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United States Funds Remodeling of Women's Training Center in Chuquisaca

Last Thursday, U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Larry Memmott delivered the recently remodeled facilities of the Integrated Women's Training Center of *Avenida del Ejército* neighborhood board and *Asociación de Mujeres Fortaleza*. The remodeling of the facilities was funded by the U.S. Embassy in coordination with the neighborhood board.

This project, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented through the Community Development Activity Fund (CDAF), consisted of remodeling four rooms, which will be used as a training center in sewing, hairdressing, and cooking. Also, the beneficiaries contributed with the construction of new bathrooms and improved access to the center.

Once USAID support was obtained, the neighborhood board and the women's association were able to get support from cement company SOBOCE, which committed to provide equipment for training in cooking. This training center will benefit more than 150 women who live in the neighborhood.

USAID, through CDAF, implements small projects that serve vulnerable groups' specific needs. Under this initiative, CDAF has worked hand in hand in more than 41 municipalities in the departments of Chuquisaca, La Paz, Tarija, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, Beni, Potosi, and Oruro to benefit more than 24,000 men and women. Besides these projects, USAID has contributed to the development of Chuquisaca with projects that include the renovation of Santa Rosa health post in Las Carreras municipality, the provision of medical equipment for mother and child care in Mojocoya municipality, the renovation of classrooms in Las Carreras, and the provision of equipment for a center providing meals for underprivileged children in Santa Clara, among others.