Family Farmers are directly engaged in agro-ecological development presiding over the rural territory and making a sustainable use of local natural resources.

Organizaciones Económicas Campesinas (Oecas) are the main key players for rural development in Bolivia and a guarantee of future sustainability.

**BECAUSE**

- They promote a conservation-oriented approach to natural resources and the diffusion of agro-ecology, enhancing thus food sovereignty.
- They promote the economic role of family farmers through their gradual integration in food value chains.
- They promote the participation of family farmers to local governance.

ProgettoMondo Foundation carries out in Bolivia a multiannual programme, *Vida Campesina*, whose aim is to conserve the means of production for future generations through the preservation of natural resources (land, water and air) and biodiversity respecting traditional customs and practices.

- 7,000 Bolivian family farmers (20,000 individuals) affiliated to 20 local Oecas producing milk and dairy products, wheat, cereals, fruits and vegetables have been trained.
- More than 100 officials and local authorities of 19 municipalities have been trained on Rural Community Tourism, Sustainable Land Management, Food Security.
- 900 Oecas executives covering more than 20% of agricultural production, livestock and management of Rural Community Tourism enterprises have been trained.
- 500 indigenous families (5,000 individuals) have been trained in alpaca breeding and the processing of vicuna fibre.

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