



2015
ANNUAL REPORT

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Improving Health Changing Futures



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

DEAR HEALTH CHAMPIONS,

In my final year as Chair of the Board of Trustees of PAHO Foundation, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this role promoting public health for the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. I would also like to extend my personal gratitude to my fellow Trustees, new and sustaining donors, the tireless staff of PAHO Foundation and countless others who support the mission in ways too numerous to mention. My commitment to service and support to public health for the Americas began early in my life with the significant contributions of my father, Dr. Pedro Acha. In his life long career at PAHO, and today, I am proud that the Acha name is embedded in the fundamental identity of this organization and in the service it provides.

This year, we launched our first mission and scoping trip to Peru in support of our Women's Cancer initiative. Participants on the trip noted the impact of current investments in the Foundation's work in Peru and experienced the critical need for better preventative measures. As a participant in this trip, it further affirmed my already strong belief that the Foundation's work is not only valuable, but vital to continue the improvement in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in women in Peru and other countries in the Americas.

As I turn over the reins to a new chair, I encourage your continued efforts and service, knowing that together we can make a difference in the public health challenges of people in Latin America and the Caribbean. I leave with pride in the accomplishments made possible by your support and ask for your continued engagement and support in the years to come.

SIMONE ACHA
Chair of the Board of Trustees



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

DEAR HEALTH CHAMPIONS,

What a year it has been for PAHO Foundation. We successfully rebranded, refreshed our Vision and restructured our operations to more closely align with our Mission and capacity to serve the region. We are building a highly experienced and engaged staff with visionary partners, a strong Board of Trustees, and Scientific and Medical Advisors who, together, will accelerate PAHO Foundation into its next chapter. Today, we are prepared with the skills, capacity and relevance to better identify, support and model key solutions responsive to the region exemplified through our ongoing initiatives addressing Women's Cancer, Meningococcal, Dengue, Antimicrobial Resistance, and more recently the Zika Virus.

With the emerging health threats such as Ebola, we are challenged to reassess the global impact of intractable public health issues. We must consider the need for robust surveillance systems, amplified investment in public health infrastructure, universal access to healthcare, and relevant training supported by private-public partnerships to offset the burden to our social, economic and environmental systems. Responsively, we launched our first regional assessment activity to accelerate current initiatives in Peru. Accompanied by partners, we met with local political and health leaders and volunteers to discuss and agree upon novel approaches to improving women's cancer treatment, survivability and education. Outcomes included direct contact with patients participating in the programs and from their disclosures of benefits from PAHO Foundation's efforts, they affirmed my already strong belief that the Foundation's work is not only valuable, but absolutely necessary.

As I look back at my first full year as the President and CEO, I would be remiss not to acknowledge and thank all of our wonderful partners, donors, advocates, and staff, whose dedication and drive made this year such a success. Your hard work and passion to make a difference motivates me every day. I look forward to leading the Foundation into the new year and am proud to serve as its President and CEO.

DR. JENNIE WARD-ROBINSON
President & CEO of PAHO Foundation

PERU SCOPING TRIP

OUR IMPACT

Women's Cancer Initiative



PERU SCOPING TRIP

Board Chair, Simone Acha's experience on the Peru Scoping Trip for PAHO Foundation's Women's Cancer Initiative

The team on the scoping trip, which consisted of myself, other Trustees, PAHO Foundation staff, and representatives from Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon (PRRR®), had just walked out of the oncology department of Maria del Triunfo, a local reference hospital in the outskirts of Lima, Peru. You could not help but notice that this in-patient hospital was in an area that was not only difficult to get to, but lacking the resources it needed to serve the region's large population.

As we took our seats on the bus, the doctor who had given us the hospital tour, eagerly flagged down our driver. A younger woman, dressed in plain clothing and noticeably in some pain, trailed slowly behind her. She clutched her purse to her chest and shyly asked, in Spanish, if she could address the group. With tears welling up in her eyes, she shared that she was a breast cancer patient at Maria del Triunfo where she had been undergoing treatment. Thanks to early detection, she was doing well and had found new hope! She looked around the bus, locking eyes with each one of us and thanked us all, saying she heard that we were there to find ways the Foundation could help Peru address women's cancers. The woman expressed deep gratitude and admiration for our group's dedication and mission, and thanks to her faith and organizations like us, she knew she had a second chance at life. "With your help, we can give second chances to other women just like me." Before stepping off the vehicle she offered a blessing to all of us and said to continue working hard.

