



MUMS AND BABIES

The first step to releasing a child from poverty is survival

PROJECT OVERVIEW



Help launch a survival project in Sivingani–Mirador Primavera, Bolivia

Your generous Gift of Compassion will help launch a brand-new Mums and Babies survival project in Sivingani-Mirador Primavera, where young children need essential care to survive.



CENTRE:

Cristo es la Roca [Christ is the Rock] Child Development Centre



CHURCH PARTNER:

Iglesia Evangelica Mundial
Cristo es la Roca [World Evangelical Church]



SUPPORTING:

15 mothers and their babies



LAUNCH COST:

\$7000



ONE YEAR'S SUPPORT:

\$18,000



GIFT TOTAL:

\$25,000



CENTRE CODE:

B00734

Compassion's Mums and Babies helps young children survive their first, most critical, year of life. It combines Compassion's expertise and the local church's loving support to prevent premature death, secure good health and enable positive development for mums and babies in 25 developing countries worldwide.

You will be supporting this community's youngest, most vulnerable children—the ones at greatest risk of dying within their first year of life. When you launch a new survival project, we ask that you commit to funding at least one year of support for the entire project. This ensures mothers and babies receive urgent help, as well as the long-term care they need to survive and flourish.

Together, we hope to provide life-saving support to more families and communities worldwide than ever before in Compassion's history.



Life in this community

LOCATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF COCHABAMBA CITY

- + POPULATION:**
3000
- + LOCAL LANGUAGE:**
Quechua - Castellano
- + STANDARD DIET:**
Bananas, bread, cereal, rice
- + FAMILY'S AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY:**
\$1500 Bolivian boliviano [approx. A\$300]
- + UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:**
30%
- + AVERAGE AGE OF FIRST-TIME MUMS:**
15 years old

Mums and babies in this community need urgent help to survive.

- Around 25 per cent of mothers in this community give birth without skilled care, often in unhygienic environments, which can lead to birth complications, illness and death.
- The community lacks basic infrastructure, such as sewerage and drinking water. This contributes to poor hygiene and sanitation among families, which can be life-threatening for infants. With limited access to healthcare, many families rely on traditional medicine to treat their newborns.
- To earn a living, many local parents work away from home and leave their babies in the care of older children. There are currently no mother-child support groups in this area.

With your support, Compassion staff will purchase everything they need to launch this new survival project: medical equipment, children's toys, development resources and more. Once the survival project is established, staff will begin visiting families' homes regularly to provide medical checkups, growth monitoring, vaccinations, and activities that support and stimulate babies' healthy development. Mothers will receive food packages and participate in hygiene training and skills workshops, including baking and handicraft, to boost their incomes.

Join us in providing life-saving care to vulnerable mums and babies in Bolivia—because the first step to a child being released from poverty is survival.

Your support provides:



Home-based care for mothers and babies, with perinatal specialists visiting families monthly to offer healthcare, education and emotional support.



Advocacy for mums to ensure they are treated fairly by local services and can access the essential support they need to thrive, including medical care and birth attendants.



Community support networks that bring mothers together to combat isolation, learn new ways of earning an income and provide each other with long-term support.



Compassion centres, where mothers can always turn for support, learning opportunities and expert advice on how to monitor their child's healthy development.



Reaching new communities worldwide

When you help launch survival projects in new communities worldwide, you provide critical relief to young children and their mothers whose lives and health are threatened.

Our world’s youngest children need urgent support. Despite progress, around 4.5 million babies born this year won’t reach their first birthday—that’s the equivalent of Melbourne’s entire current population.

The numbers tell an unspeakable story. But it doesn’t have to be this way.

Almost two-thirds of newborn deaths could be prevented by providing mothers with critical support during pregnancy, including nutritious meals, medical care and skilled birth attendants. And more lives can be saved with basic healthcare during a child’s first year of life, such as immunisations, good nutrition and hydration, and timely treatments.

ONE-OFF
LAUNCH COST:

\$7000

Plus one year’s support

-  Survival project staffing, training and salaries
-  Kitchen materials such as cooking pots and pans
-  Equipment and supplies for the office
-  Sign-up and orientations for mums and babies
-  Classroom resources, including children’s toys and development resources
-  Health support and supplies, such as health screens and growth monitoring
-  Building and repairs as required








ONE YEAR’S
SUPPORT:

\$15,000

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\$25,000

[Support varies by country]

-  Prenatal care
-  Attended birth
-  Nutrition
-  Hydration
-  Hygiene support
-  Immunisations
-  Growth monitoring
-  Home-based medical check-ups and treatment
-  Education for mothers
-  Social, emotional and spiritual nurturing

As children’s survival needs differ between countries, so does the cost for support. When currency conversion is stronger than expected, excess funds will be used to support vulnerable mums and babies most in need around the world.