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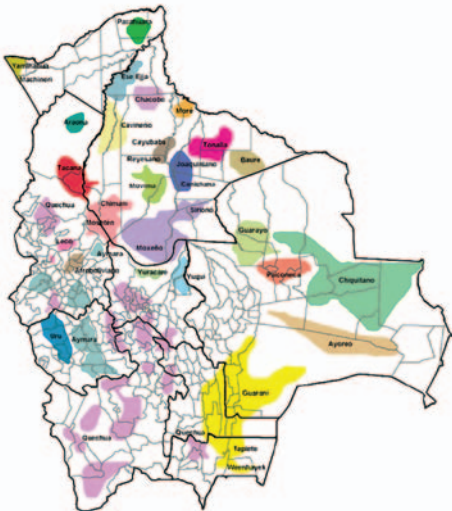
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Bolivia. Cultural wealth and diversity

Bolivia is a large country in South America, with a land area 150 times the size of the Basque Country, and it is home to just over 10 million people.

One of its main characteristics is its huge diversity in different aspects. Geographically, it stretches from the high Andean plateaus, called punas, and mountain regions that rise to heights of over 6,000 metres, to vast tropical flatlands and dense rainforests.



It is one of the 10 countries in the world with the greatest diversity of flora and fauna. It is equally diverse in cultural terms: from Andean peoples, such as the Aymara and Quechua, to flatland dwellers, such as the Guaraní and Chiquitano.

Bolivia has more than 30 indigenous peoples, each one with its own language and world view.

Zabalketa and Indigenous in Bolivia

Aymara communities, La Paz.



Valluna communities, Santa Cruz.



Quechua communities, Chuquisaca.



Peoples work together

Chiquitano communities, Santa Cruz.



Guaraní/Chiquitano/Ayoreode communities, Santa Cruz.



Guaraní Community, Chuquisaca.



Zabalketa in Bolivia

ZABALKETA is a Non-Governmental Organisation that was founded in the Basque town of Getxo in 1990. We are involved in Awareness and Education schemes, both in Getxo itself and in other towns and cities in the Basque provinces of Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa. Our international operations extend to a number of countries through projects in Cooperation for Development.

ZABALKETA is an organisation that was initially set up by former pupils of Gaztelueta School, and its membership is open to any person of good will who wishes to work for a fairer and more humanitarian world.

ZABALKETA has been working in Bolivia since 2000, where our contribution involves diagnosing the problems of those communities that request our assistance. We then cooperate in the design of those actions that may have a greater impact upon those problems, seek funds for their proper implementation and, finally, assess and disclose the experiences learnt. In order to carry out its projects in Bolivia, ZABALKETA has a network of Bolivian agencies with which it operates on an ongoing basis.

Over these past 12 years of operations in Bolivia, ZABALKETA has undertaken 37 projects that have received over ten million euros in funding and benefited more than 70,000 people. The funds have been provided by different sources, including the Cooperation programme of Getxo Town Council, and in addition they have all been managed from our offices in Las Arenas (Getxo). Hence the reason there is a very close link between Getxo and Bolivia: *GetxotikBoliviara* (From Getxo to Bolivia).

Zabalketa projects currently under way

ZONE 1 / Aymara communities, La Paz

The work involves improving household incomes through investment in productive infrastructures (water catchment, modern irrigation systems, and improving pasturelands and breeding stock), the technical training of farmers and social programmes that favour communal organisation.

LOCATION: Eight Aymara communities in the canton of Santiago de Collana, in the municipality of Mecapaca

LOCAL PARTNER: Asociación Civil AYNI. A Bolivian NGO headquartered in La Paz, which works with rural Aymara communities in the Rio Abajo area.

www.ayni.org.bo

ZONE 2 / Valluna communities, Santa Cruz

The school for leadership training for indigenous peoples has two specialisms: public management and sustainable technology. The people trained at the school go on to marshal technological and management change in local rural communities. One of its main strategies is the establishment of REPANAS (nature heritage reserves) for the protection of water resources.