This was a defining moment in the trip for me. Meeting a person who has and continues to benefit from our work instantaneously bolstered my commitment to the Women's Cancer Initiative and to PAHO Foundation. Moments like these remind me of why I chose to become involved at PAHO Foundation and carry out the legacy of the Acha family so many years later.

WHO WE ARE

Improving the health and wellbeing of the people of the Americas is at the heart of PAHO Foundation's work. As an independent nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, we are committed to enabling better health and a brighter future for people across the Americas.

WHAT WE DO

Founded in 1969, PAHO Foundation delivers its mission by mobilizing resources, convening leaders and collaborating with partners to develop, evaluate and foster the implementation of regionally relevant public health models. These models are intended to have a profound and positive impact on seemingly intractable problems undermining the health and prosperity of people in the Americas. Our goal is to ensure the development of sustainable models that can be replicated and scaled across Latin America and the Caribbean.

WHERE WE WORK

PAHO Foundation works within the Americas region and specifically seeks to support vulnerable populations with health needs in Latin America and the Caribbean.



“ Our work will accelerate access to universal healthcare to improve and sustain the health of people in the Americas. ”

PAHO FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT



ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE & STEWARDSHIP (AMR/AMS)

2015 INITIATIVE RESULTS

Combating the rise of drug-resistant infections

To address the growing challenge of AMR, PAHO Foundation is collaborating with PAHO, Merck, IFPMA, AMIIF and FIFARMA, to lead the development of a multi-sector AMR initiative to support the efforts of Latin American and Caribbean countries. By holding an AMR Summit in 2017 in the region, we will convene key non-governmental stakeholders to achieve the following three goals:

- Develop a broad understanding of the current issue and case for action;
- Improve multisector collaboration and capacities for AMR, prevention, control and surveillance in the LAC Region through building private/public partnerships to develop innovative solutions to combat AMR via communication, advocacy, funding, policy and practice; and
- Create a momentum towards cultural change and investment in alternatives to the extensive overuse and misuse of antibiotics.

WOMEN'S CANCER

2015 INITIATIVE RESULTS

Bolstering women's cancer programs & registries in the LAC

- With the support of IFPMA, Bristol Myers Squibb and Pfizer, PAHO Foundation coordinated a joint scoping mission with Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon (PRRR®) to Peru in July 2015, hosted by the PAHO/WHO country office.
- The scoping team met with the Ministry of Health, the National Cancer Institute and many other local partners engaged in cancer prevention, treatment, and control. The success of this trip led to the development of a joint project proposal to expand and sustain enhanced prevention, treatment and care for women who lack healthcare access.
- PAHO Foundation secured an additional contribution of \$100,000 from IFPMA for a Women's Cancer Forum.





DENGUE FEVER

2015 INITIATIVE RESULTS

Working towards better prevention & control of dengue in the Americas

- Convened at PAHO Headquarters in May 2015, the “Management, Control and Elimination of Vector-Borne Diseases: Strengthening of Entomology” meeting strengthened the Integrated Vector Management (IVM) component of the program in the Americas and included a comprehensive review of the current entomology knowledge and practices of the region.
- The new Integrated Management System, IMS-Dengue 2015, and the Regional Dengue Program were presented at the 14th International Dengue Course in Cuba in August 2015.
- PAHO/WHO collaborated with the Centers for Dengue, the Institute of Epidemiologic Diagnosis and Reference - InDRE (Mexico), FioCruz (Brazil), representatives from WHO’s Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, officials from WHO’s Laboratory Strengthening, and the Biorisk Management Global Capacities Alert and Response to strengthen diagnostic procedures for dengue in National Reference Laboratories.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

