

Management Report 2016

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During 2016, the main management activities performed by PROLINNOVA Bolivia were the following:

1. Face-to-face meetings

Two meetings were held: on June 18th and November 19th, both took place in the premises of World Neighbours.

Face-to-face meetings are very significant for the performance of the platform, as they allow in depth dialogue over relevant topics such as the review of the strategic plan, preparation of project proposals and the monitoring of tasks and activities.

The platform welcomed new members in the platform: Women Farmers Association Nueva Semilla, Yapuchiris organisation and PROINPA Foundation in June, 2016;

2. Skype meetings

Two Skype meetings with network members were held, as well as two Skype meetings with Gabriela Quiroga from IST.

3. Preparation of documents about the Farmer Innovation Fair (FIF)

Two videos and one newsletter about the FIF were produced during the present management. Video links are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jajFMKh3Y50>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhxMTVoOdYY&feature=em-upload_owner

In addition, folders about PROLINNOVA Bolivia were printed with our own funds. They were distributed among the members and a bunch was kept for future network events.

4. Building consensus on project proposals

Two project proposals are in process:

- (i) For NUFFIC, through the Dutch Embassy in Peru, about capacity-building on Participatory Innovation Development for network members in Bolivia. It also considers the participation of partners from Peru (PROLINNOVA platform in a reactivation process).

- (ii) For MISEREOR, consisting of a research about the routes of local innovation in the Bolivian valleys to better understand how they are progressing and to collect inputs to promote them.

5. Commemoration of the International Farmer Innovation Day (IFID)

On November 29th, 2016, representatives from the CP gave radio interviews in two stations of the network Pio XII, one in Cochabamba and the other in Llallagua, Potosí. Topics addressed were the reasons to hold a farmers innovation day, local innovation in Bolivia (focusing on the FIF held in December 2015 in Cochabamba) and the experience of women farmers from the *Nueva Semilla* organisation related to peri-urban agriculture. They talked about how, regardless of the difficulties encountered, they produce their own food (lettuces, onions, carrots, among others) recycling materials and generate surpluses that benefit other families in the area. In addition to the interviews, a message with an image commemorating the day was broadcasted in social media (i.e. Facebook and Whatsapp groups).