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Newsletter no. 1

## The British International Service Team took part at the Zebra Event for 1 day

Dear friends and colleagues,

We're extremely happy because of the launching of our International Service's no. 1 newsletter in Bolivia. The objective is to communicate and spread the activities we develop and the scope of our programmes in Bolivia, and that's why we invite you to be part of our activities and initiatives. Our electronic bulletin will be monthly published making public the activities we develop along with partner organisations and the community.

Communication is a two way path where we are open to meet, converse and talk with you about International Service, our programmes and activities to get to know where more synergies are in which we can build and put together.

As the International Service Country Director, I invite you write me about what do you think about these initiatives; your opinion and contribution is essential for us.

You can send me an email at [George@isbolivia.org](mailto:George@isbolivia.org) or phone to the office to arrange a meeting at +591 2 2420 430

*George Truckenbrod*  
*Bolivia Country Director*



### Zebra for 1 Day

We took part at the 'Zebra for 1 day' event as part of the International Citizen Service (ICS) programme, together with the Citizen Cultural Directorate (*Area?*) of La Paz Municipality (*City Council?*)

The main objective is to develop an integral (*comprehensive?*) strategy to reduce noise pollution in the city and have a better life in it.





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## International Service – Bolivia welcomes the new group of British Volunteers joining the Childfund team



Childfund is an International Service programme valid until 2015, where the different coordinators rotate every 10 months; the former coordinator bid farewell the project, allowing me to arrive to International Service and giving the chance of facing new challenges. And me, Kelly Marie Roberts, have the exciting assignment of being the new coordinator of the project we are developing with our partner Childfund!

Together with the technical overseas team: Angie, Inti and Maria Rene, we've just welcomed to the team our new volunteers: Jade, Ana, Eilidh and Adam. We hope together to have a positive impact on the communities where we work.

During the next seven months, we'll keep working in Child and Young Centres in La Paz, where we already have a presence. With this new volunteer group, we'll run workshops and activities on different subjects related with human rights. In addition, we're building with Childfund different modules to improve our children's wellbeing, such as an oral health module.

As part of my role as Childfund project coordinator, I am thrilled about working with the new volunteers – with the energy, dedication and the new ideas and perspectives that we have, we hope to have a positive and long-lasting impact on the communities that we work with.

## Community Agriculture: building Food and Nutritional

### Sovereignty



Focapaci is the project local partner we work with. Our work team includes 1 team leader, Pedro Calero, 2 technical development workers, Ariel Celiz and Edelweiss Murillo and 4 British volunteers, Laura Prieto, Roisin Mulligan, William Doe and Daniel O'neil.

Every of the volunteers develop an important role in the work, divided in 4 components: nutrition, commercialisation, family support and new production techniques.



Nutrition:	Commercialisation:	Family Support:
<p>Development of a research to provide families the information required to have a healthy diet. The research considers the necessary vitamins and nutrients for every family member, distinguishing between children, pregnant women and elderly.</p>	<p>Creation of a restaurant network that buys the vegetables surplus produced by El Alto city families, providing economic support to the sector.</p>	<p>Through the technical help and support with the construction of greenhouses where the vegetables are grown. Nutrition guidance is also provided, based on the research done by Focapaci volunteers and members.</p>

Promotion of Organic Vegetables Production Techniques:
<p>Consist on the production of audio-visual materials, “explanatory videos”, with all the required steps to keep an efficient production, from greenhouse construction to new techniques implementation. Currently, we also collaborate with the integration (<i>unification?</i>) of three female producers associations to work in partnership. He have supported the creation of the Urban Women Producers Association (APU, Spanish acronym)</p>



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## Feel La Paz without Noise at No-Horn Day



International Service, within the framework of the 'International Citizen Service' volunteer scheme, together with the Citizen Cultural Area of La Paz City Council and the Zebras Urban Educators are running the "World's Citizen" project, which objective is to develop an integral strategy to reduce the noise pollution at the city.



