

Partnering for Better Health

In Peru



Since 1986, INMED Partnerships for Children and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) have worked together through a diverse range of projects to improve the health of women and children, families and communities in Latin America. In the last 2 decades, our partnership has taken us from the far reaches of the Amazon to the remote regions of Brazil. Our work has healed, uplifted, encouraged and transformed more than 9 million lives for the better. Following is an overview of our key programs in Peru.

MASS DEWORMING & DISEASE PREVENTION

For the past 25 years, INMED and J&J Global Health have partnered on ongoing regional campaigns to combat the widespread health problem of soil-transmitted helminth (STH) infection, also known as intestinal worms—a leading cause of anemia and malnutrition in Peruvian children. Our efforts have now become a major component of the Ministry of Health’s 5-year “National Plan for the Reduction and Control of Anemia and Chronic Child Malnutrition in Peru,” which include:

- 2 National Deworming Days and enough J&J-donated Vermox™ to treat 6M people annually through 2022.
- Preventive health, hygiene, sanitation and nutrition education to reduce reinfection.
- Support for the national effort to improve nutrition for school-aged children.

Because of INMED and J&J, Peru is poised to be the first endemic country in 70 years to eliminate STH as a public health problem.

MATERNAL & INFANT HEALTH

INMED and J&J have played a key role in improving maternal and infant health outcomes in remote regions of the country for decades via a comprehensive program of:

- Educating health care providers in best practices.
- Training traditional birth attendants in home-based lifesaving skills.
- Assessing the quality and needs of health care facilities.
- Increasing the care-seeking knowledge and behaviors of pregnant/postpartum women.
- Delivering health education in indigenous languages.
- Conducting hand-washing campaigns to reduce transmission of infectious disease.
- Engaging communities in sustaining the positive changes created via the program.



Peru President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski takes Vermox™ on the first National Deworming Day in June.

Community Health Worker Training

J&J-funded training by INMED’s in-country affiliate, INMED Andes, has led to profound changes in knowledge and behaviors documented by an independent evaluation—

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adaptation and implementation of health education materials in indigenous languages, the establishment of maternity waiting homes, and the introduction of traditional practices, such as vertical birthing to promote institutional delivery among the indigenous populations at highest risk for maternal and infant mortality.

[Need to highlight some key outcomes here...how many CHWs trained, etc.]

Casas de Espera

One of the most important achievements of the INMED-J&J Healthy Babies program was the establishment of the first maternity waiting homes (casas de espera) in Peru's Ucayali region.

Designed for late-stage pregnant women who live far from health facilities, these small guest houses allow women to live with their families near well-equipped and staffed birthing facilities.

Women from remote regions are encouraged to stay for the few weeks or days leading up to delivery, as well as for the immediate postpartum period. The maternity waiting homes are attended by health professionals and community health agents, who receive extensive training by INMED Andes in cooperation with regional and local health agencies.

To date, INMED has facilitated the development of 8 maternity waiting homes in 3 regions of Peru.



DISASTER RELIEF

INMED and J&J provided disaster relief to families whose homes and communities were devastated by record flooding in Peru last spring. INMED Andes distributed thousands of hygiene kits, including special supplies for families with infants and toddlers supported by Peru's Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion. In partnership with Peru's Ministry of Health, INMED Andes also worked with J&J to facilitate mass deworming campaigns in the hardest hit regions, where displaced families have been living in refugee camps with little access to clean water and sanitation.

Our team provided a similar disaster response in 2010, when heavy storms caused massive flooding across Pernambuco, Brazil, leaving 80,000 homeless. J&J made a cash grant and donated 125,000 personal hygiene products and more than 20,000 health education posters and fliers to promote handwashing, obtaining and consuming clean water and maintaining sanitation.



We Get Results!

Highlight a list of key outcomes here...

There is still much to accomplish...

Promoting Climate Change Resilience



Partners for

- Instituto Superior Pedagógico Público Bilingüe de Yarinacocha
- Universidad Nacional Intercultural de la Amazonía
- Fe y Alegria school
- Ventanilla District,

Adaptive

- Callao Province
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Arrarte Family
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

we have found that aquaponic systems offer enormous socio-economic value in this era of climate change. Consider these advantages:

- **Resource Conservation** At least 10 times more productive than equivalently sized plots farmed traditionally.
 - No chemical fertilizers or pesticides
 - Uses 85-90% less water than traditional irrigation.
- **Food Security:** Resistant to climate change in most cases.
 - Year-round harvests.
 - Modular and easily scalable.

INMED: Building Health Partnerships for the Future

INMED Partnerships for Children is an international humanitarian organization that catalyzes multi-lateral partnerships to empower vulnerable children and families to overcome poverty, disease, climate change and instability. Since 1986, INMED has built alliances in more than 100 countries (15 in Latin America) to protect children from the imminent and irreversible harm of disease, hunger, abuse, neglect, violence or instability. Through a broad range of health, education, family support, agriculture and community development programs, INMED works to create opportunities that inspire hope, build self-reliance and encourage community collaboration to sustain positive change.

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