

# *UNESCO Declares Bolivia 'Territory Free of Illiteracy'*

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La Paz, July 19 (RHC-PL) -- Bolivian Deputy Education Minister Noel Aguirre announced that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared Bolivia 'territory free of illiteracy'.

According to UNESCO, a territory is declared free of illiteracy when illiteracy rate is below 4 percent.

'We prepared the report after it was analyzed and validated. UNESCO itself reported that at this time the illiteracy rate in Bolivia is 3.8 percent,' said Aguirre.

He added: 'I can proudly say that the tremendous effort by our government towards this direction has paid off.'

The Bolivian deputy education minister said however that much remains to be done and stressed that the government and people, must continue working together towards reaching out to other population sectors, including people over 60 years of age to reduce the country's illiteracy rate even further.

He said that Bolivia will continue working to reach people over 60 years, and reduce the level of illiteracy in the country.

Bolivian President Evo Morales launched a nation-wide literacy campaign back in 2006 with Cuba's assistance.

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