

Ophthalmological Campaigns in the Northeast of the Peruvian Jungle

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The Jungle Ophthalmological Prevention and Rehabilitation Institute (IPROS) is a non-profit organization located in the San Martín region in Peru that, together with its ally the Jungle Ophthalmological Clinic, has been carrying out ophthalmological medical campaigns in the different districts. from the eastern region of the country for more than 9 years.

The initiative stems from the commitment and effort of the Bandino ophthalmologist and renowned promoter of eye health at a national and international level, MO Luis Felipe Arévalo, who since his medical training at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos has dreamed of providing a quality visual health accessible to the entire community of San Martín and with the appropriate technology for that purpose.

At IPROS we work hard to bring eye health services to the greatest number of people, especially those in remote areas that do not have access to this type of service.

Our goal is to contribute to reducing the rate of ophthalmological pathologies, especially those linked to reversible blindness and to improve primary and preventive care for eye pathologies prevalent in our region.

To this end, IPROS carries out monthly ophthalmological campaigns in different districts and areas of the region through its mobile unit equipped and qualified to perform minor ophthalmological procedures and surgeries. Likewise, the success of your reception depends on the team of specialists, their advanced technology and the support of the COS that complement comprehensive ophthalmological care.

Since its foundation, IPROS has carried out more than 200 ophthalmological medical campaigns and more than 3,000 surgeries per year with social costs and at zero cost, in addition to donations of between 500 and a thousand glasses per year for children with refractive disorders, thanks to the support of international entities. such as See International, Sight Surgery International and Charity Vision.

IPROS believes in the promotion and development of a culture in visual health as a pillar of well-being. For this reason, it organizes educational activities in basic visual health aimed at the community, and guided teaching in screening and ruling out basic pathologies in health personnel in populated centers.

We are currently the only institution in the eastern part of the country that is duly equipped and has a professional staff that is permanently active in the community. We are committed to reducing preventable diseases and we are the first place in the eradication of senile cataract with projection to increase the number of annual campaigns and reach the farthest corners of the region.



Image 1: Mobile unit adapted to perform minor ophthalmological surgeries with all the standards required at the national level.



Image 2: Postoperative field patients in the same locality.



Image 3: Rural area patients being evaluated by the ophthalmology specialist.



Image 4: Patient from rural area before and after being operated for bilateral cataract.



Image 5: Patients undergoing ophthalmological triage.



Image 6: Specialist doctor performing low-risk ophthalmological surgery in the mobile unit.



Image 7: Highly trained personnel performing refractions in campaign.



Image 8: Patients from rural areas being interviewed in the campaign.



Image 9: Breaking the cultural barrier in the campaign: we receive patients from native communities.
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