LOCATION: 80 rural communities in the region of Valles Cruceños.

LOCAL PARTNER. Instituto de Capacitación del Oriente (ICO). A Bolivian NGO, with offices in Santa Cruz and Valle Grande. It has been working to promote the rural way of life for 25 years. www.ico-bo.org

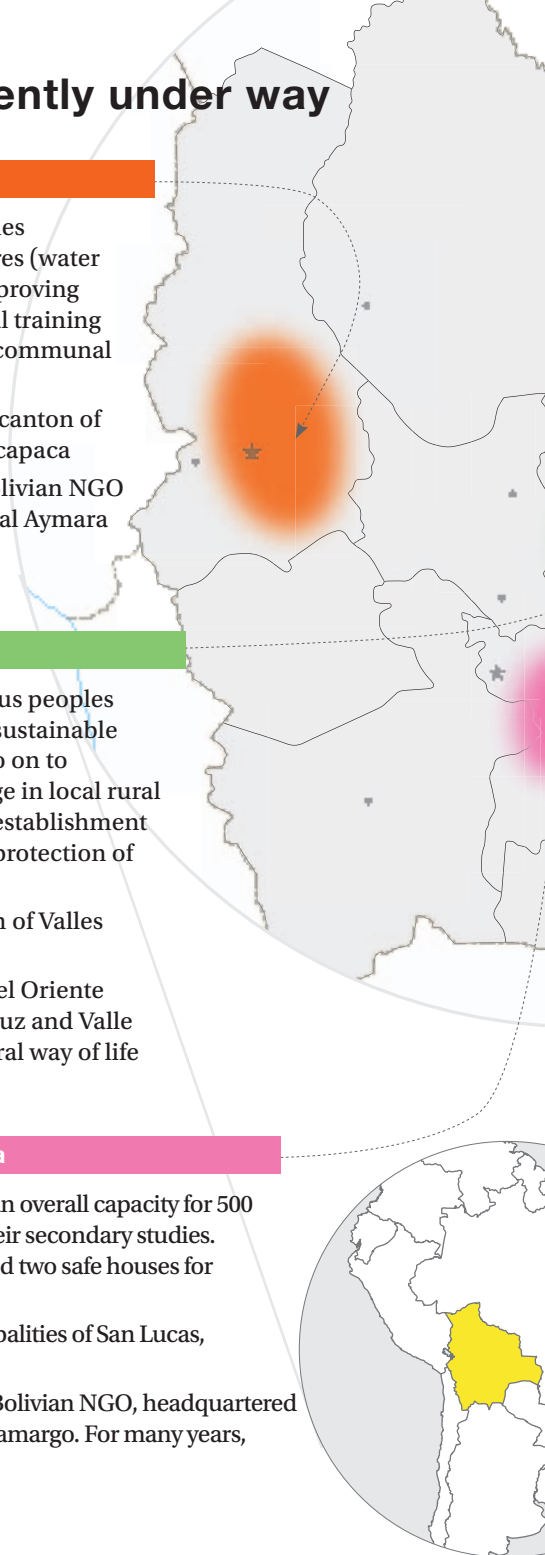
ZONE 3 / Quechua communities, Chuquisaca

