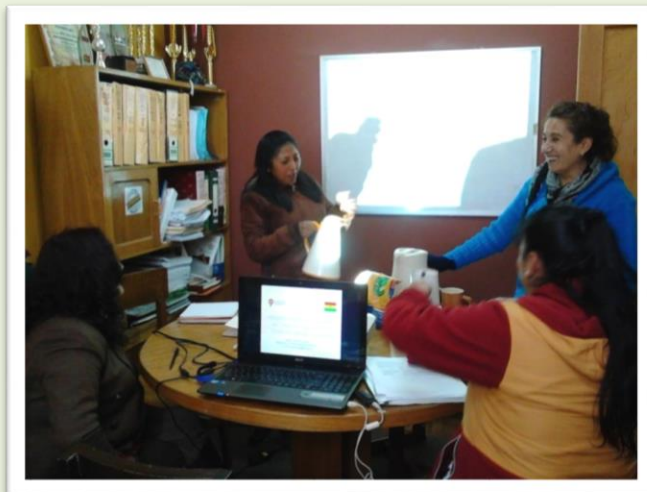


# Overseas Reports

## 【Current Activities of a Former Participant】



Sandra-san reported her current activities in Bolivia



1) Course Leader: Yoshio MIKI

2) Former Participant:

Ms. ADUVIRI CHAMBI Sandra Karina

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~We introduce how a former participant (Sandra-san) is playing an active role in her homeland of Bolivia after completing her JICA/KITA technical training course~

This issue of Overseas Reports covers the activities of Sandra-san, a participant in the "Small and medium enterprises/local industry activation for Central and South America" training course, after her return to her homeland. Course Leader Miki told us about Sandra-san's activities.

# 1. Introduction of a former participant who reported to us from Bolivia

Name		Nickname	Country	Training Period
	Ms. ADUVIRI CHAMBI Sandra Karina	Sandra-san	Bolivia	2015/7/29 ~ 2015/8/29



【Small and medium enterprises/local industry activation for Central and South America】 training course



Sandra-san

## 2. A message from Mr. MIKI, course leader



Mr. Miki, Course Leader



A visit to a company during the training course  
Sandra-san is in the front row on the left,  
Course Leader Miki is in the center

**S**andra-san is a technician in the Unit of Innovation and Management Resources at the *「Centro de Promoción de la Mujer Gregoria Apaza」*. The center is an NGO whose mission is to support gender equality, and it aims to provide financial support for women's rights. Sandra-san's role in that is to improve the lives of women and their families by formulating various reform plans to boost the productivity of SMEs headed by women, and implementing them in collaboration with the public sector.

Sandra-san is extremely hard-working and earned an MBA after graduating from university. She then worked as a consultant on various projects before taking up her current position, where she has now been working for four years.

The impression I gained during the training course was that she was extremely positive and asked questions that were very much to the point. I was often surprised and impressed by her dynamism.

The theme of her action plan is "Improving the business management of small and medium-sized business centers via a gender-based approach". Its strategy is to implement such policies as human resource training programs according to the work level or kind of SME, textile business management models, plans to boost the productivity of SMEs, and operational organization strategies with a gender-based approach.

She had gained hints for it during her training course in Japan from such sources as industry-university-government cooperation and women's activities to revitalize agricultural communities, and I felt that her action plan was extremely pragmatic and perceptive.

It really brought it home to me that she comes up with such ideas because she always has an accurate grasp of the realities, understands the feelings of the people she expects to resolve the issues, and really takes her work to heart.

That is why she sent in a report on her activities one month after her return to Bolivia. It is a great source of encouragement to a course leader when there are participants who tackle their tasks as earnestly as this, and it enables us to taste the sense of achievement and joy that comes from contributing to society. I am filled with gratitude towards Sandra-san.

