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U.S. Embassy Supports Dental Health Program to Benefit over 14,000 La Paz Students

Today, the U.S. Embassy launched a program that will provide almost 29,000 dental treatments to more than 14,000 students in public schools of La Paz. The program will be coordinated with the Municipal Government of La Paz.

The U.S. Agency for International Development will fund the program with \$10,000, which will be used to partially pay the salaries of Bolivian dentists. The dentists will work for four months to provide dental treatments to 14, 400 students from approximately 80 schools.

“This is the spirit of our cooperation. Not only do we work to support large economic or regional development projects, but we also seek to join the efforts that directly support Bolivians who are cooperating with other Bolivians,” said Kris Urs, Deputy Chief of Mission the U.S. Embassy in La Paz.

The Deputy Chief of Mission recalled that this was not the first joint activity carried out by the U.S. Embassy and the La Paz Municipal Government. “I would like to recall, as an example, that the United States Government was the promoter of the entire first stage of the Central Urban Park,” he said. He also mentioned that a significant portion of the healthcare programs funded by the U.S. Embassy in La Paz and in other Bolivian departments is implemented through institutions such as PROSALUD and CIES.

This dental care program for La Paz students is included in a comprehensive assistance effort provided by the people and government of the United States to Bolivia, which is estimated at about \$120 million annually.