In 2003, upon initiating my mandate as the new Director of the Pan American Health Organization, I declared that the 21st century would be the century of networks—of increased connectivity and interdependence—and that such progress would enable us to overcome the barriers of space and time and to open heretofore unimaginable possibilities for humankind. I can say that, in the years since, PAHO has stimulated those networks, exponentially multiplying the available social capital and linking people and institutions in a vast web of support that includes all of the Hemisphere’s inhabitants. This has been a fundamental step toward ensuring that our knowledge and experience flow into new modalities of technical cooperation exchange for sustainable human development.

In the second year of my second term as Director, I am optimistic that the progress achieved in networking will help to meet one of PAHO’s primary objectives: providing health information that the inhabitants of the Americas need to address their most pressing health problems. Reaching this potential has demanded that we review the traditional forms of information access and dissemination and ensure that we make optimal use of today’s groundbreaking advancements in technology. At the same time, our continual assessments of the needs and demands of our users indicate that although Internet access has grown in the Region, allowing us to disseminate products and services electronically; we cannot abandon alternative forms of delivery for those who still have difficulty accessing information electronically.

Our 2009 Publications Catalog offers a greater array of electronic books than in past years. Many of these books originate from and were produced in the PAHO member countries to respond more directly to national health issues and problems. You will find titles on tuberculosis originating from Colombia, Mexico, and Panama; titles on mental health from Guatemala and on child health from Nicaragua; titles on HIV from Honduras and the Dominican Republic; and titles on human resources development from Argentina and Uruguay. In addition, you will see that the catalog is now a tool that facilitates access to other PAHO information services such as the virtual campus, national virtual health libraries, PAHO’s machine translation program, and a self-instructional CD focusing on inequalities.

The catalog continues to include the products of the PAHO Publishing program, the interactive Journal (http://revista.paho.org), and the online bookstore (http://publications.paho.org). We offer regional PAHO publications in a great range of subject areas including alcohol and primary health care, malnutrition in infants and young children in Latin America, recommendations for the treatment of diarrhea, the invisible economy and gender-based inequalities, and an intercultural health vision for the indigenous populations of the Americas, as well as a series on human rights and health.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that, beginning with this year’s edition, the PAHO Publications Catalog will be distributed in electronic format only—but in such a way that users in different countries will be able to reproduce it locally. This initiative is guided by our concern for the environment and, specifically, our goal of reducing the destruction of trees to produce paper.

In the 21st century, our Organization considers it fundamental to take advantage of the new technologies available to expand the scope of the information we produce. This will facilitate access to and the exchange of information among greater numbers of our Region’s population, a process that is crucial for the achievement of PAHO’s mission. I hope that the products included in the 2009 Publications Catalog will serve as instruments for reaching the targets of the Millennium Development Goals in the road toward Health for All.

—Dr. Mirta Roses Periago
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

UNHAPPY HOURS: ALCOHOL AND PARTNER AGGRESSION IN THE AMERICAS

For many years, PAHO has steadfastly worked to combat gender-based violence, promote gender equality, and construct more just societies. The publication of *Unhappy Hours: Alcohol and Partner Aggression in the Americas* is the latest contribution in the Organization’s effort to better understand partner violence and, in so doing, find more effective interventions to right this wrong.

The book explores the relationship between alcohol consumption and partner violence, presenting for the first time a comparative and international analysis of alcohol consumption and partner aggression within a gender perspective. Despite wide differences between countries and cultures, there are common characteristics and trends across countries regarding the relationship between alcohol and partner violence. The book includes individual analyses for 10 countries in the Americas, as well as a comparison of data across countries.

The Pan American Health Organization offers this publication to a variety of audiences, including the academic and research communities, students, health promoters, health professionals, communicators, ministries of public health, and the victims of partner aggression.

ALCOHOL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE AMERICAS: A CASE FOR ACTION

Alcohol consumption and drinking patterns in the Americas are at harmful levels, with regional statistics surpassing global averages for many alcohol-related problems. Numerous public health policies are accepted and supported by the public, once well-informed about the risks related to drinking. This publication explains why action is needed now, what can be done, and how, if we want to improve the health of all people in the Americas.

ALCOHOL, GENDER, CULTURE, AND HARMS IN THE AMERICAS

Alcohol is an important risk factor of morbidity and mortality in the Americas. Alcohol consumption levels in the Americas are higher, overall, than the global average, while abstinence rates for both men and women are consistently lower.

Despite WHO’s alarming estimates, alcohol-related issues continue to be a low priority in the health agendas of most countries in the Region of the Americas, and epidemiological information on alcohol consumption and related problems among men and women is scanty.

