



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Chipaya: water and wind memories. Towards new forms of community resilience.



*The action aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of the Chipaya people through the enhancement of collective socio-cultural heritage and the development of sustainable tourism.*

 <b>COUNTRY</b> Bolivia	 <b>BENEFICIARIES</b> 2.003	 <b>METHOD</b>
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LOCAL PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CEBEM - Centro Boliviano de Estudios Multidisciplinarios</li> <li>- Governo Autonomo Municipale di Chipaya.</li> </ul>
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COOPI - International Cooperation;</li> <li>- ASPEm - Asociacion Solidaridad Paiseres Emergentes</li> <li>- AITR - Italian Association for Responsible Tourism</li> <li>- University of Turin - Unesco Chair in Sustainable Development and Territory Management</li> </ul>
FUNDING AGENCIES	AICS - Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development
STARTING DATE	March 2017
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	36 months
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Chipaya Municipality is inhabited by Uru-Chipaya native descendants. It is one of the 11 Municipalities in Bolivia that has officially adopted a form of government based on their own customs and traditions, and it raise himself as a municipality where decision-making processes and economic-social organization comply with the forms of self-determination. The town hall is organized in 4 Ayllu (territorial organization based on family clan membership) led by indigenous authorities (Hilacata) that organize community activities - mainly agricultural - and that every year distribute land between families, according to the needs. Chipaya is considered one of the municipalities with greater index of vulnerabilities in the country - where cyclical floods are alternated with periods of drought, which are the main threat to agro-pastoral activities. Such circumstances cause temporary or prolonged migration, and cause a progressive loss of cultural identity and land management practices. The main economic activities are agriculture (quinoa, potatoes and cañahua) and sheep and camelids's farming, all destined for self-consumption. Farming contributes to the Chipaya diet and represents a source of income through the sale of animals and cheeses. The project aims to expand and consolidate the results of an EU-funded action. It contributes to the strengthening of Chipaya's resilience, starting from the rational land management, the differentiation of sources of income, and the strengthening of public institutions and civil society. Civil society and institutions are promoters and key-actor of development processes and enhancement of cultural heritage, in the matter of undertaking complementary initiatives of community tourism development.</p>
OBJECTIVES	<p><b>General Objective:</b> contributing to the improvement of socio-economic conditions of Chipaya people through sustainable community economic action and organizational strengthening, in line with the priorities of the local public institutions and government policies.</p> <p><b>Specific Objective:</b> improving the management of cultural and socio-environmental heritage of the Chipaya people through social and inclusive business innovation tools.</p>

ACTIVITIES

- Promoting integrated production initiatives to the sustainable development of the territory and the reduction of climate risks;
- Promotion of grants for the analysis and development of Chipaya women's productive initiatives;
- Development of methods for the capitalization and dissemination of good manufacturing and management practices;
- Strengthening local radio as a media for disseminating information and for creating a debate on participatory territorial management;
- Realization of workshops for young people focus on territorial management based on indigenous autonomy criteria;
- Promotion of intercultural medicine, food sovereignty and healthy eating;
- Organization of artistic and cultural expression laboratories for students;
- Promotion of alternative pedagogical methodologies;
- Strengthening knowledge in relation to information and communication technologies;
- Participatory preparation of innovative and contextual school curricula for Chipaya culture;
- Planning and management of tourism development: creation and improvement of reception services;
- Promotion and dissemination of the tourist offer: both in Bolivia and in Italy.



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