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## Press Release

### **Launch of Social Innovation Hubs' project in Bolivia under India-UN Development Partnership Fund**

A 'Social Innovation Hubs' project under the India-UN Partnership Development Fund was launched in Bolivia on 2 September 2020. The project aims to reduce barriers to access labor markets for women in Bolivia, especially for the ones with lower income; strengthen capacities of women to access, maintain and get promotion in the labor market; and design and implement an innovation hub management model, including research, communication and knowledge management. It also seeks to develop an innovation hub to provide early childcare services, and to provide training programs that promote gender equity.

The event was attended by the President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Ministers of Development Planning, Finance & Economy, Justice and Presidency; Mayors of Santa Cruz de La Sierra and La Paz, Ambassador of India, UN Resident Commissioner and UNDP Resident Representative in La Paz. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed to facilitate implementation of the project.

India's approach to Development Partnership is guided by its age old belief of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" which means the World is one family. It is human-centric with respect for partners in developing world and guided by their development priorities.

India and Bolivia enjoy close ties which are founded on people to people affinity, respect and desire for beneficial partnership for prosperity. We are always pleased to partner with Bolivia. Our partnership projects such as lighting of Archeological Complex in Tiwanaku and Children's Park in Sucre; water supply project in Beni; regular support in capacity building; diplomatic training, disaster relief and humanitarian assistance, supply of critical medicines and protective gears were expression of India's friendship with Bolivia. The project launched today is yet another move in our ongoing development cooperation with Bolivia.

India has been partnering with the United Nations for expanding its development partnership with developing countries. Three years ago, Government of India in association with the UN Office for SouthSouth Cooperation (UNOSSC) launched the India-UN Development Partnership Fund. Projects undertaken under the Fund aim at the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Government of India has now committed an amount of US\$ 150 million under the India Fund. Over the past three years, there has been remarkable progress of the Fund in implementing the transformative commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 37 projects worth US\$ 26.6 million are already under implementation.

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