

# FOCUS COUNTRY: BOLIVIA

## WAGGGS Region: Western Hemisphere

## Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting introduced: 1915

### AGE GROUPS:

- Brownie (6-7+ years)
- Pre-Intermediate (10-12 years)
- Intermediate (13-14 years)
- Ranger (15-18 years)

### ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME TOPICS:

Health and environment campaigns; community projects; key skills for young people; **sexual and reproductive rights; women's rights.**



### MDG 3 IN BOLIVIA

**According to Womankind, 14 per cent of all Bolivia's women are illiterate.** The figure is higher, nearly 30 per cent for rural women.

**60 per cent of women are economically active** (individuals who are employed or actively seeking employment). This compares to 82 per cent of men.

**25 per cent of parliamentary seats** are held by women.

**The maternal mortality rate is the highest in Latin America** at 290 deaths per 100,000 live births.

**According to Bolivia's National Institute of Statistics (INE), 64.1 per cent of women are survivors of some type of violence** (sexual, psychological or physical) perpetrated by a current or ex-partner.

### GUIDE SCOUT PROMISE

I promise, on my honour, to do my best:  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
To help other people at all times, and  
To obey the Guide-Scout Law.

### BROWNIE PROMISE

I promise to do my best for the love of God and my country, to help everyone, especially those at home.

### LAW

- To be a Girl Guide is to be trustworthy.
- To be a Girl Guide is to be loyal and to respect the truth.
- To be a Girl Guide is to be useful to others at all times.
- To be a Girl Guide is to value friendship and sisterhood.
- To be a Girl Guide is to be kind and courteous.
- To be a Girl Guide is to preserve nature and to see in it the work of God.
- To be a Girl Guide is to know how to obey.
- To be a Girl Guide is to face difficulties with optimism and conviction.
- To be a Girl Guide is to be thrifty.
- To be a Girl Guide is to be honest in what she thinks, says and does.

## FOCUS COUNTRY ACTIVITY

The Asociación De Guías Scouts De Bolivia runs programmes on women's rights. In groups, make a list of all the 'rights' or freedoms that you think should have as girls and young women (see the human rights definition on page 10). Then, try a 'speed debate' activity. One person in each group is designated a 'group representative', and must visit each of the other groups to explain their list of rights. They only have four minutes to explain their list and persuade the new group to agree to their list. After four minutes, they must move onto the next group. You could ask the 'group representatives' to move onto the next group in a clockwise fashion. When each 'group representative' has visited all the other groups, draw up a universal list of rights that everyone agrees on.