

## A. STATE OF SOCIOS PERU



It's been a while since our last communication, but now we're back and will be reporting periodically. During the last months, Socios Peru has had some major changes:

- We've moved out of our first office, in 28 de Julio Avenue. Our new location is in La Aurora, Miraflores, near the other one but not so nice.

- The financing of the institution was reoriented towards cooperation funds instead of consultancies for companies. However, we continue to follow that line and currently have two consultancies in process.

- We have four main projects with the following cooperation agencies:

- National Endowment for Democracy: Socios Peru has been receiving funding for four consecutive years, since 2007. The project is being executed in the Piura Region (Talara and Sechura provinces), at the North Coast, and has financing until April 2011.

- Department of State USA-PDC: This two year project is being executed in coordination with Partners for Democratic Change (USA), Fundación Cambio Democrático (Argentina) and Centro de Colaboración Cívica (México). It ends in December 2010.

- European Union: This project, financed for two years, initiated in 2009 and is

being executed in the Apurímac Region (Andahuaylas, Abancay and Aymaraes provinces), Andean Region. It ends in January 2011.

- European Union: Three year project initiated in January 2010. It's being executed in coordination with International Alert (UK), Indepaz (Colombia) and Ecolex (Ecuador). In Peru, the zones of intervention are Apurímac (Andahuaylas, Abancay and Aymaraes provinces) and Cusco regions (Espinar and Chumbivilcas), in the Andean Region.

- In the last months of 2009 we have restructured Socios Peru almost completely. The financing of the European Union has been fundamental insure us with the required staff and especially to offer stability and continuity, which allows us to build a new and powerful team. We now have a staff integrated by senior professionals with broad experience, and also young, dynamic professionals, eager to work and learn.

## A. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### Capacity building for democracy, conflict management and poverty reduction in communities of Apurímac

Socios Peru has initiated the second year of the Apurimac project, funded by the European Union, which aims to contribute to the peasant communities' capacity development in environmental conflict management and transformation.

In the last months the following activities have been carried out:

- Follow-up workshops with the participants of last year's courses in Community Mediation, Individual Titling and Collective Property of the Land and Conflict Management and Transformation.
- Culmination of 40 fast assessments of the main communal problems and existing conflicts in each community.

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### Capacity building for democracy and conflict prevention in the Piura Region

Socios Peru has been implementing in two of Piura's provinces (Sechura and Talara) on the north coast of Peru, the third phase of the project financed by the National Endowment for Democracy; aiming to strengthen social organizations, improve the management of municipal resources and promote a better relation between communities and extractive industries.

In the last months Socios Peru has conducted workshops with leaders, seminars and assessments, obtaining the following results:

- Conflict Assessment and Stakeholder Mapping of Talara and Sechura.
- Presentation of the assessment results to leaders and local authorities.



- 95 local authorities, leaders and municipal workers trained in Regional Development and Extractive Industries.

- 65 local authorities, leaders and municipal workers trained in Citizen Participation, Organizational Strengthening, elaboration of the Strategic

Development Plan and Corporate Social Responsibility.

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# Catalysts for Democratic Change in the Americas (CDCA)

Socios Peru has been working with Partners for Democratic Change and Partners Centers in Argentina and Mexico in the OEA project, which aims to strengthen the implementation of the Inter-American Democratic Charter in civil society.

The main idea is to incorporate the concepts of the Inter-American Democratic Charter in the actions of different sectors (NGO, political movements,

government, etc.). In order to achieve that goal, Partners Centers have developed an educational program about the Charter that is being piloted in the selected countries. Andrea Estrella, from Socios Peru attended the implementation of the program in Colombia during February.

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## Building civil society capacities to prevent conflict at the local level in the Andean Region

On January the 5th we started the “Red Andina” project, in coordination with International Alert and organizations from Colombia and Ecuador. The aim of this project is the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of marginalized groups, the strengthening of democratic mechanisms and practices among Andean civil society and capacity building of civil society, local and national authorities, as well as private sector stakeholders.

The following activities have been carried out:

- Planning of the year's activities: Meeting with the associates in Bogotá, Colombia.
- Presentation of the project to communal authorities of Chumbivilcas and Espinar (Cusco).
- Installation of the office in Chumbivilcas.

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# Voluntary Principles in Security and Human Rights

Since 2009, Socios Peru has been working with International Alert in the implementation of the Voluntary Principles in Security and Human Rights. The initiative of the Voluntary Principles is to be adopted on three sectors: company, civil society and state.

Adopting and implementing the VPs can be a valuable opportunity for extractive companies to address human rights issues pertinent to security, identify the impacts generated by their operations

on local stakeholders, and to raise their standards in corporate performance on security issues, including their security personnel.

Socios Peru has carried out an implementation process feasibility study, and from the interviews and meetings with the involved stakeholders, has determined the interest of the three sectors (state, company, civil society) in being a part of the process.

Carlos Salazar, our Executive Director, presented the report

results in the 10th Voluntary Principles Assembly in London last March. The VPs committee, as well as the associates of the committee --USA and United Kingdom Governments, international organizations such as Oxfam, Amnesty International, Search for Common Ground, and corporate-- were willing to cooperate in the implementation process.

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# Institutional strengthening of the Mala round table

Socios Peru has initiated a consultancy with the Huayuná Institute; organization with broad experience in topics of agriculture, production and health; that aims to strengthen the Roundtable of Mala, in the central coast of Peru. Socios Peru is working on a Stakeholder Mapping, and will develop the Round Table Strategic Plan.

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## C. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Publication of the Conflict Assessment and Stakeholder Mapping of Talara and Sechura provinces: The end of April, Socios Peru will publish the assessment results, as part of the activities of the project with NED, in Piura.

Fourth phase of the project “Capacity Building for Democracy and Conflict Prevention in the Piura Region”: On May 1st Socios Peru will initiate a new period of the project financed by NED. This project will continue with the training and empowerment of stakeholders in Talara and Sechura, and will also work with local governments in the specific context of regional and municipal elections.

Implementation of the educational program about the Inter-American Democratic Charter: At the end of May, Socios Peru will be conducting the Catalysts for Democratic Change in Latin America (CDCA) workshop, with the participation of young representatives of social and political movements, unions, juvenile associations, academic institutions, NGO, among others. Diego Luna, junior leader of Socios Peru will be coordinating these activities.

Partners for Democratic Change International (PDCI) Meeting: Socios Peru has invited all the Partners Centers to Cusco, Peru for the next spring PDCI Meeting.

## D. FUNDRAISING

### ***Projects Submitted:***

“Capacity building of local actors for conflict transformation and development in 6 provinces of Peru”, submitted to USAID on March 2010.

### ***Projects rejected:***

“Adapting to climate change through dialogue and conflict resolution mechanisms”, submitted USAID on February 2010.

### ***Project awarded:***

“Capacity building for democracy and conflict prevention in the Piura region”, submitted to the National Endowment for Democracy in February 2010.

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