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Trip Report: Bolivia

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Purpose of Trip: Meeting with CERES team members to discuss data processing, budgets, work plans, publications, etc. and conduct field visit to TIM-Ivirgarzama (after SANREM CRSP Annual Meeting)

Sites Visited: CERES Headquarters, Cochabamba
CERES site #3, TIM Ivirgarzama

Description of activities:

After the conclusion of the SANREM meetings in Cochabamba, Krister Andersson and Jacqui Bauer met with the CERES research team to follow up on our joint research activities under the SANREM program. We focused our discussions on four main themes:

- a. Potential collaboration between SANREM LTRs interested in institutional analysis of development efforts. We concluded that Jeff Alwang's project would be a natural project to start collaboration with because of (a) the proximity of one of their sites (Tiraque) to the CERES offices in Cochabamba, and (b) Jeff and colleagues' expressed interest in learning about our approach. We agreed that we would approach Jeff to suggest that we could carry out one of our six sites in Bolivia in one of his Tiraque sites so that we can capitalize on each others' data and complementary nature of research approaches.
- b. Finalization of research instruments for the first-ever national survey of forest communities in Bolivia (n=150). We went through each of the questions on the questionnaire and produced an eighth (!) version of the instrument. After being trained by Rosario Leon and Jean Paul Benavides, the field crew responsible for the survey will field test this last version in mid-July. After the field test in two communities by two independent teams, the CERES team will carry out a final

- revision of the instrument. The first of 150 community visits is scheduled for July 23. We expect the lowland portion of the survey will be concluded in October 2007.
- c. Data processing/analysis demonstration. The team has gathered and processed the data for the first three SANREM sites, but they expressed doubts about their ability to extract data from the data base for subsequent analysis. Krister ran a demonstration of how to run queries in the Access data base for variables of interest, and how simple tests could be performed with this data.
 - d. Publication plans for year 3 and 4. One of the frustrations of the CERES team has been the lack of time and resources for analytical work. During the first two years of the project, the team has been very busy in collecting data in the three sites. They have been so busy, in fact, that they have had inadequate time for analysis and reflection on the bigger questions asked by the program. To make sure that we catch up on the analytical side of the program, we agreed on a joint publication plan for 2007-2009, including joint papers on gender issues, property rights changes due to decentralization, and the changing nature of indigenous management of natural resources in Bolivia. Esther Mwangi participated in these discussions as well.

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