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Food Accessibility in Bolivia

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Lack of access to food is a widespread problem in Bolivia, as many Bolivians live in remote, isolated communities in rural areas. Despite government attempts to support local food production methods, many households are still food insecure. The proposed project will investigate the underlying causes of the food inaccessibility in order to better inform governmental practices and contribute to the development of practical solutions. The research is based on a novel combination of theoretical philosophy and empirical human rights work. The project will focus specifically on the Cochabamba department of Bolivia. Through ground-based research in the affected communities and with the collaboration of both governmental and non-governmental organizations, a series of reports on empirical and theoretical findings will provide detailed explanations of the barriers to food accessibility along with actionable recommendations for improvement.