

## Initiatives for the Prevention and Control of Zika Virus are awarded in Peru



USAID Peru, Diresa Piura, and ASSIST Peru Project officials accompanied by representatives of the awarded C.S. Catacaos team

**Perú, May 31st, 2019.-** The USAID ASSIST Zika Perú Project, the Regional Directive of Salud Piura, I-4 Catacaos Health Center all participated in the third edition of the “Good Practices for the Prevention and Control of Zika” awards organized by the Ministry of Health, CARE Peru and Ciudadanos al día; to identify and recognize the initiatives that promote citizen wellness via the prevention and control of the Zika virus throughout different regions of the country and award outstanding and effective good practices.

The 3 candidates for the Tumbes y Piura regions, are:

- From the Regional Directive of Salud Piura: Improving the quality of health care of pregnant women and newborns to prevent Zika virus infection in the Piura region.
- From I-4 Catacaos Health Center: Integral and multi-sectional intervention for the prevention of Zika.
- From I-4 Zorritos Health Center: Deficient organization and commitment from health care personnel to achieve the access and involvement of pregnant women and their partners regarding Zika.

In total, 36 applications for the 3rd edition of the “Good Practices in Prevention and Control of Zika” award were presented from the education, health, local government sectors of Cajamarca, Tumbes, Piura and Laén.

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Because of their implementation of outstanding expertise, the judges acknowledged the I-4 Catacaos Health Center in Piura for their good practices in the integral and multi-sectional intervention for the prevention of Zika.

*“The work takes place in zones where there is a risk of encountering the Aedes aegypti mosquito, we carry out home visits to supervise carrier presence via community monitoring, sociocultural resources such as films or informational fairs and the training of the center’s health care workers and by implementing their input in critical areas to improve processes and care for the patient via the ASSIST Project”, commented Catherine Munoz, in charge of Responsible Health Care promotion for I-4 Catacaos Health Center.*

Also highlighted during the awards ceremony were the Regional Directive of Piura and the ASSIST Zika Project for their public/private agent cooperation nomination “for the improvement of quality health care for pregnant women and newborns for the prevention of Zika in the Piura region”.

Dr. Christian Requena, Chief of Party USAID ASSIST Zika Perú Project, pointed out that the goal of participating was to identify and recognize initiatives for the prevention and control of the Zika virus and to disseminate these so that they can serve as models to be duplicated in different regions of the country and institutionalized in public policies that would contribute to the reduction of cases. “The regions of Piura and Tumbes have innovative initiatives that have enabled us to stand up to Zika to avoid transmission, particularly to those most vulnerable populations such as pregnant women and their babies at risk of being born with microencephaly.”



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