



National Alliance Against Hunger Bolivia

1) What went wrong in your country which prevented the most vulnerable and the poor to improve their access to safe and healthy food?

Among the major identified causes of nutritional vulnerability, are: a) environmental issues such as ecological imbalance and soil degradation; b) socio-cultural and economic matters due to the absence of essential factors in small-scale family farming, including credit and technical assistance; and c) pre-institutional policies that failed to reduce chronic malnutrition in children. Therefore, according to today's statistics, nearly 23.2 % of children under 2 suffer from chronic malnutrition.



2) Did you see any improvement in addressing hunger and malnutrition problems since the High level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy held last June at FAO headquarters, Rome?



At national level, there are planning tools such as the National Development Plan, 'Bolivia Digna, Soberana, Productiva y Democrática para Vivir Bien' 2006-2010, which explicitly refers to the importance of strengthening national capacity to tackle the negative impacts of climate change through mitigation and adaptation strategies. Similarly, the Bolivian government is working to comply with the commitment to ensure the completion of the Human Right to Adequate Food in the new Political Constitution. In this sense, the State ensures additional food to municipalities with proposals such as the local development programme, 'Desayuno Escolar' (School Breakfast) which supports productive activities of families and communities with the aim of offering consumers the right to access healthy, accessible and culturally appropriate food to the country.

At national, regional and local level, important tasks have been implemented, supported and complemented by the 'Programa Desnutrición "0"' ('Zero' Malnutrition Programme) by prioritizing the care to pregnant women and children under 2 as main strategy in the fight against malnutrition.

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