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HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE TACANA / INDIGENOUS TERRITORY- BOLIVIA

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SUMMARY

In this presentation, I discuss the most relevant findings of a longitudinal study quantifying household income in communities of the Tacana Indigenous Territory located in Northern La Paz (Bolivian Amazon). The study considered a broad array of income sources, the articulation of economic spheres of reciprocity and market in indigenous economic systems, and social equity in income distribution. Results show that, for Amazonian indigenous economies highly dependent on natural resources, if both monetary and non-monetary income are considered, the current dominant vision about poverty is quite limited. The study also discusses the importance of well-conserved ecosystems to indigenous economies; the distribution of the Gini's coefficient for every source of income; and, the contribution of both women and men to annual household income.

BIO:

Zulema Lehm holds a Bachelor degree in Sociology from the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, in **La Paz, Bolivia**, and a **Master's degree in Amazon Studies given by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) - Ecuador**. She has over 30 years of experience in working with indigenous communities in the Bolivian Amazon. She is author of several books and articles on social research with Indigenous Peoples, natural resources management, co-administration of protected areas, and gender issues. In 2010, she was a visiting scholar at TCD. Since 2011, she has been working with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as a social science specialist focusing on conservation efforts led by local communities and indigenous people, and on gender issues. Among her most outstanding works is the support to the Tacana Indigenous Council (CIPTA) in the design of their Territorial Management Plans (2000-2005 and 2015-2025). Additionally, she coordinated the **systematization of the over ten years' experience in indigenous territorial management** by the Tacana People. Most recently, she systematized the 20 years experiences of WCS working in the Bolivian, Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon.

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