Rowing in South America

Development of rowing and para rowing 2026



Vision:

To create a sustainable and inclusive sports ecosystem in South America by expanding access to rowing in Bolivia, offering support to athletes of all abilities, and ensuring pathways for their long-term development. By nurturing local partnerships and investing in grassroots coaching, facilities, and holistic mentoring, we aim to inspire a new generation of athletes, coaches, and sports leaders who will represent their nations with pride in international competitions.

Project Context:

Over the last years SRSinternational in collaboration with local partners built a rowing academy in Uruguay. The academy serves both para rowing and rowing athletes of different ages from beginner levels to members of the national rowing team.
At the same time SRSinternational partners with a sports school in Bolivia helping the school to establish sports development pathways and upgraded the sports facilities of one of Bolivia‘s sports schools.
Bolivia currently has no rowing program and now an opportunity opened up to help launch the sport in three different locations across the country.

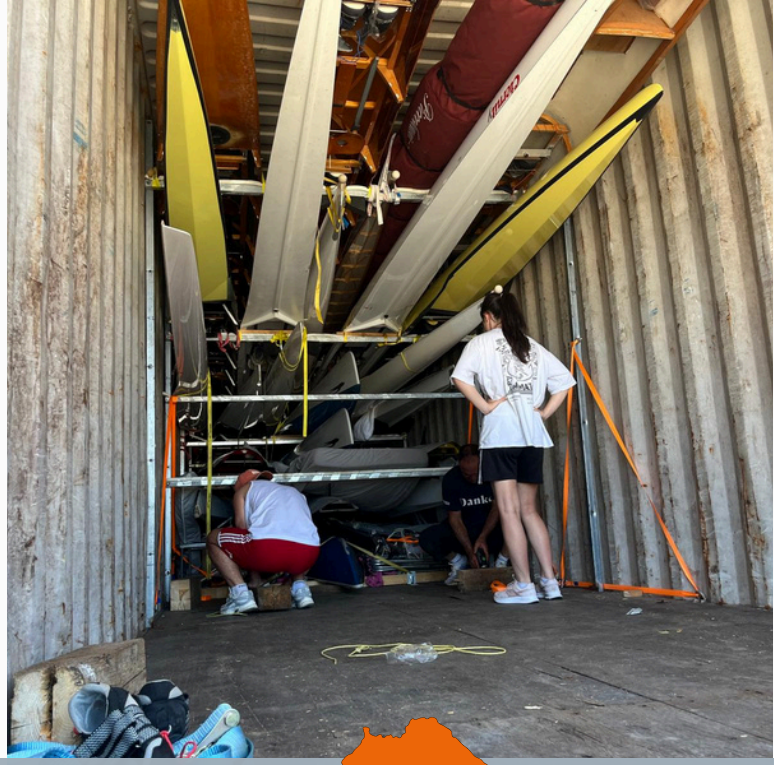


Ways of supporting:

- Acquisition of rowing boats and other equipment for both para and able bodied rowing
- Recruitment and training of grassroots coaches for the sport of rowing
- Talent identification programs and development pathways for talented young rowers (Paralympic and Olympic)
- Planning & launch of social and leisure rowing projects based at Christian training/holiday centers and a Bible school
- Administrative and other support to build the structures for the sport of rowing and power rowing in Bolivia
- Provision of holistic care and sport mentoring for all athletes, coaches and officials that form part of the Bolivia rowing project

Para rowing

Para rowing is a powerful tool for inclusion and personal development across South America. For many athletes with disabilities, it provides not only opportunities for competition but also access to community, dignity, confidence, and a sense of purpose. In a region where people with disabilities often face social and economic barriers, para rowing demonstrates that sport can create pathways to greater participation in society and inspire others to challenge limiting perceptions.





Locations:

- Montevideo, Uruguay
- Cochabamba, Bolivia
- Tarija, Bolivia
- La Paz, Bolivia



Local contacts:

- Centro Deportivo Logos Uruguay
- Palabra de Vida Bolivia Cochabamba
- Bolivian Rowing Association
- FISA Development Program



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