

INTRODUCTION:

Salud Para Todo Los Niños is a collaboration between FNE International, Richmond Global Health Alliance (RGHA) and the Nicaraguan Health system.

Consultative and Comprehensive

We see children referred by the local physicians and seek to provide holistic care – ranging from durable medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs) and medications to counseling and education to support for education and housing.

Interdisciplinary and Collaborative

SPTLN includes both Nicaraguan and US-based health care providers, including physicians, nurses, psychologists, physical therapists, and occupational therapists.

Deliberative to be scalable

Our goal is to identify treatment pathways within the context of the local healthcare system and to improve ongoing local health care by supporting training and connecting additional resources.

Long-term commitment

With FNE's track record of over 20 years involvement in the Leon region, and RGHA's leadership of more than 10 years experience delivering health care in limited resource settings, we intend to continue working and expanding so that our mission is achieved.



BACKGROUND:

In Nicaragua, poverty afflicts over 40% of the population with the majority living within rural areas subsisting on incomes of less than \$1/day. While the economy experiencing substantial growth and stability in recent years, access to general healthcare is limited and the development of healthcare resources is lagging for the public health sector.

Simply listing the statistics obscures the fact that many dedicated

physicians and nurses strive daily to provide excellent care with limited resources. Medical care for children with complex conditions and chronic diseases is challenging even in resource rich countries; limited resources in countries such as Nicaragua only make the challenges greater. The psychologic toll of patients, families, and providers due to stress, frustration, and burnout are all related to the challenges of coordinating resources and taking care of sick children.



APPROACH:

The approach of SPTLN is innovative. We aim to leverage private, public, local and international resources to augment existing systems of care.

First, we provide support, coordination, and direct medical care for patient enrolled in our program, and work to improve the child's health and quality of life. This includes subsidization for and access to medications for chronic conditions such as asthma or hypothyroidism, transportation to testing and appointments, and equipment such as wheelchairs, splints, and beds.

Second, we connect with local institutions, aimed at providing resources for the dedicated healthcare professionals and programs in Nicaragua through donations, funding, and brigade support.

Finally, we advocate for systematic, sustainable change to ensure that our patients received long-term care.

