



FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL BILINGUAL CENTER S.R.L.

"It is better to receive good instruction than riches."

"Mejor recibir la buena instrucción que las riquezas."

BOLIVIAN YOUNG FRIENDS WORKING ON THE FOOD SECURITY PROJECT



Distribution of seed potatoes

Friends International Bilingual Center (FIBC) in La Paz, Bolivia nurtures young Friends' spiritual life through Christian Quaker education. Also, the Quaker youth carry out service work projects to support Bolivian families who are most in need because of the climate change effects.



Families getting the potatoes

We have distributed food items and seed potatoes to the indigenous families since 2023. That year families were facing starvation due to the bad draughts. Last year we made connections with four indigenous communities in the highlands, where there was a lot of rain in January, 2025, causing the rivers to overflow and damaging their potato crops and food for the animals. In these communities, some families lost their houses, too. This year authorities from an indigenous community came asking for help for 74 families. They said they lost the 2026 harvest in March due to the bad frost. The failure of a potato crop means for these families no food for the whole year. In the highlands there is only one harvest per year.

We are raising funds (\$7,500) for food items and for seed potatoes to be distributed in the indigenous communities. We budgeted \$50 for each family. Families hope to plant the seed potatoes again in October, so they can harvest potatoes in March, 2027.

Please, help us by giving a donation for this Food Security Project-FIBC

- Checks maybe made payable to Emma Condori Mamani with *Food Security Project* or *FIBC* in **the memo line**. Mailed to: FIBC, c/o Sita Diehl, 5729 Elder Place, Madison, WI 53705.

- Online donations maybe given through the FIBC website:

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Young Quakers distributing the bags of potatoes