



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Creation and Consolidation of Cooperatives

Project for the generation and consolidation of cooperatives in the Argentinean Puna.

 <p>COUNTRY Argentina</p>	 <p>BENEFICIARIES 1,800</p>	 <p>METHOD Capacity Building / Training</p>
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LOCAL PARTNERS	Episcopate of Jujuy, diocesan Charity of Jujuy.
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	CEFA, Association and Support Groups of the territory of the Emilia-Romagna region.
FUNDING AGENCIES	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
STARTING DATE	December 2008
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	36 months
DESCRIPTION	Through new cooperatives and a better management of consortia, the productive system based on the traditional activities of six native communities of Kolla ethnicity living in vulnerable socio-economic situations in the Province of Jujuy has been improved.
OBJECTIVES	Contribute to improving productive systems in Puna through revival and reinforcement of traditional activities, such as family agriculture, agriculture and breeding activities (llama raising; organic cultivation; abandoned traditional cultivations as such quinoa), salt sales, revival of antique Andean textile techniques, and rural tourism within the community.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of rural tourism in the community. • Improvement of the management skills of the "Salinas Grandes" cooperative. • Development of the infrastructure of irrigation and agricultural consortia. • Support to the creation of cooperatives and productive associations. • Revival of artisan llama and alpaca wool production, and Andean techniques for working textiles.