



**Service Area:** Training, Education & Capacity Development  
**Project:** Bolivian Indigenous People Monitor Training Program  
**Client:** Confederation of Indigenous Peoples of Bolivia (CIDOB) and The World Bank  
**Location:** Bolivia

As part of a World Bank initiative, partners of the **Human Environment Group** (HEG) created and delivered a training program to Indigenous representatives from various regions of Bolivia. The training focussed on the impacts of natural resource development on the rural social and natural environment, with specific emphasis on Indigenous Peoples' communities.

The program built the capacity of the local Indigenous participants to a level where they were able to become trainers themselves. This 'train the trainer' approach allowed a core group of 20 Indigenous people to go to their communities and disseminate the program information to over 1,000 Indigenous peoples.

The program was also unique in that Canadian First Nations representatives participated in the training of Bolivian Indigenous Peoples by sharing their experiences with natural resource development.

The outcome was that Bolivian regional Indigenous organizations established Socio-Environmental Technical Units (UTSA), which now play a central role in monitoring social and environmental impacts of hydrocarbon and other development initiatives in their territories.