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General framework.

Primary Health Care (PHC) holds a pronounced position in regional and global agendas as an approach to health that involves the society as a whole, aiming to maximize access to, the level of quality of, and the distribution of health and wellness services by addressing three main components: a) integrated health services, focused on primary care and essential public health functions; b) multisectoral policies and practices; and c) the capacity for action and decision-making of individuals and communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated paradoxical realities and new collective health problems requiring innovative and collaborative responses. Certain groups have suffered the interruption of essential health services and have been pushed into situations of social exclusion. Meanwhile, health services and systems are incorporating advanced technologies in the field of care, data management and digital transformation, which challenge regulatory systems and the practices of health service providers.

Uruguay has an important track record of efforts to strengthen its health system towards the creation of more equitable, accessible, and sustainable health services. Since the creation of the National Integrated Health System (SNIS for its acronym in Spanish) efforts to overcome fragmentation and better coordinate care around the needs of individuals, their families and communities have been a constant. These efforts range from specific local initiatives for single primary care centers, to processes of change in the model of care promoted by the National Health Board (JUNASA for its acronym in Spanish), which may include different levels of care, complexity, or community interventions. However, the empirical evidence, the technical knowledge derived from these efforts and the operational know-how about these processes often remain tacit knowledge, only available to the front-line workers, community leaders and managers or policy makers involved in the implementation of such efforts.

The National Forum on Primary Health Care, and the call for Best Practices in PHC carried out by the Uruguayan Health Intelligence Node (NISU for its acronym in Spanish), seek to identify, and highlight experiences, initiatives and tacit or explicit knowledge of the Uruguayan health system.

The Ministry of Public Health and the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI), with the support of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), have been working to establish the necessary conditions for the establishment of a national repository of Best Practices within the NISU to be able to systematize and share the information coming from the practices

The National Forum on Primary Health Care constitutes an effort to provide spaces for debate and to develop a common base of knowledge, with contributions from various institutional actors, disciplinary approaches, intersections of territorial, generational, social, gender, and intersectoral practices, with an inclusive approach, respect for diversity and human rights.

General Objective.

To give visibility to the progress made on PHC Uruguay, and to generate inputs for a national agenda with an aim of further strengthening the PHC, within the framework of the SNIS.

Specific objectives.

- Exchange knowledge and lessons learnt from the Best Practices in PHC rated as excellent and/or promising.
- Identify critical aspects to be addressed in a future national PHC agenda about various themes: Human Resources, Resoluteness and Quality of Care, Mental Health, and Community Approach to socio-environmental health determinants.

Time	Theme	Panelists / participants	Modality and theme
08:00	Participant registration		
08:30	Opening of the NATIONAL PHC FORUM Moderator: Patricia Schroeder. MOH	Karina Rando. Minister of Public Health, Uruguay Rodrigo Ferrés. President of the Board of Directors of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI). Fernando Bertolotto. Dean, School of Nursing. UDELAR. Arturo Briva. Dean, School of Medicine. UDELAR. Hernán Montenegro. PAHO/WHO Representative in Uruguay Francisco Benavides. UNICEF Representative in Uruguay Pablo Ruiz Hiebra. United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uruguay	Welcoming remarks by the authorities.
09:00	Current developments of PHC at the Global level	Helena Legido-Quigley. Professor of Health Systems Science. Imperial College of London	Conference
09:30	Moderator: Wilson Benia. PAH0/WH0.	Exchange with participants	Questions and Answers
10.00	Coffee BREAK		
		THEME 1. Room A	
11:00	HUMAN RESOURCES FOR PHC Moderator: Maira Castro. UDELAR Note-taking: Marcela Schenck. PAHO/WHO	Challenge: Definition of national Primary Health: equipment, staffing and incentives.	Brief statement of the challenge
11:10		Vision from Academia Jaqueline Ponzo. Prof. President of the Ibero-American Confederation of Family Medicine - CIMF. View from the National Health Authorities. Gabriela Pradere. DEMPESA - DIGESNIS. Gap estimation proposal for medical specialties	Brief statements
11:30		Presentation of Best Practices SACUDE Center. UDA Montevideo. Ariel Díaz Salvador Allende Center. UDA Canelones. Elizabeth Olavarria International postgraduate training on Nursing and PHC. FENF. UDELAR. Fernando Bertolotto San Bautista Polyclinic. UDA Santoral. Martín Oliveira	Summary Presentation
12.00		Comments and exchange with participants.	Guiding question: how to strengthen PHC and improve SNIS, with a public-private engagement, and a system of incentives for health personnel?

