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DEVELOPING A MIGRANT HEALTH POLICY IN CATALONIA (SPAIN)

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DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES 2000-2011
CATALAN GOVERNMENT

IMMIGRATION AND HEALTH PLAN
STRATEGIC GOALS

1. To get to know the health situation and services utilization of migrant groups.

2. To develop strategies to improve access to the HS and the quality of the health care provided to migrant population
1. Health needs and health services utilization by migrant population in Catalonia.

2. Experiences in research and health policies related with immigration in other European countries: the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland.

3. Costs in relation with emergency services attendance.

4. Perceptions and needs of health professionals in relation with foreign population care.

5. Health policies for migrant population at national and international levels.
WHAT WE DID?

- Reception Plan
- Professionals Training Plan
- Intercultural Mediation Plan
ELABORATION OF PROTOCOLS, GUIDES AND SUPPORT MATERIALS
Intercultural Mediation plan: objectives

1. Define profiles and competences of Mediators
2. Define the situation of the mediation in Catalonia
3. Calculate the mediators needs
4. Define the intercultural mediation model
5. Fundraising: Social Foundation of a Financial Institution (LA CAIXA) for 2008 to 2012
6. Implementation
7. Evaluation
Actions 2008-2012: Implementation of the Intercultural Mediation Plan

• Train and certificate (Health Studies Institute): 51 senior mediators

• Train and certificate (HSI) junior mediators: 25 on 2008 and 25 on 2009 (50 in total)

• Create a coordination team to support the implementation project

• Develop a dissemination Plan through the health system

• Evaluate the project
  • Mediation Activity
  • Qualitative evaluation
THE PRESENT

• Economic crisis and Poverty increases.

• Raise a political interest on the health problems of the vulnerable population and their special needs in a difficult economical context.

• Need to raise funds to keep working at the community level: new project approved by la Caixa Foundation to keep some of the intercultural mediators and to establish a community health program for migrant population in Catalonia.
KEY ISSUES in an economical difficult context?

- POLITICAL INTEREST
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION
- TO FIGURE OUT MORE OPTIONS TO THE CURRENT HEALTH SYSTEMS:
  - Work at community level emphasizing the importance of health prevention and promotion.
  - Private-Public Partnership
- POPULATION HEALTH IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF THE HS:
  Education, social services, housing, labour….need to improve and collaborate. We have to work all together
THANKS

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