

## National forum of Leptospirosis of Nicaragua

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### **Family and Community health model of Nicaragua, Citizen Participation**

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In her presentation Dr. Campos explained how the Family and Community Health Model emerged with the support of national health policies and the need for strong community participation in more effective strategies for health prevention and promotion. She described the components of the model and the importance of citizen participation as a determining factor for changes in the health of the population, in strengthening the community network, within communication strategies and provision of information, as well as in the analysis of the health status. Finally, she presented how the model works through the service network; thereby bring able to characterize the population by demographic and socioeconomic indicators, focus resources to identify unmet basic needs, improve sanitary conditions and identify risk factors, among others.