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	THEMATIC AREA 2. Room B					
11:00	MENTAL HEALTH AND PHC Moderator: Nora D'Oliveira. UNICEF. Note-taking: Are Izquierdo Skjaer PAHO/WHO	Challenge: Between the new law and the territory, gaps and questions.	Brief statement of the challenge			
11:10		 Vision from the technical perspective. Camila Solis. PAHO/WHO. Vision from the National Health Authorities. Alejandra Moreira. MOH 	Short presentations.			
11:30		Best Practices Presentation SIPIAV Barros Blancos: interdisciplinarity to prevent and treat situations of vio-lence. FMED-UDELAR. Julio Braida Approach to sexual diversity as a public policy: ASSE, CASMU-IAMPP, Collective "Ovejas Negras", Municipality of Montevideo. Daniel Márquez y Florencia Forrisi Accessibility and resoluteness in mental health from a territorial and network perspective. CS Giordano. Primary Health Network - RAP Metropolitan Area. ASSE. Gonzalo di Pascua y Ana Monza	Summary Presentation			
12:00		Interactive session with participants	Guiding Question: how to advance a community-ba- sed ap-proach in the public and private sectors?			
13:00	LUNCH					
		THEMATIC AREA 3. Room A				
14:00		• Desafío: Como resolver y dar contención el 80% de los problemas de salud	Brief presentation of the challenge			
14:10		Vision from the technical perspective. Sergio Minué. PAHO/WHO Management Vision. Daniel Strozzi. ASSE. Gustavo Musetti. COSEM	Brief presentations.			
14:30	RESOLUTENESS AND QUALITY OF ATTENTION Moderator: Jacquelin Coronato. DIGESA. MSP. Note-taking: Marcela Schenck. PAHO/WHO	Presentation of Best Practices • Fight against HIV and AIDS stigma, universal access to testing. Health Care Service. Municipality of Montevideo. Verónica Sánchez • Education and Follow-up of the Asthmatic Child and Family (ESNAYF). SMQS. Salto. Ivonne Bruno y Mónica González • Comprehensive health care for the deaf. Polyclinic Tiraparé Municipality of Montevideo. Andrea Hernández • Comprehensive care and people-centered intersectoral tuberculosis treatment and improved adherence to treatment in Montevideo and Metropolitan Area. Gabriela Amaya	Summary Presentation			
15:00		Comments and exchange with participants	Guiding Question: how to advance in the public-private complementarity in PHC?			

Eje TEMÁTICO 4. Sala B						
14:00		Challenge: Intersectoral Action, and the action of the of the action of the Organized Community rganized community	Brief statement			
14:10	APPROACHING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF OF HEALTH FROM A COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE Moderator: Rosario Berterretche. PAHO/WHO Note-taking: Are Izquierdo Skjaer. PAHO/WHO	 From the technical point of view. Pablo Anzalone. MyCS Network From the point of view of the National Health Authorities. Andres Montaño. Health Department Director, Río Negro. 	Short presentations			
14:30		Presentación de Prácticas Rural women. Canelones, ASSE. Marcela Cuadrado Interinstitutional rural health fair. CAMEDUR-IAMPP. Isaura Filippini Territorial strengthening and participatory co-management. "More health in the neighborhoods". Health mobile units. Municipality of Montevideo. Virginia Cardozo Healthy Heart Group at the Barrio Sur Polyclinic in Municipality B: A form of community engagement. Eva Bustamante	Summary Presentation			
15:00		Comments and exchange with participants.	Guiding Question how to move forward: SNIS at the base public-private territorial for community approach?			
16:00	Coffee BREAK					
16:30	Policy perspectives on the development of a future agenda for strengthening PHC in the SNIS Coordinator: Gabriela Gomez. MOH	 Daniel Salinas. Former Minister of Public Health. Cristina Lustemberg. Former Undersecretary of Public Health. Omar Lafluf. Mayor of Río Negro Department. Luis Gallo. Former President of JUNASA. 	Two questions: Which strengths of the SNIS do wneed to protect improve PHC? What do we need to resolve in the future of the SN to strengthen PHC?			
17:30	Award Ceremony: Best Practices in PHC 2023 Contest Authorities and members of the Evaluation Committee	10 PRACTICES OF EXCELLENCE. PROMISING PRACTICES				
18:00	CLOSING OF THE FORUM					

