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PROPOSALS TO APPROACH THE AGING PROCESS OF THE POPULATION ARE DEBATE

The Working Committee of NGO's and Related Organizations on the Elderly (Peru Committee) with the sponsorship of the United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA and Help Age, organized the Forum “Social Policies and Strategies to Solve Poverty: Challenges of the Demographic Transition in the Public Agenda”, which was held on May 14 in the UNFPA premises.

The Program included the participation of Walter Mendoza, UNFPA Population and Development Officer, who presented a lecture on the “Transcendence of the Brasilia Declaration in State Policies for Aging of the Population” and Pedro Francke from ForoSalud, approached the issue of “Quality of Investment in Public Health and its Impact as Social Determinant in Development Strategies”. Besides participated: Giovanna Abad from HELPAGE Perú, the economist Augusto Portocarrero, Jaime Cáceres from IPEMIN and Miguel Romero from the network ANANPER.

Mrs. Martha Vega, representative of the Working Board on the Elderly, shared with participants the following conclusions of the event: :

- * The trend toward accelerated aging of the population has been confirmed, which has an impact on the age structure. This demands improvement of public policies regarding population and social protection.
- * At present, there is an increase in the working age population; this available labor force is an opportunity benefiting development (Demographic Bonus). However, in order to take advantage of it adequately, State public policies are required on the issues of social security and promotion of paid employment.
- * Public investment does not express what the country has achieved in terms of economic growth. This poses the need for greater attention by the State to redistributive policies that benefit vulnerable sectors of the population, among them, the elderly.
- * It is necessary to share practices and learning in order to improve the relationship between the State and society.
- * It is necessary to obtain the commitment of specialized contribution from the institutional diversity of civil society, in order to outline a working agenda that expresses a common strategy to find answers to the aging process the country is experiencing.



Photo: Dr. Sara Vega, General Director of the Family and the Community from the Minister of the Women and Social Development and Esteban Caballero, UNFPA Representative.



Photo: Walter Mendoza, UNFPA Population and Development Officer in his speech.



Photo: Jaime Cáceres, from IPEMIN, Martha Vega, representative of the Working Board on the Elderly, Walter Mendoza, from UNFPA and Miguel Romero from the network ANANPER.



Photo: Representatives from the Civil Society share their opinions in the event.