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Dear Friends:

Our Web site was very honored by information sent by Dr. Julio Frenk, Mexico's Minister of Health and a leader in health sector reform in LAC, updating our information on his country's NHA. Up to 1998, FUNSALUD – a Mexican NGO - had been doing NHA exercises. However, the National Health Program 2001-2006 proposed by the Ministry of Health, establishes as a priority the institutionalization of national and state health accounts in order to strengthen the stewardship function of the health system. They have been working on this project for the past year, both nationally and with four states at regional level. They have also trained another five states to carry out their own regional health accounts. Nationally, the information from NHA has been used mainly by the strategic planning office. Regionally, states have produced the budget for next year based on state health accounts information. Mexico is very interested in sharing these experiences during the NHA Symposium next year. They believe that their experience is important to contribute to the debate of the uses of health accounts for policy planning.

We have also received important contributions from Colombia and Venezuela, and even from the Philippines! We are adding these to our Country Profiles, which we expect will continue to grow in information quantity and quality. We are looking for a key person in each country, who wishes to appropriate the idea of being the link with us in connection with NHA. We want to hear your reaction to this idea so please contact me at info@lachealthaccounts.org if you are interested.

Each section of our Web site is growing in content. We have recently reviewed the section on Efficiency and have added several new documents, particularly on cost-effectiveness. We are also creating a new section on HIV/AIDS, where you will find the specialized NHA and other relevant material on the economics of HIV/AIDS, in conjunction with the International AIDS Economics Network at www.IAEN.org. There is one important deadline to be aware of this month. The registration date for the Masters degree in Public Health offered by the La Plata University in Argentina is November 30.

Once more, we appreciate your interest and collaboration. And please remember to join our Professionals Network to display your contact information for others!

Yours very truly,

Magdalena Rathe
Editor

** Call for Assistance **

We need your input! We try to include bi-monthly updates from the LAC HA Steering Committee on each country page on the Web site, but we need more. If you work in a specific country, are participating in a project, or have resources or data to share about the status of health accounts in your country, we welcome your input. In fact, it is essential to us! I can assure you that this is going to be very helpful to other researchers and you can also promote your own work. Please submit whatever information on health accounts in your country of study that you have to us on our contribution page< <http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/en/feedback.php>> or email it to <mailto:info@lachealthaccounts.org>.

**** NEW DOCUMENTS & RESOURCES AVAILABLE ****

The following resources have recently been added to the LAC Health Accounts Web site:

“Child Mortality and Public Spending on Health: How Much Does Money Matter?” by Deon Filmer and Lant Pritchett of The World Bank. The authors use cross-national data to examine the impact of both non-health factors (economic, educational, cultural) and public spending on health in determining child (under 5) and infant mortality. This can be found in the “Questions About Efficiency” page of the site and also at the following URL:

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1349_Child_mortality.pdf>

“Health and Labor Productivity: Economic Impact of Onchocercal Skin Disease (OSD)” by the Team from the Onchocerciasis Unit at The World Bank and the Team from the Institute of Pathobiology at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This paper is a study of the economic impact of health status on productivity and income. It studies the existence and magnitude of the adverse economic impact of onchocercal skin disease (OSD) on the labor force at a coffee plantation in southwest Ethiopia.

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1350_Cost_benefit_analysis.pdf>

“Cost Analysis and Efficiency Indicators for Health Care: Report 4” by the Department of Planning, Ministry of Health and Population, Data for Decision Making, Harvard School of Public Health, and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health. The paper is a summary output for 19 primary health care facilities in Alexandria, Bani Suef and Suez, Egypt during 1993-94.

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1351_Costo_efectividad_atenci%F3n_primaria.pdf>

“Cost Effectiveness of HIV Prevention in Developing Countries” by Elliot Marseille, Stephen F. Morin, Chris Collins, Todd Summers, Thomas Coates, and James G. Kahn. This document posits that HIV prevention interventions in developing countries can reduce the incidence of HIV infection and sometimes save financial resources in the process.

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1352_Costo_efectividad_en_SIDA.pdf>

“Workshop on Using Cost-Effectiveness Analysis to Identify a Package of Priority Health Interventions, 1994” by Julia Walsh, Hassan Salah, and Kristen Purdy. The workshop introduces the methodology of cost-effectiveness analysis and its use in health planning to health officials at the central and governorate levels in Egypt.

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1356_Taller_costo_efectividad.pdf>

“Workshop on Using Cost-Effectiveness Analysis to Identify a Package of Priority Health Interventions, 1995” by Julia Walsh, Hassan Salah, and Kristen Purdy. In this six-day workshop organized by the Directorate of Planning of the Ministry of Health and the Data for Decision Making Project, teams from the governorates of Beni Suef, Alexandria, and Suez in Egypt presented preliminary data from costing studies at a dozen health facilities and four hospitals.

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1353_Egipto.pdf>

“Selecting an Essential Package of Health Services Using Cost Effectiveness Analysis: A Manual for Professionals in Developing Countries” by Logan Brenzel. This manual provides practical guidelines for estimating the burden of disease at national or regional level, and for calculating the cost-effectiveness of alternative packages of health interventions.

