2009 - 2012
Project Starting Date	22/07/2009
Location	Bolivia
Responsible Office	Country Office in the Plurinational State of Bolivia (COBOL)
Strategic Theme and Result Area	3. Prevention, treatment and reintegration, and alternative development 3.4. Alternative development
*Executing Agency	UNODC
*Government Implementing Agency	Vice Ministry of Coca and Alternative Development
Overall Budget	\$641,800
Total Approved Budget	\$449,200
In-Kind Contributions	62,100
Donors	Bolivia, European Union, Sweden

I. UNODC Strategy Context

Theme

3. Prevention, treatment and reintegration, and alternative development

Result Area

3.4. Alternative development

Result(s)

3.4.1. Enhanced capacity of Member States upon request to design and implement sustainable alternative development programmes including where appropriate preventive alternative development programmes within their broader development context aimed at preventing reducing and eliminating the illicit cultivation of opium poppy coca bush and cannabis

Contributions to Results Achievement:

The project planned and carried out 23 vocational training courses in skills for employment, benefiting 786 young men and women in the Yungas of La Paz that have improved their conditions to get a job or to initiate productive enterprises and / or services and increase their income. For the development of these courses, the project has equipped seven training workshops, which are being used by beneficiaries as production centers and to generate opportunities for self-employment and higher income.

The project has supported nine partnerships with well established micro-enterprises. These partnerships are valuable to secure suitable employment for graduates. Moreover the mentioned micro-enterprises have good credibility in the community, are well organized, legally sound and eligible for access to financial resources. Under the mentioned agreements the project will be able to generate short-term self-employment for 50 people (men and women). The project has supported as well the formation of 4 micro-enterprises and provided them with tools and equipment, and conducting training courses.

The project is in process of designing the curricula for technical and humanistic training in the seven municipalities in the project's geographic scope of intervention. The young high school graduates will have better opportunities to work immediately or better conditions for further studies including embarking into university careers.

The project's activities have been conducted in close coordination with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Labour, the Vice Ministry of Coca and Integral Development and the Regional Directorate of Education (Department of La Paz), as well as Municipal Governments, the District Directorates of Education, social organizations and other development institutions of the Yungas of La Paz.

II. Results Achieved (Project Objective, Outcome, major Outputs)

Project Objective:

The project aims to support a comprehensive development **process** of Yungas of La Paz to reduce poverty and social marginalization and contribute to economic diversification in the region with sustainable economic options and generate alternative sources of employment and income for young people living in this area of coca farming.

Results achieved based on indicators:

The project is contributing to develop the region by training young people in trades **involving** new productive activities or services outside the **traditional** scope of coca cultivation. The project is also supporting the development of the micro enterprises providing them with adequate skills and tools to improve their management and production. A new school curriculum will enable young people to obtain a high school diploma with emphasis on technical disciplines and / or humanities which will be useful to improve their integration in the labour market and to even pursue higher studies.

Outcome(s):

The project's outcome is to increase employment and income opportunities in the Yungas of La Paz through vocational training courses for youth, men and women, between 15 and 34 of age, qualifying them in different trades, to enable them to develop new skills (either on productive activities or on services) and to respond to the region's demand of more skilled labour. The project also will carry out training courses in business for micro enterprises and peasant organizations and will offer computer training at schools. By strengthening the micro enterprises sector, the project will foster the integration of young people in the local labour market.

Results achieved based on indicators:

786 youth have been trained in different trades enabled by the project, so they can gain new skills related to productive activities outside coca cultivation. The project is supporting the Ministry of Education and some educational institutions in Yungas of La Paz with the purpose of designing a new

technical- humanistic curriculum. This study programme is aimed at young people, whom after their training will obtain a technical - humanistic high school diploma which will facilitate their integration into the job market and / or pursue higher education. The project supported the establishment of four micro-enterprises that are developing productive activities in baking and sewing. These micro enterprises are benefiting 20 young people from the region, who were trained by the project.

Outputs:

Output 1:Cooperation agreements with educational institutions, municipalities, peasant organizations, other public institutions, international organizations and federations of entrepreneurs involved in vocational training.

Output 2:Development of didactic material for training courses

Output 3: Implementation of training activities

Output 4: Successful placement of trained people into the labour market

Output 5: Promotion of microenterprises

Results achieved based on indicators:

Output 1:Cooperation agreements with educational institutions, municipalities, peasant organizations, other public institutions, international organizations and federations of entrepreneurs involved in vocational training.

Results achieved based on indicators:

The project has signed inter-institutional cooperation agreements with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare; Departmental Service of Education (SEDUCA - La Paz); District Education Directorate in the municipalities of Chulumani, Coroico, Cajuata and La Asunta; with the Federation of Municipal Associations of Bolivia (FAM – Bolivia), as well as Alternative Education Center, (CEA – Chulumani), and with the Foundation for training from Taquesi.

These agreements are intended to generate synergies and strengthen institutional relations to coordinate joint actions for vocational training and promotion of micro-enterprises to generate jobs and income.

