

Country Program – Chile

The BHP Billiton Foundation works to improve long-term economic, social and environmental sustainability at a national level through Country Programs, which complement the work of its Global Signature Programs. The Foundation currently has Country Programs in Australia, Canada, the United States and Chile.

The Chile Country Program is focused on harnessing the potential of young people through education, enhancing the capability of organisations and groups to participate in decision making, and enhancing the resilience of communities to respond to environmental change.

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Aim	Support the inclusion of more disadvantaged and vulnerable young people in education and strengthen their civil and economic participation in society	Enhance the capability of institutions, organisations and groups to participate in decision-making processes affecting them.	Enhance the resilience of communities in response to rapid socio-economic and environmental change.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address barriers which inhibit disadvantaged and vulnerable young people from fully participating in and benefitting from education opportunities. Promote access to alternative education pathways that support the achievement of high school equivalency and bridge the gap between school and employment. Enhance opportunities for education leaders to access evidence to inform decision making and improve attainment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on existing capabilities and develop capacity to create positive cultural and social outcomes. Support Indigenous peoples, groups and organisations through institutional strengthening to enable lasting positive change and sustainable benefits. Support better collaboration between institutions, organizations and groups to contribute to a more culturally aware and respectful society. Support policy frameworks that promote more effective decisions about the development and governance of assets and resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the stewardship and management of water resources so increasing community and industry needs can be met without harming natural areas and sensitive species, or compromising sustainable access to clean water for future generations. Build the resilience of communities through enhancing socio-economic opportunities of vulnerable groups. Strengthen resilience and capacity of institutions and communities to the impacts of climate change through technical, science-based solutions.

Who we are

We are a charity funded by BHP Billiton, a leading global resources company, and through our programs we address challenges that are directly relevant to the resources sector. Our global programs focus on Natural Resource Governance, Environmental Resilience and Education Equity.

What we do

The BHP Billiton Foundation was established in 2013 and works to address some of the most critical global sustainable development challenges facing our generation. By working in partnership with others we seek to raise the bar, find new solutions and set new standards for the future.

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Success measures	More disadvantaged and vulnerable groups participate in educational opportunities that improve career pathways, economic opportunities and self-determined futures.	The institutions and organisations that support or represent disadvantaged and vulnerable people develop enhanced governance and institutional capability that contributes to improved quality of life.	Increased public awareness of good practices contributes to improved water management and stewardship.

The Chile Country Program will comprise a portfolio of projects which:

- Address common challenges through cross-sector dialogue and problem solving;
- Take a sustainable approach to implementation which allows three to five years to effect change;
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society and institutions to enable positive change in the lives of citizens;
- Draw on expertise from leaders in relevant fields to support project design, implementation and monitoring;
- Focus on learning, building evidence and sharing good practice to enhance outcomes and impact; and
- Support transformative change through leadership, innovation and technology implemented locally by capable organisations which are informed by national and global learnings.