The project started in January 2014 and during the first three months we worked in a baseline research on noise pollution in La Paz.

This new volunteers group has the challenge of developing a teaching-educational module for 6 to 12 year-old children that will be implemented by the Zebras at the city's public schools. Furthermore, on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, we supported together with the Zebras the 'No-Horn Day' at the hospitals surrounding areas at Miraflores district.

We displayed an informative tent and played small performances at some pedestrian crosses to sensitize (*raise awareness to?*) drivers and pedestrians about the importance of a quiet sound environment as well as the consequences and effects of a random noise exposure.

La Paz Zebras, ICS volunteers and other similar organisations visited different schools in the area to spread the 'Feel La Paz' message to the children. We also had a pleasant addition to our campaign with the presence of the Medicine Faculty Dean of San Andrés High University.

We're very excited with the citizen response and yearning to see what this joint campaign will bring, so that La Paz would "feel la Paz".

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UpClose Bolivia invites you to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Talent Show for children and young people of Mallasa district.

Funds collected will support the “Valle de la Luna” (“Moon Valley”) Child Centre.

We’re very thankful to our sponsors for their support on this event.

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UPCLOSE BOLIVIA INVITA A LA COMUNIDAD A PARTICIPAR Y ASISTIR AL CONCURSO DE TALENTO PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS AL CENTRO INFANTIL “VALLE DE LA LUNA”

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PODRÁN PARTICIPAR DE MANERA INDIVIDUAL O GRUPAL (NO MÁS DE 6 PERSONAS) DEMOSTRANDO SUS CUALIDADES ARTÍSTICAS CANTO, BAILE, ACTUACION, ETC. EN 4 MINUTOS. (REF. 69727080)

**INSCRIPCIONES:**

DEL LUNES 24 DE MAYO AL MARTES 03 DE JUNIO  
CENTRO INFANTIL “VALLE DE LA LUNA”

**CATEGORÍAS:**

A: MENORES DE 10 AÑOS  
B: MAYORES DE 10 AÑOS

**TRA ELIMINATORIA:**

JUEVES 05 DE JUNIO  
CENTRO INFANTIL “VALLE DE LA LUNA”

**GRAN FINAL:**

SÁBADO 07 DE JUNIO  
AUDITORIO U.E. HERMANN GMEINER



## Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB) in Bolivia

According to the Pan American Health Organisation and the World Health Organisation (PAHO-WHO), 80% of blind people in Bolivia have avoidable causes of blindness. That is by causes that can be easily prevented by a convenient access to health services, a community learning about control, an appropriate diagnosis and a convenient technological access. That means that 280.000 people acquired blindness related to one of the causes described before.

The develop of an efficient public policy in relation to blindness should be considered as a country priority; if the technical and scientific fundamentals are established, together with the health, education and rehabilitation process partakers, we will achieve a 50% reduction of that kind of blindness in Bolivia by 2020.



RAAB Team - Bolivia

A key element to make this dream come true is the develop of a precise baseline about the blindness prevalence in Bolivia, the main causes, the most affected population and the related causes. That's the origin of RAAB, a scientific project where the main research centres of the country participate. It's political as it is preceded by the Ministry of Health and the National Ophthalmology Institute, who will deliver information for the decision making of future programmes on ocular health and prevention.

