Project Summary

The new National Strategy to Combat Drug Trafficking marks a change from the previous model of intervention in this area. The basic premise of the new strategy is that the peasants who produce coca do not have access to alternative crops suited to the zones in which they live. Their economic subsistence therefore depends so far on coca cultivation. Based on this new strategy, the Government has developed the National Plan for Integrated Development with Coca (PNDIC) 2006-2010. The European Commission is supporting the implementation of the PNDIC through the sectoral budgetary support of EUR 26 million.

Overall objective
To support the Bolivian Government in combating drug trafficking in a concerted action for social peace.

Project objective
• To eliminate poverty and social exclusion as well as environmental degradation, by providing coca producers with economic alternatives.
• To provide incentives to diversify crops on the land presently planted with coca.

Project results
• Institutional capacity of the Government to manage the Sector Budget Support efficiently
• Establishment of a sectoral monitoring system for the verification of the implementation’s progress
• Verification of compliance with the conditions agreed within the sector programme in order to allow the timely disbursement
• Development of a new rural development strategy for the Yungas and the Chapare regions
• Reform of the Public Finance System alongside the Action Plan of the Bolivian Government

Service provided
Support to the Counterpart Agency
• Support in the implementation of the National Plan for Integrated Development with Coca (PNDIC) 2006-2010
• Advice regarding the mechanisms of a Budget Support Programme and assistance with implementation matters
• Guidance in the planning and implementation of State decentralisation and public finance management

Sector Coordination Mechanism
• Support the Ministry in the preparation and organisation of sector coordination meetings
• Stakeholder workshops to introduce the programme (PAPS) and to create awareness about its functioning and prerequisites

Performance Monitoring for the Sector
• Design of and support to the application of a sectoral monitoring system with clear indicators and appropriate procedures
• Support to the application of evaluation systems
• Identification of potential bottlenecks within the sector and national procedures

Verification of Compliance
• Support to the realisation of the SPSP evaluation missions, which will verify the compliance with the conditions agreed within the sector programme in order to allow the timely disbursement of the fixed and variable tranches agreed upon in the Financing Agreement.
• Review of reports and verification of compliance
• Preparation of sector coordination meetings preceding disbursement of following tranches

Institutional Strengthening
• Capacity building and advice to ministries and the Sector Coordination Committee in the area of sector budget support and implementation of the current SPSP
• Capacity building and training for the Vice Ministry for Coca and Integrated Development (VCDI)

Public Finance
• Support to the design and implementation of the Action Plan for Public Finance Management Improvement (PAMGFP)
• Support to the development of an action plan for increasing public investment of the municipalities.

Bolivia

Sector policy support programme (SPSP) to implement the National Plan for integrated Coca development

Client
European Commission

Duration

Personnel
• 1 Team Leader for design and implementation of the budget support programme
• 1 Rural Development Expert for local economic development and environmental protection systems
• 4 National long term experts
• Short-term experts International