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Period October - December 2020

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Latin America & the Caribbean

2. Please enter country name

Bolivia

3. Please enter project title as it is in signed Project Document (in English)

Increased Access to Water, Improved Livestock Production and Post-Draught Food Security

4. Please enter a short summary of the project.

This project will contribute to reduce the uncertainty for the access to water of the Cattle Ranchers Associations that make up FEGABENI and of the native indigenous peoples with whom they share territory, to improve livestock production, ensure livelihoods and food security in the Beni Department.

The main focus of the project will be on drilling water wells to reduce the vulnerability of the cattle herd and urban and rural communities.

The project will also strengthen the capacities of FEGABENI's Livestock Associations to increase their resilience to drought events.

The project takes advantage of the alliance between the private sector and the State authorities, generating a new initiative that can be scalable and replicable since it promotes an inclusive development approach, since in time to strengthen the productive livestock sector it includes urban communities, rural and rural native indigenous peoples as beneficiaries. The project will coordinate and articulate actions between FEGABENI, urban and rural communities, and municipal authorities through the Association of Municipalities of Beni (AMDEBENI), the government of the Department, and the central government through alliances in which FEGABENI will provide the teams of drilling of wells and the associated costs of technical personnel; the municipalities and the "Nuestro pozo" program of the Ministry of Rural Development and Lands (MDRyT). they will cover counterpart funds. The consolidation of alliances will optimize resources and achieve a more extensive geographic coverage, promoting the resilience of the project's beneficiaries.

In terms of sustainability, FEGABENI will provide the well drilling service at a cost 55% lower than the market cost. This cost includes a percentage destined to guarantee the sustainability of the second year of operation; This amount will be gradually increased to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the project.

5. Please enter project budget in USD

57,942.49

6. Implementing agency

UNDP

7. Project manager email address

gabriela.carrasco@undp.org

8. Project implementing updates for the reporting period (Please write short summary of achievements of the project during this period. Please be specific, and each time it is possible provide numbers of beneficiaries. Please use bullet points, whenever it is possible. Please do not copy and paste tables here.)

- Despite UNDP and FEGABENI's efforts, the 2020 drilling schedule for wells could not be restarted due to the strict lockdown measures in place in Bolivia since March 2020, along with a period of political and social unrest until the national elections were held on October 18, 2020. With a new government in office, project activities resumed gradually albeit at a slow pace.
- The Project Steering Committee met on November 20, 2020 with the participation of the Embassy of Brazil in Bolivia, to approve the action plan to restart the drilling of wells with highly subsidized costs to benefit the most vulnerable people in urban and rural communities and contribute in the fight against COVID-19 by prioritizing drilling wells in areas where water for the population and health facilities are required urgently.
- Following the Committee's decisions, a Non-Cost-Extension was requested to the IBSA Fund Board of Directors, along with a substantive project document revision on the subsidies scheme for wells completed within the project scope.
- On December 23, 2020, the NCE extension was approved until August 31, 2021. A substantive revision to the project document will be sent shortly, with adjusted targets, timeline, and monitoring plan, duly signed by all the authorities who had signed on the original PRODOC.

9. Please identify challenges faces during this period, and solution that you may have applied (please be specific, use bullet points whenever it is possible.)

Operational: The COVID 19 pandemic has a second peak of contagion that requires a second total quarantine in the country.

Political: The national elections were held on October 18, 2020.

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