This book presents data from the Multicentric Study on Gender, Alcohol, Culture and Harm, which highlights alcohol consumption profiles and alcohol-related predictors and outcomes for 10 countries in 2005: Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, and the United States. Data from Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, Uruguay, and the United States were previously collected as part of the international study on Gender, Alcohol and Culture (GENACIS). New data using comparable indicators were collected from Belize, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Peru. Wide differences were seen in volume of alcohol consumption and heavy episodic drinking between countries, even those classified in the same WHO subregion.
NEW PUBLICATION

POLICIES FOR THE REDUCTION OF ALCOHOL-RELATED VIOLENCE THAT AFFECTS YOUNG PEOPLE

Latin America and the Caribbean is the most violent region in the world, and there is an urgent need to address the problem of violence in those countries. The leading causes of death among people between the ages of 10 and 29 years in that region include homicide, suicide, and motor vehicle crashes. With 29% of all homicides occurring in this age group, adolescents and young adults are disproportionately affected by interpersonal violence, which often occurs at more extreme levels when alcohol is involved. Unfortunately, many government initiatives to combat youth violence often fail.

This book is divided into three sections. The first examines youth alcohol consumption and the role of alcohol in violence. The second summarizes environmental prevention strategies and policies that have been found to reduce alcohol-related violence. The third offers recommendations for next steps and identifies areas in need of further research. Two case studies from Brazil and Puerto Rico are included as appendices. The document is a flipbook and can be read in either English or Spanish.

This book is intended for anyone who is interested in or works with policies or strategies that deal with alcohol-related violence.

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YOUTH: CHOICES AND CHANGE

“This excellent book is recommended to medical practitioners, health educators and planners, and those of all disciplines interested in promoting healthy behaviours in adolescents. Its comprehensive and clearly designed layout, with a summary for each section, makes it an ideal reference for both the detail and the overall view of health promotion in this age group.”

— Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health

This publication by PAHO on adolescent health and positive behavior change greatly enhances the knowledge base on this important public health issue. It presents the first-ever systematic collection and reporting of the application of behavioral change theories and models specifically to adolescents. At the same time, it represents the first attempt to incorporate a developmental perspective in the conceptual analysis of these classical theoretical constructs when applied to the various stages of adolescence.

Cultural, ethnic, and gender differences are also given special consideration, as is the role of poverty and the ability of some adolescents to secure physical and emotional well-being despite circumstances of adversity. This book additionally breaks new ground in explaining why some health promotion interventions aimed at positive adolescent behavior change produce the desired results, while others fail.

The thoroughness of the analysis extends to the diversity of geographical settings cited: from Africa to the United States, Canada to Jamaica, Brazil to the Netherlands, El Salvador to Japan, and India to Mexico, to name only a few. The experiences of the global research community presented here will undoubtedly find fertile ground among a variety of publics, including local health promoters, designers of community health promotion programs, health professionals, the academic and research community, ministries of public health and of youth affairs, those who study and those who create mass media trends, parents and teachers, school counselors, and all others who play a significant role in adolescents’ lives.
JUVENILE VIOLENCE IN THE AMERICAS: INNOVATIVE STUDIES IN RESEARCH, DIAGNOSIS, AND PREVENTION

This book briefly discusses several published works on violence among children and adolescents, organizing the research on factors related to violence by age group and type of environment and examining the environmental factors that contribute to violence and the role played by the mass media. It also presents a theoretical model that identifies the factors and processes that lead to violence or follow from it as a frame of reference for understanding how to prevent this phenomenon. Based on the model’s components, the study reviews research on violence prevention in families, schools, and communities and analyzes important case studies from the United States and Colombia. Finally, it issues recommendations for future action to reduce violence by and against children and young people in the Americas.

OPERATIONS RESEARCH ON INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

This publication aims to enhance the role of the health services in generating knowledge and in collective efforts to improve the health of the population. This publication was also designed to establish closer ties between investigators and academicians, the health services and the community, through a joint effort to generate knowledge and evaluate the interventions included in the IMCI strategy.

YOUTH-CENTERED COUNSELING FOR HIV/STI PREVENTION AND PROMOTION OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: A GUIDE FOR FRONTLINE PROVIDERS

This guide for youth-centered counseling is a tool developed to assist frontline providers in reaching young people and effectively promoting sexual health. It contains detailed and theory-based actions and methods to improve the quality of services for young people. This guide aims to help providers engage in counseling that best fits the needs and wants of youth, providing the young person with the opportunity to learn essential skills for sexual and reproductive health development.

