

BOLIVIA 2016

ICDP and the ICEL (Christian Evangelist Lutheran Church) are cooperating on the development of the project called “Education Project, Family and Community” in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

As part of this project ICDP training is being given to local teams of professionals and a comprehensive implementation plan was designed for each of the localities where the ICDP intervention is taking place.

The objective is to impact not only the community churches but to have an impact on social and community level through cooperation with local institutions, such as educational and community organizations, village councils and other organizations working for the benefit of children and families.

The first ICDP workshops took place in 2015 and afterwards during September, October and November 2015, the first nine facilitators ran caregiver groups in Cochabamba, Potosi and Santa Cruz. The schedule for the ICDP implementation process was adjusted to fit in with the local circumstances. Besides practicing ICDP with a group of parents, the facilitators also used ICDP personally in interaction with their own children or close relatives. Gunn Strømme provided monitoring support through field visits.

MARCH 2016 WORKSHOPS

All facilitators registered their ICDP work in their field journals, with photographic records and videos, kept attendance lists and filled in monitoring checklists - these were presented to the ICDP international trainer Ayda Brigitte Ramirez, during the second workshop which was held in early March 2016.

In addition, a new group consisting of 22 participants (teachers, social workers and other professionals) embarked on ICDP training in March 2016. These participants came from different institutions: Education Unit Juan Evo Morales and Oscar Alfaro, the Mayor’s office, Departmental Social Management Service (SEDEGES, Servicio Departamental de Gestión Social), District No. 20, Pastoral Social Caritas Potosi (PASOCAP), Church Vida Nueva. There were also several independent professional social workers.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the programme and its relevance to the work of their organizations. As a result a new network was created that is strengthening the link between the project and the local organizations working in the municipalities covered by the project.

At the March workshop there was a discussion about contextualizing photos and videos especially for the ICDP work with indigenous communities. In some places the ICDP material will have to be in the native tongue, Quehcu.

The challenge is to continue to expand the programme to complete the training of 50 facilitators in the second phase. During the second phase ICDP will reach communities at high risk and great care will be placed on the quality of implementation, so as to generate positive changes in the relationships and interactions between parents and their children.



