



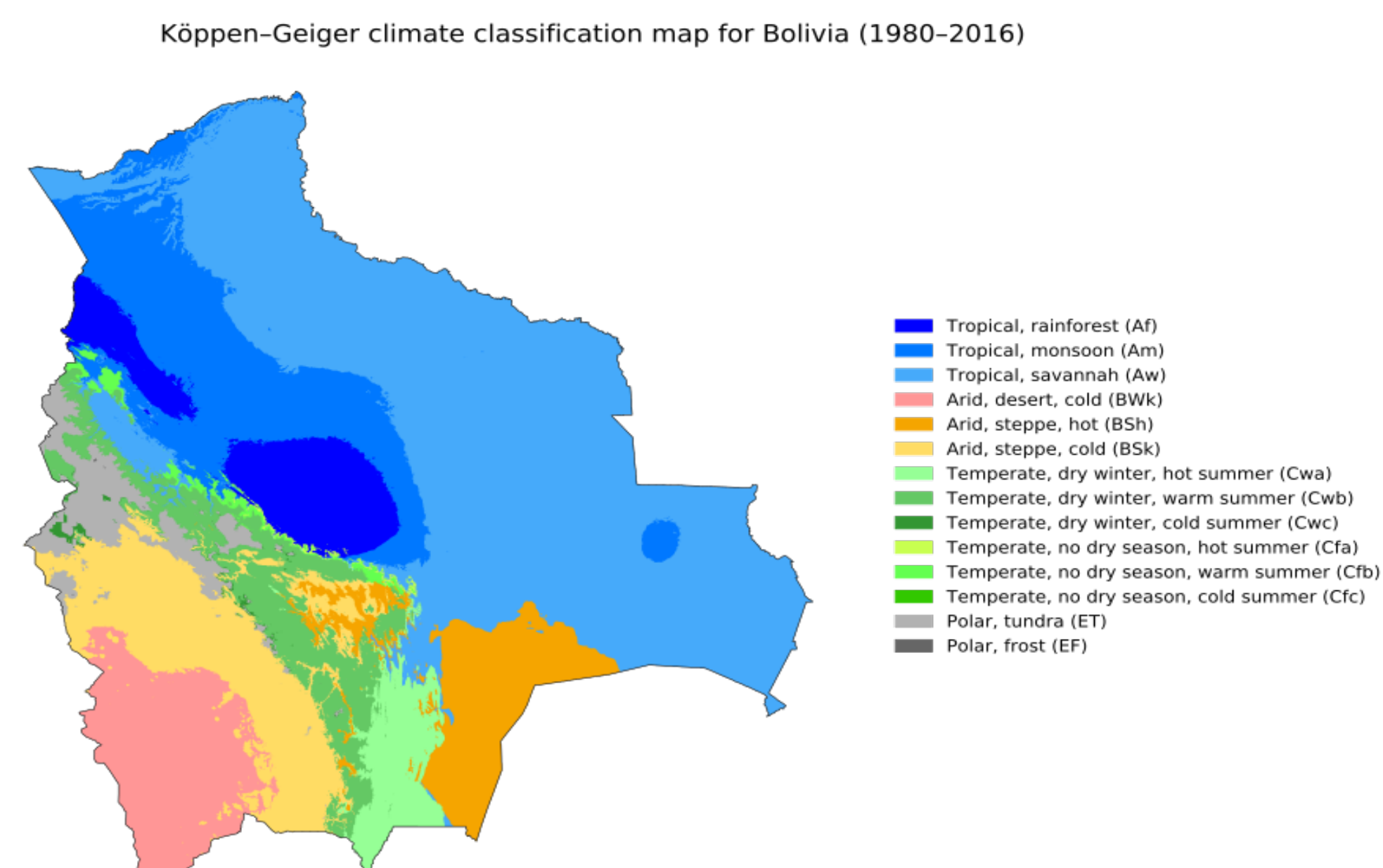
Children's Nutritional Health in Bolivia

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Bolivian Diversity

Bolivia Has:

- 424 square miles with 5 border countries
- a variable climate of tropical conditions in the east, polar in the Antiplano of the Western Andes, and semi-arid sub-tropical in the Chaco Plain
- 11 million people with about 50% native groups
- Main languages: Spanish, Guaraní, Aymara, Quechua



Malnutrition of Children in Bolivia

Effects

- ! Under- age five mortality in Bolivia was 26 per 1000 children in 2019 ((UNICEF 2021)
- ! 12.7% Bolivian children stunted in 2020 (UNICEF 2021)

Risk Factors

- ! Low SES >40% anemia, >30% stunted (Miranda et al. 2020)
- ! Diarrhea highly associates with anemia
- ! Maternal risk factors: low formal education, anemia
- ! Indigenous-language fluency and culture (Cordero et al. 2019; Frost 2005)
- ! Indigenous identity and mountain location risks (Lipus et al. 2018)

Initiatives for Relief of Malnutrition

Nutritional Support

The Borgen Project (2014) nonprofit monitoring malnutrition and policy in US to counteract it abroad
 Action Against Hunger (2020) fundraising for hunger relief
 Inter-Development Bank [Internet]. (2013) loans for reaching development goals

Medical Support

Hospitals are only in the temperate cities of Bolivia.

- ❖ 10 in Santa Cruz is the largest department (state) with many types of businesses: agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry, mining. It is the financial center of Bolivia with the most foreign investment.
- ❖ 2 in Cochabamba that has the oil industry.
- ❖ 5 in La Paz that is the capital city.

Lack of hospitals in the periphery regions and tropical areas.

History and Economy

- Tiwanaku Empire 600 – 1000 AD
- Inca Empire 1438-1523
- 1523-1825 Colonized by Spain
- 1825 Republic
- 1982 Social Unitarian State, democracy
- Human Development Index: 0.718 Gross Nat. Income \$8,554.
- Gross National Product: \$40.56 in 2019, mainly minerals and gas
- Economy negatively affected by lack of private sector investment and competition with production in other nations
- 20 IMF arrangements since 1945 for poverty reduction, social equity, healthcare, education, and social services to rural and underserved urban populations.

Global Patterns of Young Child Mortality

Main global problems: respiratory infections and diarrhea

- diarrhea, lack of sanitation (Troeger et al. 2019)
- disability, iron-deficiency anemia (Kyu et al. 2016)

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