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ALLIANCE WITH PARTNERS IN HEALTH

USAID partner with Socios en Salud, the Peruvian affiliate of the U.S. non-profit organization Partners in Health, responds to COVID-19 in Peru.

This Alliance supports aggressive contact tracing, community mobilization, and systematic screening and isolation to prevent community spread of COVID-19. The \$4.43 million investment from USAID mobilizes additional \$1 million from Boston-based Partners in Health.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The Alliance supports the administration of COVID-19 tests (with private funds) for the most vulnerable populations, improves the capacity to provide oxygen therapy at public health facilities, provides teleconsultations through a medical call center, and activates a community health worker network to safely conduct outreach visits to identify families in need of clinical and social support. Activities are focused on high-risk regions for COVID-19, including Lima, the Northern Coast and Amazon jungle regions of Peru, as prioritized by Peru's Ministry of Health.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- 10 rapid response teams to perform epidemiological surveillance and contact tracing: five in the Integrated Health Networks Directorate (DIRIS) Lima Norte, and five in DIRIS Lima Este.
- 45,393 rapid tests performed.
- 7,943 molecular tests performed in support of DIRIS Lima Norte.

- One mobile laboratory with capacity to perform molecular testing for SARS-CoV-2 donated to the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health implemented two additional mobile laboratories based on it.
- Improved capacities to provide oxygen therapy in seven hospitals and three local health networks, adding 141 oxygen outlet points and delivering 71 10L/min oxygen concentrators (in La Libertad, Lambayeque, Lima, San Martin and Ica).
- Attended 178,701 non-COVID and 179,016 COVID medicine teleconsultations.
- Tested 3,605 persons for TB using Gene Xpert MTB Ultra Rif, identifying 102 positive samples, 6 of them corresponding to multi-drug resistant tuberculosis.
- A mental health chat-bot implemented: 2,439 persons screened, 1,935 of whom were identified as suffering a mental issue, among the latter 1,902 received psychological first aid and 326 were referred for psychiatric consultation. The staff in charge of the service is calling back 1,931 persons for follow-up.
- A version of the mental health chat-bot in quechua implemented: 42 persons screened.
- 20 Community Health Workers in activity conducted 17,825 house visits and screened 30,256 persons.
- Provided social support to 2,904 households.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Socios En Salud

PARTNER: Partners in Health (Boston based NGO)

ALLIANCE DURATION: April 2020 – September 2021

USAID FUNDING: US\$4.43 million

PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION (LEVERAGE): US\$1 million

LOCATION: Lima, Northern Coast and Amazon jungle regions of Peru, as prioritized by Peru's Ministry of Health.

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