



The Dermatología Comunitaria project provides dermatological services and expertise to remote communities in Argentina.

Three different components help to improve the quality of dermatological care and skin health knowledge in remote communities across the country. As a result of its success, the project has been replicated in Uruguay and Chile, where school children now attend photo-educational workshops.

Over
680 people
benefited from
Dermatología
Comunitaria
in 2018



336 children attended photo-educational training in 2018



261 patients were treated in the mobile dermatology clinic



97 teledermatology consultations provided

Training local healthcare workers through workshops delivered by specialist dermatologists



85 healthcare workers attended the 2018 training workshops



14 volunteer dermatologists supported the project in 2018

Photo-educational workshops for school children



Dermatological clinical assistance through mobile clinics and teledermatology consultations



18 workshops were delivered by 14 volunteer dermatologists



51 volunteer hours donated by 14 dermatologists



Training local healthcare workers

Why

To **increase** dermatology awareness, education and practical **skills** among healthcare workers at the community level.

How

Delivered **multi-faceted** training sessions in a workshop format to community healthcare workers.

Specialist dermatologists volunteered their time to deliver these workshops.

What happened

Local practitioners **gained knowledge** on common dermatological conditions, diagnostic **tools**, referral criteria and therapeutic options, as well as how to perform a skin biopsy.

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Photo-educational workshops for school children

Why

To **educate** school children about the negative effects of ultraviolet radiation on our skin and how to protect against it.

To **prevent** sun-induced dermatological illnesses from a young age.

How

Taught school children about **sun safety** through theatrical workshops.

Workshops consisted of a brief introductory talk about the solar system, a short educational video which was followed by fun exercises and games.

Children received a 'skin scientist' diploma as a reward for attending the workshop.

What happened

The educational video is now included as a regular activity in the curriculum of public schools in the Neuquen province of Argentina, as well as having been uploaded to various public health websites.

The workshops have been **replicated** in both Uruguay and Chile.

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Providing dermatological treatment

Why

To **increase access** to good quality dermatological care to rural communities facing socio-economic and geographical barriers.

How

A free-of-charge dermatological mobile clinic was available to people in the local community during the Jornada.

Specialists delivering the dermatological workshops **collaborated** with local practitioners to provide dermatological consultations to community members.

In addition to this, the Neuquen Public Health Teledermatology platform was used to enable general physicians from all over the Neuquen province to make formal consultations and follow-up with patients.

What happened

Patients had access to **high quality** dermatological care from specialist dermatologists.

Increased the skills of the local practitioners through practical hands-on experience during the clinic, as well as through the training workshops.

The teledermatology platform promoted the exchange of knowledge and quick consultations **overcoming the barrier** of geographical distance from the patient.

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