

# America

## Constellation: AM South C9

Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador



### NEEDS

Continent: **America**

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Country: **Bolivia**

#### Cry of the Earth

- the clearing of land for agricultural purposes and the international demand for tropical timber are contributing to deforestation
- soil erosion from overgrazing and poor cultivation methods (including slash-and-burn agriculture)
- desertification
- loss of biodiversity
- industrial pollution of water supplies used for drinking and irrigation

#### Cry of the Poor

- Bolivia ranks at or near the bottom among Latin American countries in several areas of health and development, including poverty, education, fertility, malnutrition, mortality, and life expectancy
- Bolivia's income inequality is the highest in Latin America and one of the highest in the world
- Public education is of poor quality, and educational opportunities are among the most unevenly distributed in Latin America
  - girls and indigenous and rural children less likely to be literate or to complete primary school.
- Lack of access to education and family planning services
- Bolivia's lack of clean water and basic sanitation, especially in rural areas, contributes to health problems.
- forced labor and sex trafficking
  - rural and poor Bolivians, most of whom are indigenous, and LGBTQ youth are particularly vulnerable
  - Bolivians perform forced labor domestically in mining, ranching, agriculture, and domestic service, and a significant number are in forced labor abroad in sweatshops, agriculture, domestic service, and the informal sector

### Commitments

- women and girls are sex trafficked within Bolivia and in neighboring countries, such as Argentina, Peru, and Chile

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Country: **Peru**

#### Cry of the Earth

- deforestation (some the result of illegal logging)
- overgrazing of the slopes of the costa and sierra leading to soil erosion
- desertification
- air pollution in Lima
- pollution of rivers and coastal waters from municipal and mining wastes
- overfishing

#### Cry of the Poor

- poverty rate has dropped substantially during the last decade but remains stubbornly high at about 30% (more than 55% in rural areas)
- Many poor children temporarily or permanently drop out of school to help support their families. About a quarter to a third of Peruvian children aged 6 to 14 work, often putting in long hours at hazardous mining or construction sites.
- Poor infrastructure hinders the spread of growth to Peru's non-coastal areas.
- The country is still trying to come to terms with the trauma of a two-decade conflict - roughly from 1980 to 2000 - between the state and leftist guerrilla groups

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Country: **Ecuador**

#### Cry of the Earth

- Deforestation
- soil erosion
- desertification
- water pollution
- pollution from oil production wastes in ecologically sensitive areas of the Amazon Basin and Galapagos Islands

#### Cry of the Poor

- Ecuador's high poverty and income inequality most affect indigenous, mixed race, and rural populations
- limited judicial independence

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• poor prison conditions</li><li>• far-reaching restrictions on women's and girls' access to reproductive health care</li><li>• Journalists and media outlets face a hostile political and legal environment, press freedom groups say.</li><li>• Laws give the government powers to regulate editorial content and impose sanctions.</li></ul> |  |
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