

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS EMERGENT VIRUS

A Project for Colombia

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

- Expand the participants' professional networks, build partnerships and future collaborations;
- Examine the public health system in the United States and explore health care services at the national, state, and local levels;
- Highlight collaborative efforts between national and local government agencies, NGOs, and international organizations in combating public health challenges;
- Explore health care delivery to underserved and disadvantaged populations; and
- Look at the role of community outreach and public awareness practices related to public health issues.

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Mr. Pedro Jose ARANGO PADILLA
District Secretary of Health, Barranquilla

Ms. Claudia Milena CUELLAR SEGURA
Director, Epidemiology and Demography, Ministry of Health

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Ms. Erica Natalia TOLOSA PEREZ
Epidemiology Doctor, National Health Institute

Mr. Jonathan VARGAS LAVERDE
Director, National Scientific, Profamilia

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: **Mr. Pedro Jose ARANGO PADILLA**

Present Position: District Secretary of Health, Barranquilla

Concurrent Positions: Professor, Simon Bolivar University

Previous Positions: Professor, San Martín University, 2003 - 2014
Analyst, INCOBRA Laboratories, 1989 - 1992
Director, Biological Sciences, Nuestra Señora del Carmen High School, 1987 - 1989

Education/Training: Master's Degree, Public Health, Universidad del Norte, 2012
Specialist, Environmental Education Planning, Santo Tomás University, 2000
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Publications: Article, "*Dengue in Barranquilla: Epidemiological and Clinic Aspects*", Pedro José Arango, Acta Médica Colombiana, 1999
Article, "*Pupal-productivity Surveys to Identify the Container Habitats of Aedes Aegypti*", The Principal Seaport of Colombia, Pedro José Arango, Annals of Tropical Medicine & Parasitology, Liverpool, Volume, 100, 2006
Article, "*Entomological and Epidemiological Aspects of the Panstrongylus Presence in the Perimeter of Barranquilla City*", Pedro José Arango, Biomedical Magazine, Volume 27, Supplement No. 2, 2007

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Other Travel: Not available

Professional Background: **Dr. Pedro Jose Arango Padilla** is experienced with vector-borne diseases in Colombia. Moreover, his work as Barranquilla District Secretary of Health has provided him with knowledge on the front lines of the Zika epidemic, as Barranquilla was the epicenter.

Name: **Ms. Claudia Milena CUELLAR SEGURA**

Present Position: Director, Epidemiology and Demography, Ministry of Health

Previous Positions: Coordinator, Group of Knowledge Management and Information Sources, Coordinator Office of Epidemiology, Meissen Hospital

Education/Training: Medical Doctorate Degree, Medicine, University Juan N. Corpas, 2001
Specialist, Epidemiology, University of Nuestra Señora del Rosario, 2007
Master's Degree, Hospital Infections and Epidemiology, Valparaiso University, Chile, 2015

Memberships: Member, Colombian Association of Infectology, 2010

Publications: *“Investigation, Incidence and Prevalence of Risk Factors in Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip”*, Claudia Milena Cuellar Segura, Department of Orthopedics and Traumatology. 2001
“Clinical University Hospital San Rafael”, Bogota, D.C, 2001

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Professional Background: As Director of Epidemiology at the Ministry of Health, **Dr. Claudia Cuellar Segura** has experienced a large epidemic when researching for treatment to Colombia's fight against Zika. Ms. Segura is a member of the Colombia Association of Infectology and has earned her Medical Doctorate degree from the University Juan N. Corpas.

Name: **Ms. Catizza Elsy MONTENEGRO DIAZ**

Present Position: Psychologist Consultant, Sexual Health, Reproductive Health, Adolescent Young Adults, Profamilia, Santa Marta Office

Previous Positions: Psychologist , Psychiatric Patient Care , Elderly and Recovery Drug Addicts, Thorax Hospital Santa Marta, Magdalena, 2001 - 2001
National Project Coordinator, Health Care to Displaced Population, Profamilia, Santa Marta Office, 2002 - 2011

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Professional Background: **Ms. Catizza Elsy Montenegro Diaz** is part of the Profamilia's Interdisciplinary team of orientation and attention. Ms. Diaz has experience in sexual and reproductive health prevention activities. Through her experience in project management with emphasis on humanitarian assistance in Profamilia, Ms. Diaz participated in the development and technical assistance of projects that contribute to the promotion and defense of the exercise of sexual and reproductive rights for adults, adolescents and young most vulnerable in Colombia.

Name: **Ms. Erica Natalia TOLOSA PEREZ**

Present Position: Epidemiology Doctor, National Health Institute

Previous Positions: Viral Epatitis Watcher, National Health Institute, 2013 - 2015
Emergency Room Doctor, Pablo VI Hospital, 2009 - 2012

Education/Training: Medical Doctorate Degree, Medicine, National University of Colombia, 2008
Specialization, Epidemiology, Juan N. Corpas University, 2015
Master's Degree, Public Health, National University of Colombia, 2016

Memberships: Member, Alumni Association of Medicine Students of National University of Colombia (AEXMUN), 2008

Publications: Report, "*Outbreak Event of Unknown Etiology in the Municipality of El Carmen de Bolívar*", Erica Natalia Tolosa Pérez, Fortnightly National Epidemiological Report, Volume 20 No. 3-4, 2015
Report, "*Study Cluster of Cases of Hepatitis B in the Penitentiary of Medium and High Security (EPMAS) 'Doña Juana'*", Municipality of La Dorada (Caldas), Erica Natalia Tolosa Pérez, Fortnightly National Epidemiological Report, Volume 2, No.6, 2016

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Professional Background: **Dr. Erica Natalia Toloso Perez** is the public health official whose duties directly relate to Zika in Colombia. She is specifically dedicated to tracking the disease at the National Institute of Health. She received her Medical Doctorate degree from the National University of Colombia and is a member of the Alumni Association of Medicine Students of National University of Colombia.

Name: **Mr. Jonathan VARGAS LAVERDE**

Present Position: Director, Director National Scientific, Profamilia

Previous Positions: Medical Director, Profamilia, YEAR?
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Education/Training: Master's Degree, Sexual and Reproductive Health, University El Bosque, 2016
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Professional Background: **Mr. Jonathan Vargas Laverde** is the National Scientific Director of Profamilia. He has a key role in building, design and implementation of projects that integrate the provision of health services in the vulnerable population. Mr. Laverde is responsible for creating and updating protocols and medical-care procedures as well as the provision of the technical guidelines in Profamilia for high standards of quality and safety in health services in 33 clinics across 27 cities, most of them located below 2,200 meters above sea level, where there is presence of transmitting vectors of Zika virus.