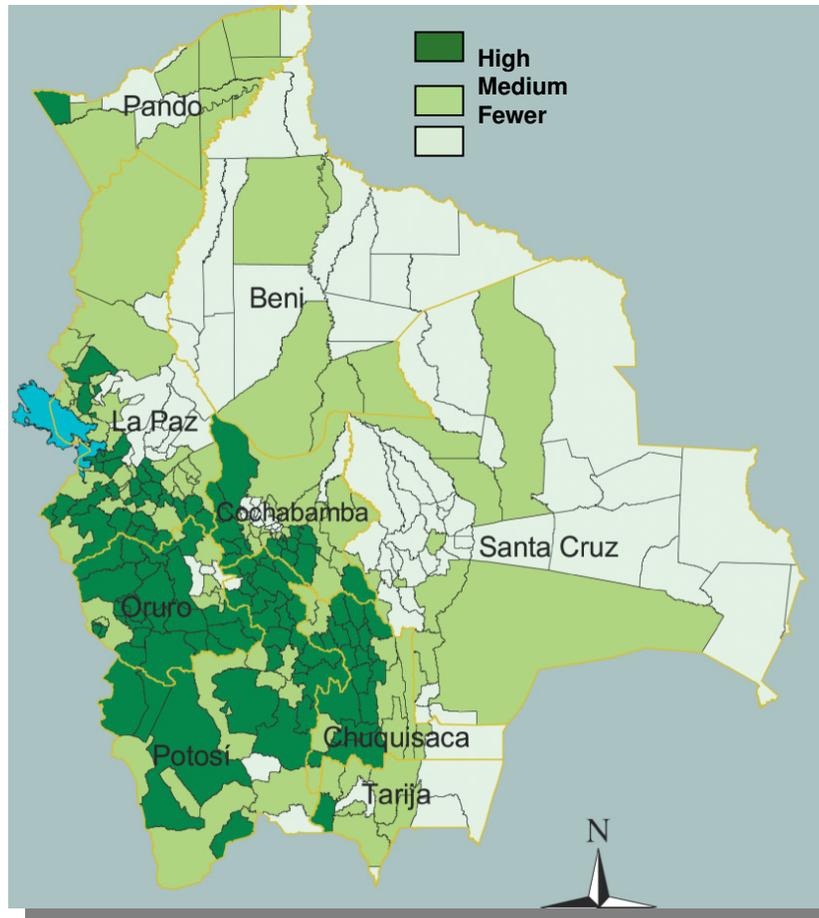


“WOMEN IN BOLIVIA AND HEALTHY HOUSING”

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PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING



In 2004 a program was created to support the housing by the NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, in that year the Minister of health submitted a report about the growing propagation of endemic illnesses in THE entire country, reporting to the CHAGAS' ILLNESS as one of more VULNERABLE in the rural Western region, due to the environmental characteristics and the extreme poverty conditions in the local communities.

VULNERABILITY MAP

The CHAGAS' ILLNESS was discovered in the year 1909 it took many years to research, because this disease was discovered in the poorest places of Central and South America.



