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Sacred Valley Health: A Global Organization with a Local Impact

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Objectives

Critically reflect upon....

- components that contribute to the sustainability of international health education programs.
- potential benefits of interdisciplinary and interagency partnerships between international health education programs, universities, and professional associations.

Introduction

- Research has demonstrated global health experiences have a lasting positive impact on students (Smith & Curry, 2011).
- Global experiences are enhanced when partnered with sustainable organizations (Powell, Gilliss, Hewitt, & Flint, 2010).
- Sustainability is more likely to occur with programs focused on long term transformative change (Powell et al., 2010).

Sacred Valley Health

- US 501 c3 nonprofit organization working in Ollantaytambo, Peru
- Mission: promote health in the underserved, rural communities of Peru's Sacred Valley through increased access, education, and community empowerment.
- Trains community elected promotoras (community health workers) to provide basic health care and health education
- Community health workers increase access to health and improve health outcomes (Lewin et al., 2006)

Promotora Program



Impact of SVH *Promotoras*

- Facilitated access to care for more than 2,550 community members
- Provided medical treatment to 887 individuals
- Educational home visits to 768 individuals
- Performed 115 community presentations
 - Educating more than 3,140 individuals





Docente Program

- Train the Trainer implemented in 2014
- Training 8 new *promotoras* in 4 communities
 - Increase access to health services
 - Improve health outcomes
 - Empowerment
 - Part-time employment to 5 women



Keys to Collaboration

- Beneficial to both parties
- Shared mission and vision
- Clear expectations
- Pre-departure education
- Embracing the adventure
- Strong leadership



Partnerships with SVH

- Interdisciplinary groups
- Nursing schools
- Public health programs
- Medical schools
- GlobeMed
- Sigma Theta Tau
 - University of Rochester Epsilon Xi chapter



Partnership Achievements

- 17+ university trips in the last 3 years
- Health education campaigns
 - 2014 -579 children and 312 adults
 - 2015- 418 children and 173 adults
- 2016 projections for participants
 - 97 university students
 - 10 high school students

Qualitative Student Feedback

Emerging themes:

(1) an appreciation of the global perspective of health care

(2) improved understanding of preventative services and education

(3) enhanced cultural knowledge and competence

(4) a desire for continued service opportunities




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Implications for Future Collaborations

- University partnerships
- Sigma Theta Tau
 - Foster interdisciplinary collaboration
 - Global experience
 - Individual professional development
 - Increase chapter member engagement



Thank you!

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