Output 2: Development of didactic material for training courses

Results achieved based on indicators:

The project has developed manuals, methodology and content for training in basic sewing, industrial sewing, cut-flowers, bakery, career counseling, computer literacy, radio broadcasting , leadership, planning and preparation of project profiles. The project has designed educational materials for 10 training modules.

The project has hired a specialized consultant to design the curriculum for the technical training in the schools the Yungas of La Paz. The work is being executed in coordination with the Ministry of Education, and has a 50% implementation rate . This new curriculum will allow young people of Yungas of La Paz to obtain a technical - humanistic high school diploma.

Output 3: Implementation of training activities

Results achieved based on indicators:

In the period January – June 2010, the project in close coordination with Municipal Governments has completed 23 training courses in the communities of Yungas of La Paz, which benefited 786 young people of the Municipalities of Coroico, Coripata, Chulumani, Yanacachi, Irupana, Cajuata y La Asunta, as follows:

2 courses of bakery and confectionery

3 courses of design and editing of radio programs.

5 courses of sewing clothes.

1 basic course for computer operator.

5 courses of vocational guidance.

1 course of coffee marketing

4 training courses in leadership and public speaking, and preparation of plans, budgets and project profiles.

2 courses of flower cultivation handling.

The project has equipped seven workshops for technical training and as production centers for self-employment. 2 workshops for bakery and confectionery and 5 workshops for sewing clothes.

Output 4: Placement of trained people into the labour market

Results achieved based on indicators:

The project will sign agreements with the Labour Ministry to generate synergies in order to create employment bureaus at the municipalities in the project's intervention zone. The project will adjust the Ministry's methodology to the region needs. Additionally, the participating Municipalities will prioritize the hiring of people trained by the project. These employment bureaux will be operative during October 2010.

Output 5: Promotion of microenterprises

Results achieved based on indicators:

The project has supported the creation of four micro-enterprises and provided them with tools, equipment, and conducted training courses. The micro-enterprises created were:

A bakery in the community of Coscoma (municipality Coripata) employing female peasants

A bakery in the town of Chulumani, for parents and students of the school

A sewing workshop in the town of Cajuata for women of the communities from Cajuata and Chilaya Mine

A sewing workshop for a women's group from Mururata (Coroico)

III. Risk Analysis (Assumptions)

Analysis of Risks and Critical Assumptions:

The change of national and local authorities has delayed some project's activities temporarily. The project's staff has presented and explained again the scope of the project to the new authorities, mainly the municipal mayors of Yungas of La Paz. In general, the project has strategically positioned itself in the region and gained a good appreciation for the local authorities due to the activities delivered to benefit young people.

IV. Project Management

Performance of Project Management and Cooperation among Implementing Partners:

The project has established strategic alliances with the Ministries of Education and Labour, as well as, with the Education Directorate; the Municipal Associations Federation of Bolivia, and especially with Municipal Governments and District Education Directorate in the municipalities of Chulumani, Irupana, Coroico, Coripata, Yanacachi, Cajuata and La Asunta. The main partners of the project are the Vice Ministry of Coca and Integral Development, the National Alternative Development Fund (FONADAL) and the Association of Municipalities of the Yungas of La Paz. These institutions have been cooperating and participating in project activities, thus positioning the project as a key ally for the integral development of Yungas of La Paz.

Following the conclusions of the Inter-institutional Technical Committee (ITC), the project, in close coordination with the Vice Ministry of Coca and Integral Development and UNODC proceeded with the revision of the project document in order to expand the area of intervention to incorporate the municipality of La Asunta and to include a financial contribution from European Union by an amount

of US\$ 99.200.

The National Fund for Alternative Development (FONADAL) and UNODC signed an amendment to the Inter-Institutional Cooperation Agreement for its extension until December 2010. In this context, another agreement was signed to reschedule disbursements and redefines project activities with FONADAL's funds. The ITC meeting, held on 28 June 2010, approved the signature of the two amendments.

V. Monitoring

Monitoring Mechanisms (Data Collection and Analysis)

The project structure considers 5 results and their respective indicators. Based on this information monthly, quarterly, semi annual and annual reports are prepared. UNODC and the Vice Ministry of Coca and Integral Development carried out field missions to verified project's activities. Additionally the project has a database, which includes, among others, information of beneficiaries, schools, teachers, communities and peasant organizations.

VI. Evaluation

1) Type of evaluation and major recommendations

No evaluation took place during the period.

2) Major recommendations of the Tripartite Review and/or Steering Committee

An Interinstitutional Technical Committee (ITC) meeting was held on 9 December 2009. During the meeting the Work Plans for 2009 and 2010 were approved. The ITC meeting recommended a review of the Project Document in order to expand the project's intervention area into La Asunta municipality, utilizing new funding from the European Commission.

VII. Overall assessment of the final implementation status of the project

B. Project objectives almost achieved with only minor changes, deviations or shortcomings

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