



**„Proyecto Horizonte’s mission is to change lives through education, healthcare, and community development.**

Proyecto Horizonte is an integrated village development program, located in the outskirts of Cochabamba, Bolivia. It serves over 800 children, and its families, with a well planned concept covering all aspects of life, including education, health care, sports, culture, and community development. The goal of the organization is to lift the area from being one of the poorest and most dangerous places in the region to an opportunity filled and safe sub-center of the city.

- Proyecto Horizonte is completely funded by private donors without any religious, political or other motive. Administrative costs of the project are below 0.5%. Close personal relationships are very important to us, both with the community and our donors.
- The community now contributes towards 15% of the budget, up from 5% when the project started seven years ago.
- Proyecto Horizonte aims to work with local staff only. Almost all employees are from Bolivia and many are from the actual community. International volunteers complete the team
- The approach is holistic. Only if all aspects of the lives are covered, it can be ensured that the work effectively changes the living conditions of the community.
- The approach to microfinance which is used is far beyond traditional concepts; providing primarily training, coaching and ongoing support to micro entrepreneurs instead of pure lending.

The project was founded in 2004 by Christian Ruehmer as a private initiative with the objective of fighting poverty and improving human development.

Since its establishment, Proyecto Horizonte has grown to include a day-care centre, a primary, secondary and adult school, health center, community training programs including women groups and psychological support, sport and art activities, home improvement programs and microenterprise initiatives including an artisans group. It has 70 employees, all of them from Bolivia, as well as a number of international volunteers.

In the US, Proyecto Horizonte is represented through the Bolivian Charity Foundation, a registered 501 c3 organization. For more Information, please visit the website [www.proyecto Horizonte.org](http://www.proyecto Horizonte.org).

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