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UNFPA works with the Health Regional Administration and the Education Regional Administration to benefit youth of the region.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND - UNFPA VISITED UCAYALI

In order to strengthen cooperation linkages with the Regional Government of Ucayali, Mr. Esteban Caballero, UNFPA Representative for Peru and Director for Chile and Uruguay visited the city of Pucallpa on April 30th.

UNFPA's work in the Ucayali region goes back to 2005 with the project "Voces Más Fuertes" ("Louder Voices") that aims to improve health and education services, strengthen the participation and information of male and females adolescents, support the Regional Government and the respective Regional administrations with technical assistance in order to decrease unwanted adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.

In this visit, UNFPA, which carries out coordinated work with the Health Regional Administration and the Education Regional Administration, announced:

- ✓ the extension of the "Louder Voices" Project to the districts of Campoverde, Nueva Requena, Masisea, and Iparía, with a vision that is inclusive of the population of fewer resources,
- ✓ the execution of the Situational Analysis of the Region's Population,
- ✓ the technical assistance for information gathering on socio-cultural aspects and prevention strategies for Amazonian populations on the issues of: STI / HIV/AIDS, sex education, sexual and reproductive health services.



Photo: Professor Manuel Rocha, Education Regional Director of Ucayali and Mr. Esteban Caballero, UNFPA Representative.



En la foto: In the picture: Dr. Jorge Velásquez Portocarrero, President of the Ucayali Region, Mr. Esteban Caballero, UNFPA Representative, and Claudia Saravia, UNFPA Youth Officer.



Photo: Meeting with the community nucleus of the Mercedes health post in Pucallpa, composed of staff and health promoters, as well as youth of the zone.

The agenda of the UNFPA Representative included a visit to the Health and Education Regional Administrations, as well as an interview in the morning with Doctor Jorge Portocarrero, the Regional President of Ucayali.

En In the afternoon, Mr. Caballero visited the institutions involved in the project and had the opportunity to talk with actors of the "Louder Voices" project, and returned to Lima in the evening..

IMPORTANT DATA ON THE UCAYALI REGION

THEME: : UNWANTED PREGNANCY IN ADOLESCENTS

High prevalence of problems related to sexual and reproductive health



Photo: Peer educators belong to the Ucayali's youth organizations and perform roles of counseling and training..

Pregnant adolescents between 10 - 14 years	385 cases (1.8 % of women between 10 - 14)
Pregnant adolescents between 15 - 19 years	4,024 cases (16.54 % of women between 15 - 19)
Pregnant adolescents between 10 - 19 years	240 (0.50 % of women between 10 - 19)

THEME: STI / HIV / AIDS

Youth, part of the affected population

STI in adolescents between 10 - 14 years	234 (0.43 % of adolescents between 10 - 14)
STI in adolescents between 15 - 19 years	1,434 cases (2.95 % of adolescents between 15 - 19)
HIV new cases	54 of which 20 were younger than 24 years (37 %)
AIDS deaths: :	16 dead of which 9 were younger than 30 years (56 %)



Photo: Mr. Esteban Caballero, UNFPA's Representative, with the peer educators of the advisory poles of San Fernando, 9 de Octubre, and Yarinacocha.

Source: *Area de Etapa de Vida Adolescente - DIRESA Ucayali 2007. Estrategia de Control de ITS/VIH*