

I. INTRODUCTION
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II. STRATEGIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE AMERICAS

Challenges related to Health Human Resources

Recommendation:

PAHO should increase and strengthen its role in the development of public policies with respect to health workers.

Suggested measure:

PAHO should provide greater support to the countries in the formulation of management policies that foster teamwork.

PAHO should formulate policies that, in addition to promoting the “career in public health,” promote its diversification and the specialization of professionals, for example in PHC

Recommendation:

PAHO should strengthen its activities in order to prevent fragmented sectoral actions.

Suggested measure:

PAHO should support the strengthening of sectoral and intersectoral work involving health and education institutions and the workplace, with strong support from institutions in the areas of planning and economics.

Challenges related to Financial Resources

Recommendation:

Eliminate the words “*public and private*” from the third bullet in paragraph 13.

Recommendation:

Rewrite the bullets in paragraph 13 so that they look more like proposals and less like a litany of weaknesses.

Recommendation:

PAHO needs to strengthen mechanisms to enable public health expenditure to permit fairer and more equitable access to health.

Suggested measure:

PAHO should create health financing mechanisms for the most vulnerable population groups, such as indigenous peoples and migrants.

Challenges related to Natural Resources and Quality of the Physical Environment

Recommendation:

PAHO should support the development of strategies to improve the precision and accuracy of certain indicators.

Suggested measure:

PAHO should identify and/or devise indicators that are more precise in order to reduce risks. For example: safe hospital.

Challenges related to Science, Technology, Research, and Information

Recommendation:

PAHO should ensure that the gap between the production and use of health information in our countries is reduced.

Suggested measure:

PAHO should create mechanisms that ensure the clear integration of proposals aimed at quickly reducing the gap between the production of health information and its use.

Challenges related to the Changes Produced by Globalization of the Economy

Recommendation:

Replace the word “risks” with “*effects of movements*” in the third bullet of paragraph 16.

Challenges related to International Cooperation in Health

Recommendation:

Clarify the first bullet in paragraph 17.

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN HEALTH AND THE ROLE OF PAHO

Opportunities and Challenges for PAHO

Recommendation:

Strengthen this section with Costa Rica’s contributions on Modalities of Technical Cooperation in Health.

Suggested measure:

Include the subtopic Modalities of Technical Cooperation in Health in this section, with the recommendations formulated and submitted by Costa Rica.

V. **TECHNICAL COOPERATION APPROACHES AND STRATEGIES**

Development of a Common Approach to Technical Cooperation:

Recommendation:

The first sentence in paragraph 37 should read: “PAHO has developed an internal strategy to ensure that its cooperation approach centers on the needs and demands *identified by the countries.*”