During July 2013 expedition, on the following dates, in the neighborhoods and villages of:

7/15/2013: Belén, Iquitos

7/17/2013: Nuevo Punchana, Iquitos

7/18/2013: Progreso, Iquitos

7/23/2013: San Francisco, river Marañón

7/24/2013: Amazonas, river Marañón

7/25/2013: Jaldar, river Yarapa

7/25/2013: Nuevo Jerusalén, river Tahuayo

7/26/2013: Libertad, river Ucayali

7/27/2013: Nuevo Loreto, river Yarapa
We handed out and distributed the following:

500 condoms

150 folders with information on HIV-prevention and available resources (produced by the Regional Government)

150 posters with HIV, domestic violence and alcoholism prevention messages (produced by AP)

100 leaflets defining violence against women, with excerpts from Peruvian Law on violence against women and domestic violence (prepared by AP)

20 educational folders on HIV-prevention (produced by AP)

2 DVDs with educational program on HIV prevention (produced by AP in 2009)

Select activities and accomplishments:
2 educational program promoters (Lupe from Lazos de Vida and Alana—Jose Luis’ daughter who is an obstetrician and started working with us) were trained in communicative (interactive) teaching methodologies. The 30-hour training comprised theoretical, practical and evaluative components and took place in our Iquitos office and during our Iquitos clinics.

We processed the results of Jessica Jefferson’s (MA in Global Development U of Florida program) 3-month research on health and environmental concerns of the inhabitants of the Yarapa and Marañon villages. The data further helped us design a new part to the educational program which focuses on synergies between health and environmental protection. Waste management and prevention of environmental pollution (by plastics) were the first topics taught at the Yarapa expedition workshops.

In anticipation of AP’s Cervical Cancer Screening Campaign, we prepared and executed Prevention Workshops in order to sensitize the population to the causes and to the concept of preventive exams. These workshops, whose reception was encouraging, took place both at the clinics in Iquitos and in the Yarapa villages. Contingent on funding, we would like to repeat the workshops and conduct them in other locations.

In the city of Iquitos, we further strengthened our collaboration with Lazos de Vida, a local organization of promoters living with HIV. We shared resources in the form of teaching and informational materials, and visited the house with our volunteers. The regional government has recently bought a new house for the 10 orphans living with HIV that the organization is taking care of. Consequently, the President of Lazos has supplied us with a budget for the men’s house that we intend to establish.
In order to expand our women’s rights program, we researched Peruvian legislative and its procedural variants in cases of reported violence against women and domestic violence. Handouts and graphs with relevant summaries were prepared prior to the expedition, and distributed during our women’s rights workshops.

Related to this issue, we made house-call interventions in reported cases of alcohol-induced domestic violence and spousal abuse which were further discussed in the presence of local authorities.

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