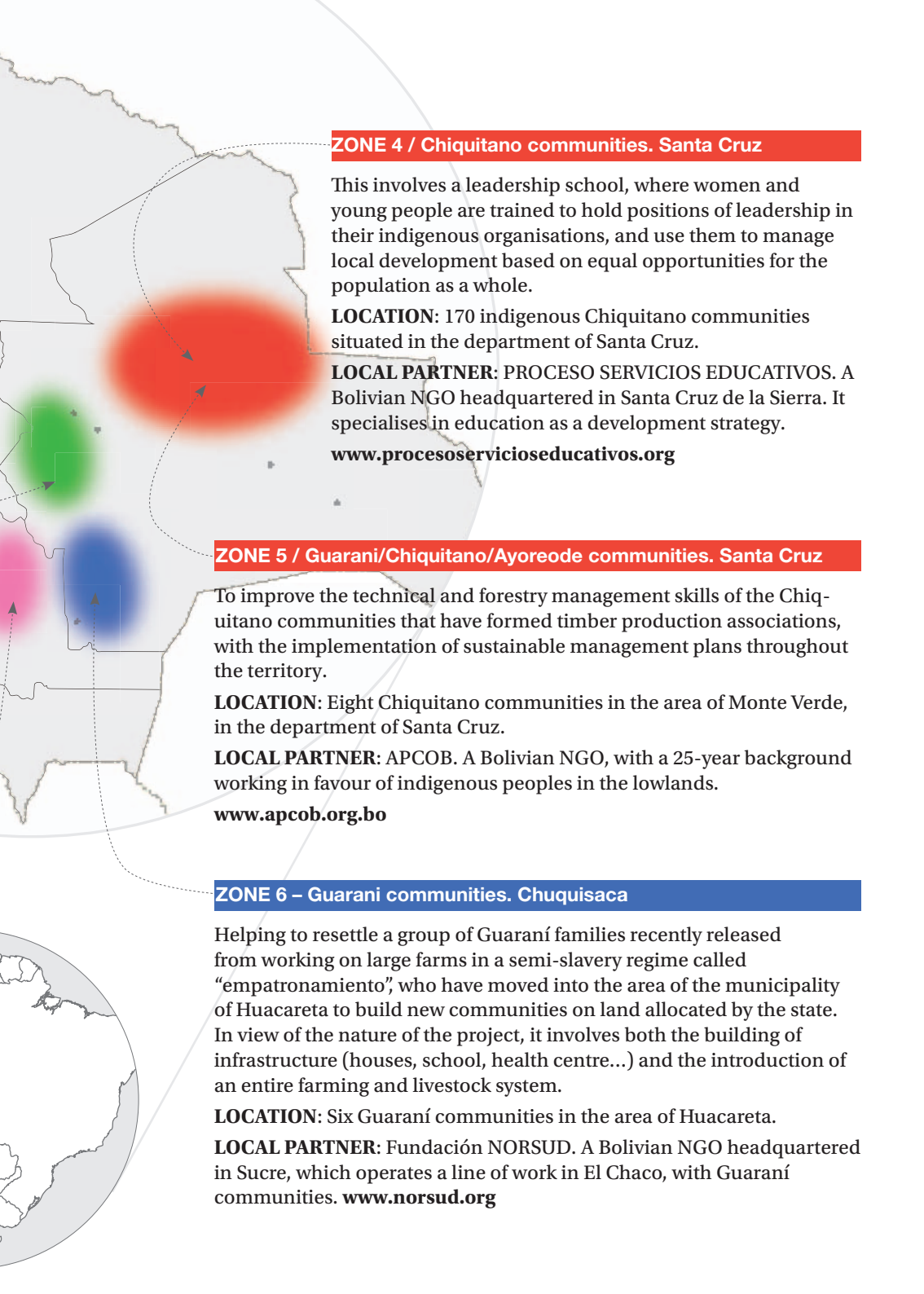
Five rural boarding schools have been built, with an overall capacity for 500 people. Their aim is to help young women with their secondary studies. In addition, there are two adult training centres and two safe houses for attending to victims of domestic violence.

LOCATION: 100 rural communities in the municipalities of San Lucas, Camargo and Culpina.

LOCAL PARTNER: Asociación CENTRO AYNI. A Bolivian NGO, headquartered in La Paz and with delegations in San Lucas and Camargo. For many years, it has specialised in championing women's rights.

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ZONE 4 / Chiquitano communities. Santa Cruz

This involves a leadership school, where women and young people are trained to hold positions of leadership in their indigenous organisations, and use them to manage local development based on equal opportunities for the population as a whole.

LOCATION: 170 indigenous Chiquitano communities situated in the department of Santa Cruz.

