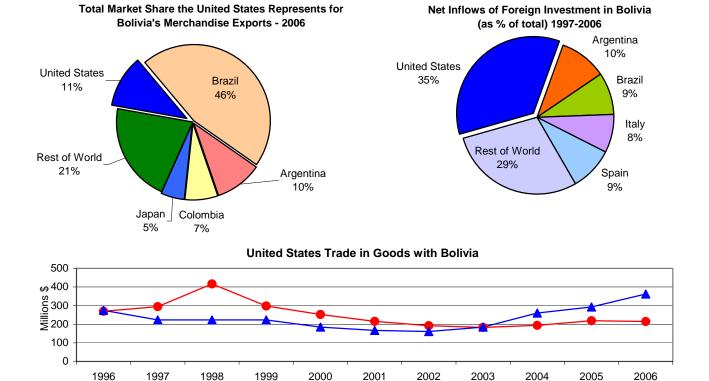


The United States Contributes to Economic Prosperity in Bolivia



- In 2006, U.S. direct investment in Bolivia reached \$172 million (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, Sept. 2007); this is equivalent to nearly 1.5 percent Bolivia's GDP of \$11.2 billion (World Bank, *World Development Indicators*).
- The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) provided over \$1 million in insurance funds in 2006.
- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided over \$83.8 million in aid to Bolivia in 2006.
- The Peace Corps currently has approximately 144 volunteers working throughout Bolivia;
 since 1963, 2,592 volunteers have aided communities in Bolivia.
- The United States purchased nearly 11 percent of Bolivia's total merchandise exports in 2006 (IMF Direction of Trade).
- U.S. merchandise exports to Bolivia were \$215 million in 2006.
- In 2006 over \$1 billion in remittance money was sent by Bolivians living abroad (Inter-American Development Bank).



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Creating Homes - Cargill Bolivia

Cargill Bolivia joined forces with Habitat for Humanity: Bolivia in 2001 to work in house construction. Cargill and Habitat for the Humanity do not construct houses *for* people in need; but build houses *with* people in need, as equal partners. Under this system of self-construction and mutual aid, the families build their own home with the assistance of others under the motto *"house by house"*. Cargill Bolivia, an agricultural company, has since dedicated itself to building two houses per year in the department of Santa Cruz. Cargill's contribution ranges from the economic support of \$3,800 per house to volunteering employee time during the construction of the houses. Currently, the social investment of Cargill in Bolivia with Habitat for Humanity: Bolivia has reached \$45,600 benefiting 12 low-income families.

Supporting Infrastructure Projects - Inti Raymi Foundation

Empresa Minera Inti Raymi S.A., through its mining Project Kori Kollo, has enabled the Chuquiña Village in Oruro, Bolivia, to develop a large housing, administrative, educational, handicraft and religious infrastructure project. This village, located at the bottom of the Kori Kollo mine, has become one of the most modern villages in the Altiplano region. The Foundation has built 134 houses, each one with basic services such as potable water, electricity and sewage. This village also has a church, a school, a handicraft center, a hospital, and an administrative house. Beyond Chuquiña village, the Foundation has contributed to the development of 24 communities surrounding the Kori Kollo mine. These projects include: preventive health programs for the people of the Villa Chuquiña and La Joya in the city of Oruro, an education program covering 1,300 children ages 4 -14, and a loan program through the National Investment Plan. Inti Raymi has established a fund of \$100,000 for loans to the people in the surrounding community.

Fighting Cancer - Kimberly Bolivia

Kimberly Bolivia has been actively contributing to the welfare of children with cancer in the region of Santa Cruz for over a year and a half through a social aid program to the Oncological Hospital, which specializes in pediatric cancer treatment. This campaign consists of a monetary donation to AFANIC (Friends and Family of Children with Cancer) based on the amount of recycled paper that Kimberly Bolivia buys every month. Kimberly Bolivia S.A. also supports campaigns, projects and activities to conserve the environment such as Save the Life of a Tree, ecological fairs, Environment Day march, Campaign for a Cleaner Santa Cruz, Solid Residuals Project with the Mayor's office and recycling campaigns in schools and universities.

Investing in Higher Education - The Coca-Cola Foundation

The Coca-Cola Foundation of Bolivia's Forjando Futuro project, in alliance with Universidad Católica Boliviana (Bolivian Catholic University), provides college scholarships for economically disadvantaged students who have outstanding academic records. The program invests in educating qualified students by giving scholarships at a prestigious private University. The second program, Escuelas Amigas, in partnership with UNICEF and the Municipal Governments, contributes by giving quality education to thousands of children, helping to diminish school desertion and turning the school into a friendly and interactive place. It supports the integral development in schools, granting a nicer, healthier, secure, and a stimulating school environment, through the collaborative action of students, teachers, parents, neighbors, and municipal authorities, to improve the quality of learning. The Coca-Cola Foundation of Bolivia is committed to investing \$1 million in educational programs over five years.



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Connecting People - Trilogy International Partners

Trilogy International Partners works in Bolivia to provide much needed access to communication. Trilogy International Partners owns and operates the VIVA brand, which has been a prominent provider of cellular services in the country for over five years. Trilogy International Partners' investment in Bolivia is almost \$100 million, and VIVA serves approximately 650,000 mobile subscribers and operates, through resellers, nearly 40,000 "puntos" – public telephone stations that connect wirelessly with the national phone network. These puntos provide 50,000 direct and indirect jobs in Bolivia and around 14,000 families make a living from reselling calls. While the minimum wage in Bolivia is 500 Bolivianos (65 USD), on average one Punto VIVA agent makes a monthly income of 1,000 Bolivianos (120 USD). Furthermore, VIVA's puntos have transformed the communications market, providing Bolivians affordable access to communication in wherever there is VIVA GSM coverage. As VIVA continues to expand its mobile phone network in rural areas, the company is providing affordable communications service where it is most needed.