INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Bolivia

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2018-2021

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population: 11.7 million people (2020)
HDI value: 0.718 (2020)
GDP: $36.6 billion (2020)
Unemployment: 8.5% (2021)
Forest area: 46.9% of land area (2020)
Women in the National Assembly: 46% of seats 2021

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

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<th>Expenditure</th>
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<td>Public management and inclusive services</td>
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Total budget: $68.5 M
CONCLUSIONS

1. The response to the political crisis and COVID-19 health emergency drove the direction of UNDP’s work, affecting results in other areas.

2. UNDP maintains important positioning as a neutral partner in support of democratic governance, particularly in times of crisis.

3. UNDP is one of the main contributors to the development of national health capacity for the eradication of malaria and tuberculosis in the worst-affected areas.

4. UNDP support to poverty and inequality reduction was valuable yet limited.

5. UNDP has worked alongside local communities, promoting their empowerment in line with the Vivir Bien framework.

6. UNDP ensured the participation of women, indigenous people and other groups at risk of being left behind in their interventions.

7. UNDP has introduced valuable innovations over the programme cycle.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. UNDP should expand its focus on poverty reduction and socioeconomic development.

2. UNDP should focus governance work on strengthening the sustainability of results and reactivating its work on justice.

3. UNDP should build on the lessons learned from implementing tuberculosis and malaria programmes, and the COVID-19 response.

4. UNDP should reinforce its work on natural resource management and climate change.

5. UNDP should take advantage of its national outreach to deepen its engagement with civil society for project delivery, while strengthening its advisory role with the Government.

6. UNDP should develop a gender strategy outlining plans to address social norms and the roots of inequalities affecting women’s livelihoods and full enjoyment of their rights.

7. To ensure future financial sustainability, UNDP should update its resource mobilization strategy in line with the new programme.

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