Insights into Peruvian Healthcare

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Overview of Program

- International Volunteer Headquarters
  - Maximo Nivel

- Why Peru?
Scope of Project

- Healthcare program - Chocco Health Clinic
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- Observed in OB/GYN, laboratory, pediatric departments
  - Spanish?
- Assisted with basic duties
- Daily journals
- Interviews
- Research paper
Impact of Our Experience

- Cultural comparisons
  - Technology
  - Resources/supplies
  - Doctor-patient relationship
  - Wait time
  - Cost
  - Confidentiality
Cultural Impact
Research- Decreasing Child Mortality in Peru

- 23% decrease in poverty since the early 1990s
- Projected to reach the 4th MDG goal by 2015
  - Has already decreased by 76% since 1990
- Increase use of vaccines
  - DTP3 (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), POL3, HepB, yellow fever
- Human efforts
  - Increasing education
  - Access to proper health care
  - Innovated programs
Research - Abortions

- Abortions illegal
  - Threat to health or life of the mother
  - Roman Catholicism

- 52 per 1,000 Peruvian women ages 15-49

- Approximately 30% of induced abortions end in medical complications
  - Insertion of objects
  - Toxic liquids
  - Overdose
  - Untrained individuals
Future Implications

- Professional aspirations
  - Women’s healthcare

- Experience in healthcare setting

- Cultural awareness and appreciation
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