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USAID Ceases All Activities in Bolivia

As of September 30, 2013, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) permanently ceased its activities in Bolivia, in accordance with the decision of the government of President Evo Morales to expel USAID from the country. All projects have been closed and USAID is no longer administering or implementing any assistance programs in Bolivia. All financial activities have also been terminated.

From 1961 to 1963 USAID worked in partnership with the people of Bolivia to “build a better future” said Janina Jaruzelski, Director of USAID Bolivia, as she departed the country. “In its 52-year history with the people of Bolivia, USAID has touched and changed millions of lives.”

In recent years, USAID programs focused on health care, especially to serve Bolivian mothers and children in rural or underserved areas; on combatting diseases such as malaria; and on environmental protection, particularly in Lake Titicaca.

USAID worked in Bolivia for more than half a century, implementing assistance programs in cooperation with all the departments. Among the many accomplishments of USAID over the decades were the construction of bridges, roads, schools, and the El Alto airport. USAID also supported and promoted many successful Bolivian products for export such as coffee and quinoa. Following the National Development Plan of the Government of Bolivia, USAID worked closely with the Government of the Plurinational State, local and provincial governments as well as the private sector, micro and small businesses, farmers, and many others to support sustainable development for Bolivians.

For more detailed information about USAID programs and successes in Bolivia, please visit:

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