

URUGUAY

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PAHO TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- > Strengthening the regulatory role of the Ministry of Public Health to improve public health monitoring (epidemiological, drug surveillance, etc.).
- > Definition and execution of health policies aimed at diminishing inequality and inequity.
- > Improvement of the quality of health care.
- > Establishment of public health policies targeting disadvantaged population groups.
- > Strengthening the decentralization and deconcentration of the health services furnished by the Ministry of Public Health (Management of State Health Services - ASSE).
- > Reduction of infant mortality; maintaining immunization coverage.
- > Development of methodologies and health promotion models for programs and interventions; improvement of public information systems (mass communication).
- > Introduction of national activities to improve the environment and reduce environmental risks to the population's health.
- > Prevention of emerging and reemerging diseases.

PROJECTS

SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

PURPOSE

To improve the technical capacity of the Ministry of Public Health in the development of the programs carried out, taking national public health priorities into account.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Representative Office with the managerial ability to meet the cooperation demands of the health sector, through a participatory management style.
- Representative Office has strengthened the development of intersectoral health coordination.
- The managerial capacity of the PWR permits adequate use of technical, administrative, and financial resources.
- Joint activities established with the *Congreso de Intendentes*, the municipal governments, and the regional health bureaus of the Ministry of Public Health.
- Participation by the Representative Office in interinstitutional coordination activities, strengthening international cooperation in health.

HEALTH PROMOTION

PURPOSE

To strengthen multisectoral strategies conducive to the achievement of healthy living spaces, lifestyles, and living conditions, and of public health services oriented to disease prevention and health promotion.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Healthy public policies endorsed and adopted at the national and local levels.
- Health literacy and priority aspects improved in priority population groups.
- Multisectoral strategies aimed at improving public health levels promoted and adopted.
- Social participation strengthened in projects and programs of the health sector.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

PURPOSE

To control and reduce the risk and determinants of priority communicable and noncommunicable diseases through technical cooperation with the national prevention and care programs.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Inclusion of promotional strategies and a population-based approach when controlling the main common risk factors for noncommunicable diseases in health services.
- National Immunization Plan and control of prevalent childhood illnesses strengthened.
- Prevention, surveillance, and control of prevalent and emerging communicable diseases strengthened.
- Veterinary public health strengthened in the surveillance and control of zoonoses and food safety.
- Regional technical assistance provided for the prevention, surveillance, and control of Chagas' disease.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

To address environmental conditions that generate or facilitate changes in the population's health through strategic coordination of the institutions and sectors involved.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Intersectoral and interinstitutional capacity to carry out sanitation projects and activities strengthened.
- Improved national capacity to act through different sectors and institutions to improve environmental quality.

ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS

PURPOSE

To strengthen the performance of the EPHF, especially those corresponding to the Ministry of Public Health.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Scientific and technical information disseminated: information infrastructure necessary for PAHO cooperation to the country created, through the supply of relevant, up-to-date information in the priority areas of the sector through databases on the Internet, CD, and/or servicing users of the sector.
- Scientific output of PAHO disseminated through promotion at the national and/or regional levels.
- Quality of the country's health situation diagnosis and use for adequate monitoring and analysis of the situation improved, with emphasis on the detection of inequalities in risks, threats, and access to health services.
- Human resources in health upgraded to provide services that will meet the health needs of Uruguay's population.
- Improved quality and coverage of personal and population-based health services; primary health care strategies strengthened.

RESOURCES (US\$)

		Regular budget	Other sources	All funds
Total 2002-2003		1,873,200	30,000	1,903,200
Total 2004-2005		1,540,700	-	1,540,700
Percentage of estimated expenditure	Country program support	51%	-	51%
	Intersectoral action and sustainable Development	26%	-	26%
	Health information and technology	9%	-	9%
	Universal access to health	5%	-	5%
	Disease control and risk management	9%	-	9%