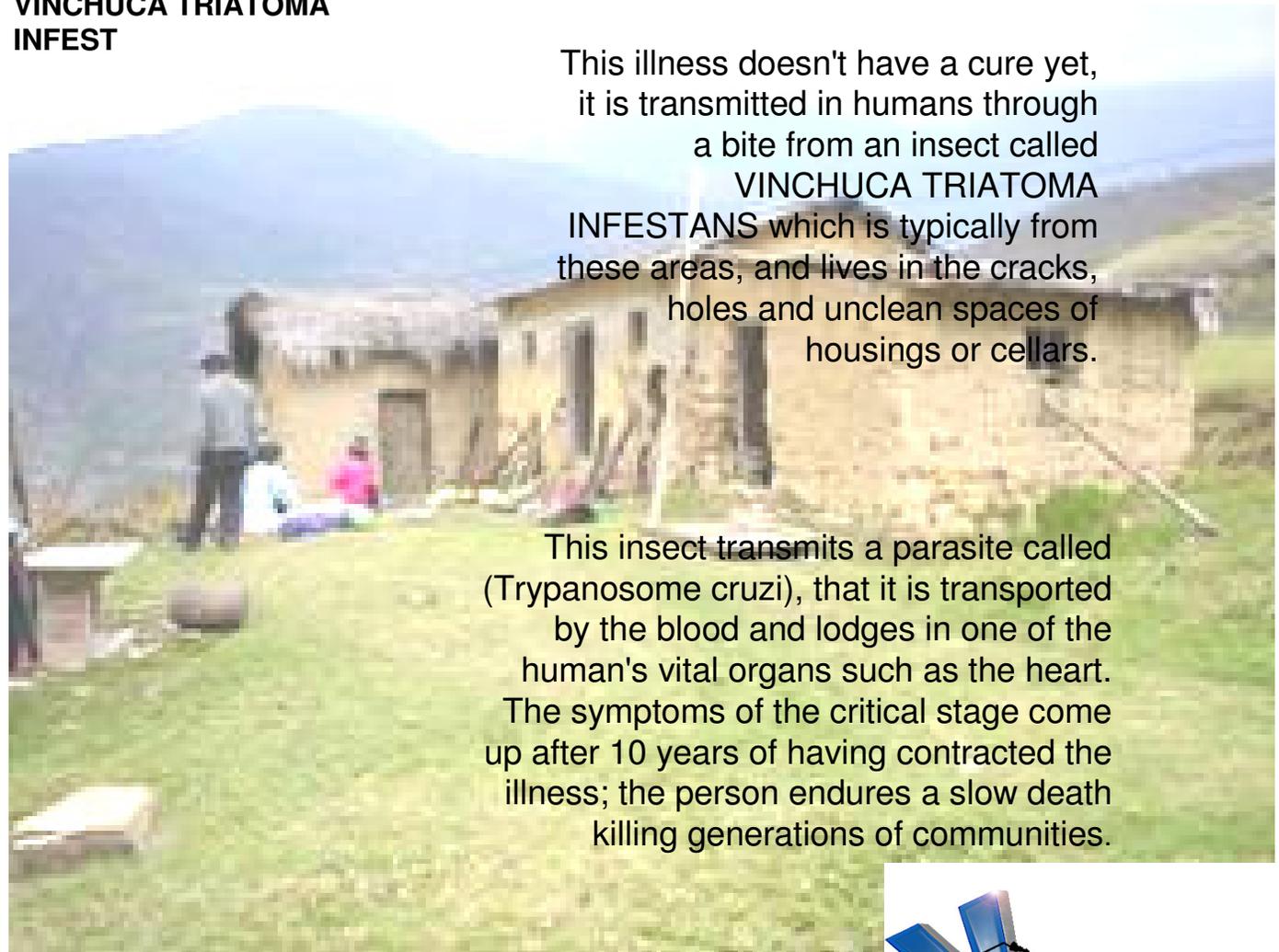
CHAGAS ILLNESS



**VINCHUCA TRIATOMA
INFEST**



It Lodges in the heart



This illness doesn't have a cure yet, it is transmitted in humans through a bite from an insect called **VINCHUCA TRIATOMA INFESTANS** which is typically from these areas, and lives in the cracks, holes and unclean spaces of housings or cellars.

This insect transmits a parasite called (Trypanosome cruzi), that it is transported by the blood and lodges in one of the human's vital organs such as the heart. The symptoms of the critical stage come up after 10 years of having contracted the illness; the person endures a slow death killing generations of communities.



MOST IMPACT ILLNESS - MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS

In Bolivia this illness has been identified with the most impact in rural and mountainous regions where conditions of extreme poverty in communities, reflect the state and housing conditions where it is becoming one of the biggest risks in catching this illness.



INSIDE OF THE HOUSE



MOST IMPACT ILLNESS - MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS



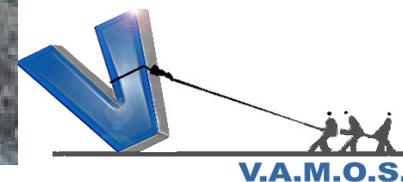
VULNERABILITY - WOMEN & CHILDREN



In 2005 during the development of the program it was identified that the biggest vulnerability in the local population of these communities, were the **WOMEN AND CHILDREN**. In the case of the women, being that they work at home taking care of the family, and in the case of the children, because they don't have access to the education or health services, and in many other cases the illness was transmitted by the mother.



VULNERABILITY - WOMEN & CHILDREN



ILLNESS PREVENTION - HOUSING IMPROVEMENT



In answering to this problem the government developed a project of housing improvement in order to eliminate the propagation of this illness in the communities, through the population's participation in this case the **WOMEN AND CHILDREN**, and the support to the another private and public organizations.



ILLNESS PREVENTION - HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

The housing improvement promoted the physical improvement through the auto-building for the community, and an orientation with educational social program to prevent this illness at home



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as organization of support to the fight against poverty in Bolivia, developed the 1st and 2nd Stage of this project, working in 10 municipalities of 3 states of the country,

being 4000 families benefitted with the improvement of their housing approximately



WOMEN IN BOLIVIA & HEALTHY HOUSING



Actually this project is being executed in different regions of the country, by the community in the specific case where the women promotes the fight against this illness.

Working with women and children, woke up a stage of social organization of the women for the purpose to improve the conditions of life and health to their families, developing an organization process and popular participation of the women as a representative members of the family and society of the local development in other aspects as education, services, infrastructure, etc.

This is an example of a cause and a positive effect of the women's life in Bolivia.





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