### 3. The training course in which Sandra-san participated and the program objectives

Training course :

Small and Medium Enterprises/Local Industry Activation for Central and South American Countries

Activities in  
Home country



Program Objective

Support for SMEs and policies to nurture local industries are promoted in the organizations to which the participants belong

Attending the Program in  
Japan



#### Teaching unit objective (1)

To understand Japan's policies to promote SMEs, the promotion of local industries and their own role as the representative of a government agency, and to categorize the issues facing their own country.

#### Teaching unit objective (2)

To understand the management expertise and marketing required to support SMEs and promote local industries, and to categorize the issues facing their own country.

#### Teaching unit objective (3)

To understand the essential benchmarks by visiting SMEs and local industries in Japan, and to categorize the issues facing their own country.

#### Teaching unit objective (4)

To become capable of drafting policies to promote SMEs and local industries in the participating countries.





## 4. Activities of Sandra-san

### ◆1st Report: Received October 3, 2014 (Written in Spanish)

#### 1) General situation

An action plan progress report just one month after returning home upon the completion of the JICA training course on August 29.

#### 2) Details about the activities

(1) Deployment in her own country of what she learned in Japan.

(2) Held the 1st El Alto Summit for Women Working in Micro-Enterprises, an industry-academic-government collaboration co-hosted with the El Alto Local Federation of Small Businesses and Micro-Enterprises (\*1).

(\*1) An association covering such varied production sectors as textiles, lumber, leather, metal machining, goldwork, glass products, small-scale dairy farming and workers in the service industry

#### 3) Requests

Sandra-san wanted the current status of her activities to be shared with all the parties concerned.

- It was shared within the Training Operations Department at JICA Kyushu.
- The status of her activities is scheduled to be made public on the KITA homepage.

### ◆2nd Report: Received November 26, 2014 (Written in English)

#### 1) General situation

Submission of "Report on my recent activities" in the prescribed format for Overseas Reports manuscripts

#### 2) Details about the activities

As covered in the 1st Report, held the 1st El Alto Summit for Women Working in Micro-Enterprises, an industry-academic-government collaboration co-hosted with the El Alto Local Federation of Small businesses and Micro-Enterprises.

Additional documentation included the action rules of the "Declaration from the El Alto Summit of Businesswomen and Women Working in Small Enterprises", which was handed to the mayor of El Alto at the summit.

◆ Please refer to the report documents. (Click the link on the right for the documents)



Please click here  
to read his report

**◆3rd Report: Received December 21, 2014 (Written in Spanish)**

1) General situation

Basically a report on the progress with her action plan, but this time in "Report on my recent activities" there is a detailed report on the additional activity described in Item 3 below.

- (1) Involvement of the principal actors in the textile manufacturing chain
- (2) Training course for young business people at the Institute Normal Superior of Education Alternative – Franz Tamayo
- (3) A virtual international conference "Creation of Social Businesses Aimed at Gender Equality"

"A collaboration with Ramon-san from the Dominican Republic, another participant in her JICA training course"

[Note] Ramon-san from the Dominican Republic: Assistant Coordinator of the SMEs, Business Administrator at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce

2) Comments from Sandra-san

I applied what I had learned in my JICA training course and our experience of One Village One Product specialty shops and business centers. I am also putting into practice the problem-solving methods.

**5. The course leader's impressions on Sandra-san's reports on her activities in her homeland**

- 1) In all the time that I have been in charge of JICA training courses, I have never received such frequent reports. I am extremely proud of Sandra-san, and I think that one important factor in this is the system of featuring Overseas Reports on the KITA website.
- 2) JICA training courses bring together a group of complete strangers who study hard together, and one great hope of JICA training is that participants who share the same concerns should collaborate together after returning to their home countries. I was deeply moved by the fact that this was achieved this time.
- 3) They will enable me to create an upward spiral in future JICA training courses. In other words, I will be able to further improve aspects that were of use in the field, and supplement any aspects that were lacking. I keenly felt that this too is one of the fruits of follow-ups.

## Photo Album of the JICA/KITA Training Course



Sandra-san after receiving her course completion certificate from President Furuno



A group photo after a lecture



The participants at their studies



The participants on a field trip



Watching a soccer match on a day off



The firework display after the match