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
- 85 healthcare workers attended the 2018 training workshops
- 261 patients were treated in the mobile dermatology clinic
- 97 teledermatology consultations provided
- 14 volunteer dermatologists supported the project in 2018
- 18 workshops were delivered by 14 volunteer dermatologists
- 336 children attended photo-educational training in 2018
- 51 volunteer hours donated by 14 dermatologists
- Dermatological clinical assistance through mobile clinics and teledermatology consultations
- Training local healthcare workers through workshops delivered by specialist dermatologists

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Dermatología Comunitaria Argentina
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.

85 healthcare workers attended the 2018 workshops.

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.

**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.

336 children attended photo-educational training in 2018.

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.

261 patients were treated in the mobile dermatology clinic.

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