<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1354_Logan.pdf>

“Valuing Mortality Reductions in India: A Study of Compensating Wage Differentials” by Nathalie B. Simon, Maureen L. Cropper, Anna Alberini, and Seema Arora. This paper attempts to shed light on the issue of Values of a Statistical Life (VSL) by conducting a compensating wage study in one developing country - India - to obtain estimates of the VSL that reflect Indian risk preferences. <http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1357_Value_of_mortality_reduction.pdf>

"The Value of Preventing Malaria in Tembien, Ethiopia" by Maureen L. Cropper, Mitiku Haile, Julian A. Lampiotti, Christine Poulos, and Dale Whittington. This study measures the monetary value households place on preventing malaria in Tigray, Ethiopia.
<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1358_Value_of_preventing_malaria.pdf>

La Plata University, in Argentina, offers a new Masters in Public Health Program. The deadline for registration is November 30, so please visit this site soon. See the link in the Related Organizations section on the Argentina page or at the following link:
<<http://atlas.med.unlp.edu.ar/centroinus/>> The site is in Spanish.

"The Philippines National Health Accounts Projections: 1999-2004." An exploratory study for estimating the national health expenditures for CY 2004 based on the Health Sector Reform Agenda (HSRA) target. See the link in the Related Documents section on the Planning Policy page or at the following link: <http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1364_PhilippinesNHA.pdf>

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NOTA DE LA EDITORA

Estimados amigos y amigas:

Estamos encantados con el éxito que está teniendo nuestra página Web y agradecemos a todos ustedes el interés y su cooperación. Acabamos de recibir una actualización de la información

relacionada con México, de parte de su Ministro de Salud, el Dr. Julio Frenk, uno de los líderes latinoamericanos en la reforma del sector salud. Nos comenta que en el Plan Estratégico del Sector Salud, 2001-2006, se define como una prioridad nacional la institucionalización de las CNS, que son ahora coordinadas por el Ministerio y que antes eran elaboradas por FUNSAALUD, una importante ONG del sector. Durante el pasado año trabajaron duramente tanto a nivel nacional como estadual, habiendo producido las cuentas de cuatro estados y el entrenamiento a grupos de cinco estados adicionales. Al nivel nacional, las cuentas de salud son utilizadas par el planeamiento estratégico y al nivel regional, son la base de la elaboración del presupuesto. La experiencia mexicana puede ser de mucha utilidad para los demás países, en lo que concierne al uso de las CNS para fines de política y el Ministerio está interesado en compartirla en el próximo simposio mundial de CNS.

Hemos recibido también importantes colaboraciones desde Colombia y Venezuela, e incluso, ¡desde Filipinas! Todo esto se irá añadiendo paulatinamente a nuestros Perfiles de Países, que esperamos continúen creciendo en cantidad y calidad de información. Estamos buscando una persona clave en cada país, que quiera adueñarse del tema y servir de enlace permanente para mejorar los datos y noticias relevantes. Esperamos la respuesta de ustedes a esta idea.

Cada una de las secciones de nuestra página va creciendo en contenido. Recientemente hemos añadido una gran cantidad de material en la sección de eficiencia, particularmente sobre el tema de costo efectividad. Asimismo, estamos creando una sección sobre economía de VIH/SIDA, donde se agruparán las cuentas de salud especializada y otro material que pueda ser de interés para ustedes. Hay una fecha importante este mes. El ultimo dia para registrase en la Maestria de Salud Publica ofrecida por La Univiersidad de La Plata en Argentina es el 30 de Noviembre.

Una vez más, agradecemos su respuesta y colaboración. No olviden inscribirse en nuestra Red de Profesionales.

Muy cordialmente,

Magdalena Rathe
Editora

¡Necesitamos su colaboración! Trataremos de incluir cada dos meses, actualizaciones en la página de cada país, provenientes del Comité Interinstitucional de Cuentas Nacionales de Salud para ALC. Si usted trabaja en algún proyecto específico o tiene datos que informar sobre el estado de las cuentas de salud en su país, agradeceríamos mucho sus observaciones. De hecho, ¡consideramos que esto es esencial! Les aseguramos que esto será de mucha ayuda para otros investigadores como usted a la vez que puede promover su propio trabajo. Por favor, envíenos cualquier información sobre las cuentas de salud de su país a nuestra página de colaboración <<http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/es/feedback.php>>.

**** DISPONIBILIDAD DE NUEVOS DOCUMENTOS Y RECURSOS ****

Los siguientes documentos han sido agregados recientemente a la página Internet de Cuentas de Salud ALC:

“Tendencias de Largo Plazo en Tamaño, Eficiencia y Focalizacion del Gasto Social en America Latina y El Caribe.” <http://www.lachealthaccounts.org/files/1355_Microsoft_Word_-_TENDENCIAS.pdf>

Biblioteca Virtual en Salud (BVS) para la promoción de la cooperación técnica en información hacia y entre los países de América Latine y el Caribe. <<http://equidad.bvsalud.org/>>

La Universidad de La Plata, en Argentina, ofrece un nuevo Programa de Maestría en Salud Pública. El plazo de registracion termina el 30 de Noviembre. Por favor visiten este sitio pronto.
<<http://atlas.med.unlp.edu.ar/centroinus/>>

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