# **Bolivia Electrification Program**

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#### Unelectrified Population= 3.5 million ++

### Riberalta Biomass Power

- Cooperativa Eléctrica de Riberalta/NRECA
- · Brazil nut biomass generation plant
- Installed in 1996
- · Amazonian region of Bolivia
- Funding from USAID, Cooperative, E&Co
- 1-MW plant, US\$2.2M with grid.



Typical solar home system installed in the altiplano

### **Bolivia Wind Water Pumping Program**

- Altiplano and Cochabamba valleys
- Water supply program using wind and solar electric pumping systems
- Initiated by NRECA in 1993, ongoing
- · Llasaraya, Oruro, and Cochabamba
- Funds provided by USAID coordinated with CARE
- 25 systems installed to date.

## Renewable Energy Program Bolivia Electrification

- Solar PV electrification in altiplano and Santa Cruz
- · Biomass generation program in lowlands
- · Local government support for renewables
- Partnership with CRE
- GIS planning used to identify targets
- · Local assembly of equipment
- Training.



Riberalta biomass 1-MW power plant

## Altiplano and CRE Solar Electrification Program

- Cooperative in Santa Cruz and Municipalities in Oruro and La Paz
- Solar PV electrification programs
- Initiated in 1994, on-going
- Various communities in the altiplano and San Julian, Santa Cruz
- · Financed by local government funds
- Over 2500 systems installed and growing.



Wind water pumping station installed in Llasaraya, La Paz