

Health Systems

PAHO Foundation works to develop and improve current health systems to eliminate inequities in care among the people of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Rationale



Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) has seen substantial social and economic changes over the years. However, it is a region with high disparity rates when it comes to economic development and population health. This is a direct result of economic, social, and political inequalities in the region. PAHO Foundation understands that ineffective health systems must be improved by using a cross-sectoral approach and not a siloed method. The Foundation acknowledges that health is the base for the successful development of a country, so we must work to improve health outcomes as a means of enabling sustainable social and economic advancements.

Current Areas of Focus



The Foundation supports comprehensive health care without discrimination, quality service contoured to a patient's needs, and effective and affordable health care for all those in LAC. Our current focuses in improving health systems are:

- Access to Care
- Surveillance
- Policy

Goal

The overall goal is to improve health systems in the LAC region. Improved health systems will lead to stronger prevention strategies, enhanced service delivery, and better patient-centered health outcomes.

PAHO Foundation Approach

The Foundation's approach asserts that optimum public health exists within the interactions of complex systems that create conditions conducive to healthy and productive lives. Our framework highlights the existence of these systems and the intractability of challenges within sectors ranging from family/community practices, culture, nutrition, and the environment to policies and responsive capacities. Each sector contributes to the complexity and challenges that constrain the development of effective and sustainable solutions. Below is the Foundation's Framework©.



PAHO Foundation Framework©

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