



Movement for the land

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Context

The rural population, as well as their problems and territories, are not a priority for governments, due by a generalized view that reproduces stereotypes and concepts that relate to rural poverty, expulsion, dissatisfaction of needs, illiteracy, discrimination, marginalization, malnutrition, non-viability, unsustainability, etc.

These conceptions justify the second place of rural development within public policy and no attention of governments. A similar view can be found at the urban civil society, the development practices of NGOs, and even the same peasant social movements and indigenous peoples, who are unable to see their demands and their achievements in terms of access to land and of contemporary life.

Objective

The 'Inter-learning Territories' initiative, which integrates cases of the Regional Earth and Territory movement, works to establish alliances to strengthen the different capacities in spaces of dialogue and to contribute to the communication strategies of these territories.

It seeks to establish a system of digital communication for the strengthening of territorial organizations in capacities for the production of their own information and the promotion of their agendas of land and territory. These tools will recharge debates on the current land agenda, which, in addition to its access, in the Bolivian context, has advanced access to indigenous peasant autonomy.

Partners

Alliances have been established with three territories that reflect forms of access and land tenure, and land management and governance.

On one side, the agrarian Subcentral of Huancapampa, a peasant organization belonging to the municipality of Palca, continued to the capital city of La Paz; the Captaincy of Macharetí that corresponds to the Assembly of the Guarani People in the Chaco region of the department of Chuquisaca; and finally, Jatun Ayllu Yura, an original organization that corresponds to the Qhara Qhara Nation of the department of Potosí.

Geographic location

The actions will be carried out between the departments of La Paz, Chuquisaca and Potosí. An interesting range of territories and various climates and soils. Palca is an inter-Andean valley, Macharetí is located in the Chaco border to Paraguay and Yura is southern highlands.



Results obtained:

The training process began with a research and communication team for the maintenance and management of a territorial information system, and the first results are excellent.

Information and communication technologies are an excellent intergenerational bridge, young and old, men and women, are very much challenged by the possibility of talking about and showing their territories. In addition, it is an opportunity to broaden the understanding of territories and territoriality, many people living outside the territory thanks to be able to peer through the Internet.

Although there are some problems, because access to technology is difficult in rural areas, many people are linked, either by social networks or by the development of their agricultural, organizational, political or cultural activities.

The management of an official website is a call for territorial organizations, to rethink their symbols and the exercise of their traditions. Training and strengthening in this area is a political affiliation of their identities, processes and aspirations for the future.

A research process will be carried out to observe the access and use of digital technology in the territory and for the generation of own knowledge and information. And the training process in digital communication, as well as participatory research, will be part of a strengthening around its agendas of land, autonomic processes and projects.



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Thus, such as the GRAN CHACO (executed by CERDET), MANQ'A and MOVIMIENTO POR LA TIERRA (implemented by IPDRS) programs, all in Bolivia, have defined as a strategy, to generate complementarity actions with each other, in order to strengthen their actions and amplify their impacts.

In the case of the Movement for land, these are some of the actions in coordination with MANQ'A and the GRAN CHACO program:

- Manq'a, thanks to efforts of the movement, has visited municipalities to boost the revaluation of local products and improve eating habits.
- Contribution of new cases to the Movement for the Land of the Bolivian Chaco.
- Exchange of studies and research on indigenous productive economy and access to land.