WHO COUNTRY COOPERATION STRATEGY WITH PERU 2025–2030



INTRODUCTION

The Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) sets out the medium-term vision guiding collaboration between PAHO/WHO and Peru in support of the national health priorities reflected in the National Strategic Development Plan to 2050, the Multisectoral National Health Policy to 2030: "Peru, a healthy country", and the 2024-2030 Multiyear Sectoral Strategic Plan of the Health Sector. The CCS is also aligned with the PAHO Strategic Plan 2020-2025, the WHO 14th General Programme of Work 2025-2028 and the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030.

The CCS was developed through a consensus-based process involving national authorities, civil society, academia and cooperation partners. This strategic framework sets out the commitment to strengthen the health system to achieve universal access and coverage, promote the well-being of the population throughout the life course, prevent, control and eliminate diseases, protect health in the face of future emergencies, and strengthen Peru's international collaboration at the regional and global levels.

ABOUT

The WHO Country Office in Peru works with national authorities and the 25 subnational regions. It belongs to CPCP typology "C". As of 2024, the office has 57 staff members, of whom 1 is CPCP staff.

In the 2022-2023 biennium, the total funding received by the country office was US$ 15,130,149, with a utilization rate of 99%.

PARTNERSHIP ENVIRONMENT

WHO actively collaborates with a wide range of humanitarian and development partners, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and the 8 operational partners convened by the Health Cluster, led by WHO.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Peru has 34 million 38 thousand inhabitants, 24% of whom are under 15 years of age. It is a multiethnic country, with 55 indigenous or native peoples and 48 languages. Its economy is mixed and classified as upper-middle income, with a GDP per capita of USD 7,789 in 2023. The 2022 Human Development Index was 0.762 and the Gini coefficient was 0.403, reflecting high inequality. In 2023, 70% of the population aged 14 or older participated in the economy, although 71% were in informal employment. The health system is segmented and fragmented, affecting the efficiency, equity and quality of access to health services. In 2021, public health spending was 4% of GDP and out-of-pocket spending was 27.2% of total expenditure. Between 2020 and 2022 there were 217,926 deaths from COVID-19, with a case fatality rate of 4.9%, one of the highest in the world, and a significant setback in several health indicators.

PROGRESS IN HEALTH OUTCOMES

Between 2000 and 2022, Peru made significant progress in health: Life expectancy: increased from 64.8 years (2000) to 69.5 (2019). Maternal mortality: reduced from 113.3 (2000) to 87.4 per 100,000 live births (2021). Neonatal mortality: decreased from 16.1 (2000) to 7.9 per 1,000 live births (2022). Assisted deliveries: increased from 59.3% (2000) to 94.9% (2021). Childhood cancer: the treatment abandonment rate fell from 18.6% (2018) to 8.5% (2021). Health coverage: reached 99.93% of the population. Mental health: a community-based care model was implemented. Healthy eating: regulations promoting healthy eating and the use of health warning labels on processed foods were approved.

KEY CHALLENGES

Recovering from the impact of the pandemic and resuming the health gains previously achieved. Addressing gaps in access, quality, financing, infrastructure and human resources for health. Strengthening primary care and developing integrated health networks. Improving governance and the implementation of policies and strategies at the subnational level. Promoting intersectoral collaboration to address the social and environmental determinants of health.

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OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES



01 Provide equitable access and universal coverage to integrated, comprehensive, quality health services and innovations with a life-course approach, by strengthening stewardship and governance to achieve a resilient health system centered on primary care.

Strategic Deliverables

- Strengthened stewardship and governance of the national health authority, with emphasis on renewed essential public health functions.
- Equitable, humanized, comprehensive, integrated and quality health services, centered on the person, family and community.
- Allocation and management of resources to strengthen the health system.
- Health information systems and evidence generation to support policy formulation, decision-making, and monitoring of the impact of health policies and plans.

02 Prevent, control and eliminate diseases based on primary health care, centered on the person, family and community, with a life-course approach.

Strategic Deliverables

- Care for noncommunicable diseases, mental health disorders and addictions, and disability.
- Control and elimination of communicable diseases and related conditions through a structural, sustainable and comprehensive approach.

03 Promote and improve people's health and well-being by incorporating the management of the social and environmental determinants of health and multisectoral actions.

Strategic Deliverables

- Reduction of priority risk factors related to the most prevalent noncommunicable diseases, violence and road traffic injuries.
- Health promotion and community participation with intercultural, human rights and gender approaches.
- Intersectoral action on the social and environmental determinants of health to make inequalities visible and advance toward health equity.

04 Protect the population through the prevention, preparedness, detection, surveillance and response to disease outbreaks, emergencies and disasters, and the effects of climate change that affect the health of the population.

Strategic Deliverables

- Health system risk management in the face of multiple hazards.
- Core capacities of the International Health Regulations (IHR) to prevent, prepare for and respond to all types of public health emergencies of international concern.

05 Strengthen and facilitate Peru's role in regional and global health development cooperation.

Strategic Deliverables

- Cooperation among countries and positioning of Peru in international arenas.
- Identification and documentation of good practices and institutions of excellence in the country.

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