LOCAL PARTNER: PROCESO SERVICIOS EDUCATIVOS. A Bolivian NGO headquartered in Santa Cruz de la Sierra. It specialises in education as a development strategy.

www.procesoservicioseducativos.org

ZONE 5 / Guaraní/Chiquitano/Ayoreode communities. Santa Cruz

To improve the technical and forestry management skills of the Chiquitano communities that have formed timber production associations, with the implementation of sustainable management plans throughout the territory.

LOCATION: Eight Chiquitano communities in the area of Monte Verde, in the department of Santa Cruz.

LOCAL PARTNER: APCOB. A Bolivian NGO, with a 25-year background working in favour of indigenous peoples in the lowlands.

www.apcob.org.bo

ZONE 6 – Guaraní communities. Chuquisaca

Helping to resettle a group of Guaraní families recently released from working on large farms in a semi-slavery regime called “empatronamiento”, who have moved into the area of the municipality of Huacareta to build new communities on land allocated by the state. In view of the nature of the project, it involves both the building of infrastructure (houses, school, health centre...) and the introduction of an entire farming and livestock system.

LOCATION: Six Guaraní communities in the area of Huacareta.

LOCAL PARTNER: Fundación NORSUD. A Bolivian NGO headquartered in Sucre, which operates a line of work in El Chaco, with Guaraní communities. **www.norsud.org**

Bolivian community in Getxo

Getxo is one of the most popular destinations for incoming non-nationals.

The town has a total population of 81,000 people, with 5,600 of these being non-nationals, accounting for 7% of the population.

Getxo is home to approximately 1,500 Bolivians, which is 1 in 4 of all non-nationals living in Getxo.

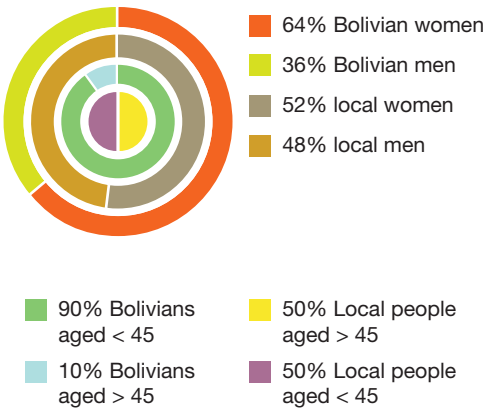
Two of the main characteristics of the Bolivians living in Getxo are the majority presence of **women**, who make up 64% of this segment, largely due to the demand for work in domestic service and caring for people, and **young people**, as almost 90% are under the age of 45, in stark contrast to the local population in Getxo, where 50% are over the age of 45.

The most common place of origin for these Bolivians is Santa Cruz, accounting for 55%, followed by Cochabamba with 14% and La Paz with 4%.

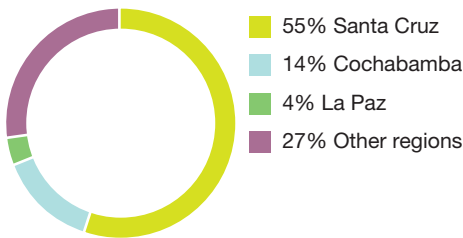
The level of education among the Bolivian community in Getxo is as follows: 20% have primary education, 54% have basic secondary education, 20% have completed their secondary education or occupational training and 6% are professionals with a university degree.

Bolivia is also very present in Getxo. The Bolivian community is one of the most active locally in the promotion of intercultural coexistence, fostering the relationship BoliviatikGetxora (From Bolivia to Getxo).

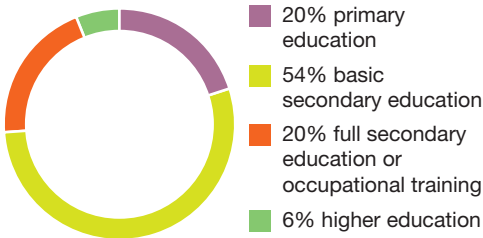
Comparison between the local and Bolivian populations in Getxo



Provenance of the Bolivian community in Getxo



Level of education of the Bolivian population in Getxo



Information on Bolivian associations in Getxo



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