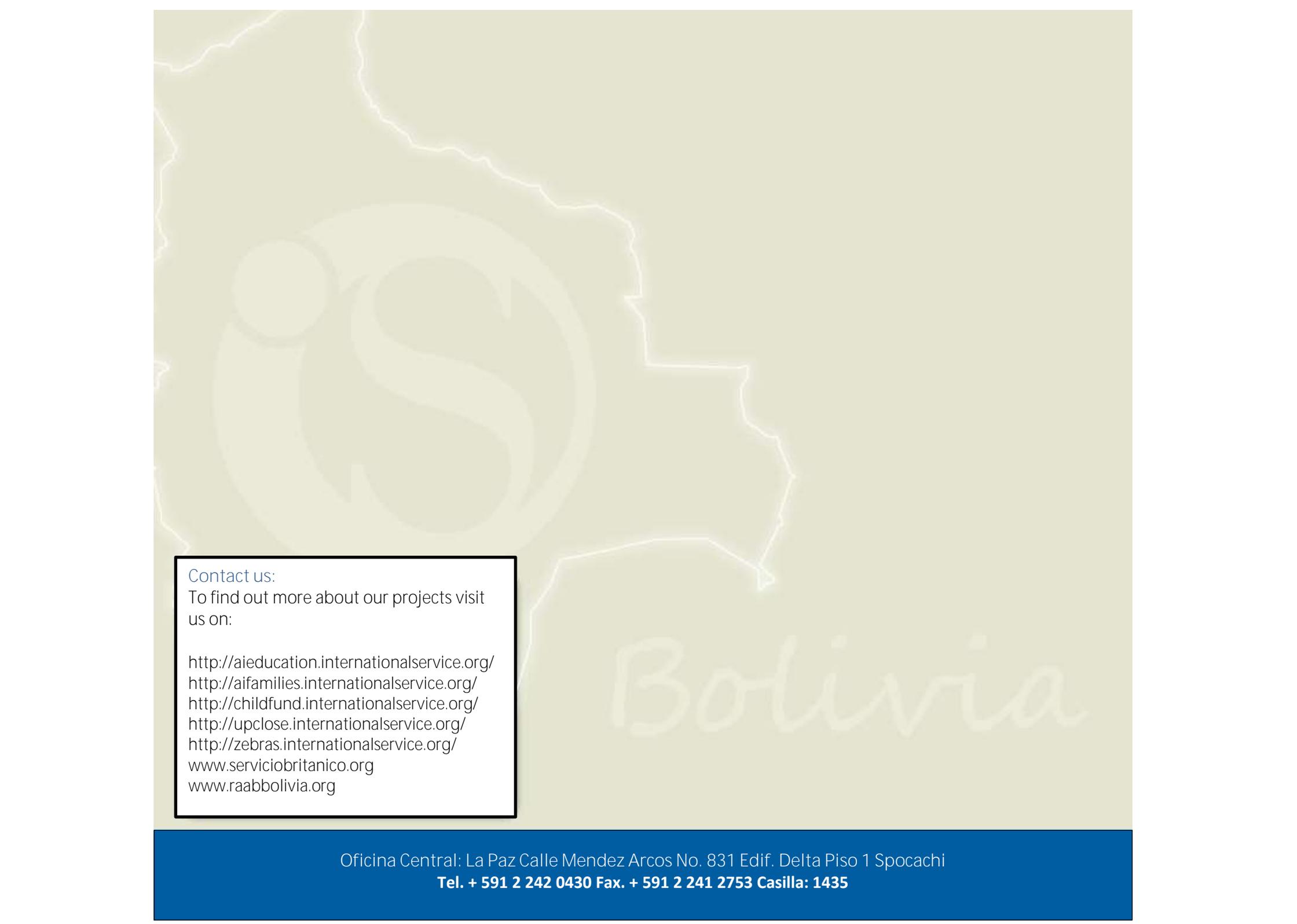
The research project counts on the participation of different Bolivian and foreign professors settled in five countries, and they will work with approximately 3500 people all over the country and will have preliminary results by July.

The project is part of the Disability Programme on its prevention segment, and together with the Retinopathy of Prematurity are one of the actions consolidated in prevention.

If you want to find out more about the RAAB project or bind to it, please contact us by email at [raab@isbolivia.org](mailto:raab@isbolivia.org) or visit our website [www.raabbolivia.org](http://www.raabbolivia.org)

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