

Natural resources

Environmental management for the recuperation of land in desertification areas in Villazón, Bolivia

Application of knowledge, technology and norms to work against degradation of resources

Learning begins with the children - testimonial from a teacher of the community of Casira Grande

"I am Francisca Llave Cácers, a teacher from the community of Casira Grande. I teach my pupils how to preserve the environment and our natural resources. Prior to the project, we touched upon environmental issues, but we never had the training or resources to teach it properly. Each teacher had to buy the books him/herself and availability of environmental books was scarce .

Since the project began, we now receive educational material and workshops where we learn methodical techniques of environmental education. We have planted trees and maintain a compost heap which we use for fertilising the school's vegetable garden.

Before, we didn't know anything about the problem of desertification, but now pupils are more conscious and they explain their parents how to protect the environment and not to waste soil. Some parents do listen to their children, others don't. That's why we ask the project to expand the environmental education to other teachers of older children too. Because when pupils are older, their parents pay more attention to what they say."