2015 INITIATIVE RESULTS

Strengthening surveillance, reducing outbreaks

- Strengthened meningococcal surveillance systems and determined the true burden of meningococcal disease in focus countries including Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Uruguay
- Implemented a meningococcal disease events management strategy to provide technical cooperation to national health authorities and stakeholders supporting them, and augmented the all-hazards early warning and response mechanisms of national surveillance systems
- Began the production of training materials and manuals on infection control and prevention in health care settings



FINANCIALS

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS (M USD)

Liabilities	2015	2014
Accounts Payable	35	36
Accrued & Other Liabilities	1,997	145
Grant Payable, NET	0	0
Program-Related Investment Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities	2,032	181

Net Assets	2015	2014
Temporarily RESTRICTED	1,906	2,992
Unrestricted	2,823	3,331
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$6,761	\$6,504

ASSETS (M USD)

Cash	569	1,389
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	4,327	3,842
Program-Related Investment Assets, NET	1,715	1,270
Property & Equipment NET	150	2
Total Expenses	\$6,761	\$6,504

To address the growing challenge of AMR/AMS, PAHO Foundation is collaborating with various partners including PAHO, Merck, IFPMA, AMIIF and FIFARMA to lead the development of a multi-sector initiative to support the efforts of Latin American and Caribbean leaders.

Ongoing efforts will culminate in 2017 at an AMR/AMS Summit held in the region, where we will convene crucial non-governmental stakeholders to achieve the following four goals:

- Highlight gaps and opportunities to address AMR/AMS
- Foster a case for responsive action
- Support capacity for prevention, control, and surveillance through building partnerships
- Foster opportunity for cultural change and increased investment in alternatives to the extensive use of antibiotics

Health
Systems
Strengthening

\$103,829

Communicable
Diseases

\$2,028,523

Non-Communicable
Diseases

\$399,421

Annual
Awards
Program

\$22,215

FINANCIALS

“ *The greatest wealth is health.* ”

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (M USD)

Revenue & Gains	2015	2014
Contributions & Other Income	3,113	3,591
Investment Income	79	249
Gain on Debt Extinguishment	0	556
Total Revenue & Gains	3,192	4,396
Expenses		
Grants	1,577	290
Fundraising	441	276
Program & Administrative	2,769	886
Total Expenses	4,787	1,454
Change in NET Assets	(1,595)	2,944
Unrestricted NET Assets, Begining of Year	6,324	3,380
Unrestricted NET Assets, End of the Year	\$4,729	\$6,324

For the year ending 31-December-2015, the net assets increased 5% in comparison to the year ending 31-December-2014.

With a 14% year over year decrease, PAHO Foundation was successful in achieving a year over year five fold increase grant funding to complete the mission.

For the year ending 31-December-2015, the Foundation experienced an expected three fold increase in program and administrative expenses to scale up Infrastructure for programmatic delivery capability for Global Communicable Diseases, particularly AMR.



Thank You

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GRACIAS, OBRIGADO & MERCI!

YOUR HELP MAKES ALL THE *difference*

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WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2016?

PAHO FOUNDATION PRIORITY AREAS

**ANTIMICROBIAL
RESISTANCE &
STEWARDSHIP
(AMR & AMS)**

**NEGLECTED
TROPICAL DISEASES
& ZIKA VIRUS
(NTDS & ZIKV)**

**NON-COMMUNICABLE
DISEASES
(NCDS)**
*Adolescent health, cancer
& diabetes*

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

In order to continue serving the vulnerable populations and communities in the Americas, we call on you for support. Through your selfless donations, charitable matching gift programs, Amazon Smile purchases and innovative partnerships, we are able to fulfill our mission in the region and improve the quality of life for all. Help us make seismic change in the Americas through one of the following:

DONATIONS

Big-hearted contributions from individuals or organizations help fund our amazing work. The Foundation accepts donations via our website, paypal or U.S. mail.

MATCHING GIFTS

Contact your employer's human resources department to find out if they offer a matching gift program, which can double or even triple your contribution to PAHO Foundation!

AMAZON SMILE

When purchasing an item on smile. Amazon.com, select PAHO Foundation as your charitable organization of choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the total to our mission.

PARTNERSHIPS

By bridging gaps in need through non-traditional, private-public partnerships, we are able to generate long-lasting impact in the region. Become a partner by emailing:

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