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPATORY LOCAL ASSESSMENT: COMMUNITY COMPONENT OF THE IMCI STRATEGY

This document is intended for local personnel in the health services, the Red Cross, and other social players involved in the health area, to support them in carrying out an assessment of their local situations and health problems, especially those related to children under the age of 5. It also seeks to understand why the situation has occurred, so that a work plan can be developed that will be effective in tackling the problem.

OTHER RELATED WORKS:

BEYOND SURVIVAL: INTEGRATED DELIVERY CARE PRACTICES FOR LONG-TERM MATERNAL AND INFANT NUTRITION, HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT (SEE PAGE 18)

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Las enfermedades transmisibles matan a más de 14 millones de personas cada año, sobre todo en los países en desarrollo donde aproximadamente 46% de las defunciones se deben a enfermedades transmisibles, entre las que se incluyen el síndrome respiratorio agudo grave (SARS) y la infección por el virus de Ébola. Otros importantes vectores como la zika y el dengue también son una amenaza para la salud pública en todo el mundo. Estas enfermedades no sólo se transmiten a través de insectos vectoriales como la A. aegypti y A. albopictus, sino también a través de la contaminación del agua y la falta de saneamiento adecuado.

Para enfrentar estas amenazas, es crucial establecer estrategias de prevención y control efectivas. Estas estrategias deben centrarse en la educación, la sensibilización de la población sobre la importancia de la higiene personal y la importancia de mantener limpio el entorno, así como en la vigilancia epidemiológica y la respuesta rápida ante la aparición de casos sospechosos.

En el pasado, los programas de salud rural han estado centrados en la prevención de enfermedades, como el cólera, la fiebre tifoidea y la malaria, pero las enfermedades transmisibles ahora son un desafío que requiere una respuesta urgente. Por lo tanto, es esencial que las autoridades sanitarias, los especialistas en enfermedades emergentes y las organizaciones internacionales trabajen juntos para desarrollar y implementar programas efectivos de prevención y control de enfermedades transmisibles.
MANAGEMENT OF DEAD BODIES AFTER DISASTERS: A FIELD MANUAL FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

"...a clear, concise, and well-written resource that provides much-needed guidance to first responders who are recovering and handling dead bodies immediately after a natural disaster."

Management of the dead is one of the most difficult aspects of disaster response. It has profound and long-lasting consequences for survivors and communities. Globally, disasters claim thousands of lives each year. However, care of the deceased is often overlooked in disaster planning and the absence of guidance for first responders has recently been highlighted following several large disasters.

This field manual for first responders presents simple recommendations for non-specialists to manage the recovery, basic identification, storage, and disposal of dead bodies following disasters. It also makes suggestions about providing support to family members and communicating with the public and the media.

This manual will be useful during the immediate response to a disaster and where forensic response is unavailable. Furthermore, it will be useful for those preparing mass fatality disaster plans.

The recommendations are relevant for local, regional, and national authorities as well as for nongovernmental organizations. The principles outlined in this manual are being implemented and promoted by a variety of organizations, including the Pan American Health Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Disasters: Selected Readings

Disasters: Selected Readings highlights various aspects of planning before a disaster strikes and an effective response in its aftermath. The selections touch on such topics as the handling of supplies, dealing with mass casualties, protecting various elements of the health sector, and coping with mental health issues among survivors.

The publication is divided into three parts. The section on “Good Planning and Preparation for Safety” deals with various aspects of planning and taking measures to mitigate the effects of disasters, including how to prepare for mass casualties, how to plan for processing and handling emergency supplies, and how to think ahead and protect water supply and sewerage systems. The section on “Protecting the Health Sector” deals with assessing the risk of damage from disasters to various components of the health sector and how to protect them before a disaster strikes and during its aftermath. The last section, “Responding Effectively,” deals with various aspects of a response to a disaster, including effectively deploying field hospitals, coping with mental health issues, and processing supply donations.

Guidelines for Vulnerability Reduction in the Design of New Health Facilities

This publication, produced in conjunction with the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center for Disaster Mitigation in Health Facilities at the University of Chile, puts forward three potential levels of protection from adverse events, or performance objectives: life safety, investment protection, and functional protection. PAHO/WHO recommends that essential areas and components of hospitals be built to achieve the third and most demanding performance objective and that new health facilities be built entirely so as to meet, at a minimum, the first level of protection—life safety.

International experience has shown that applying this philosophy to the construction of a new hospital adds only about 4% to the total cost of the project. This is the maximum amount that hospital authorities, project designers, builders, and financial agents must weigh against the social, political, and economic costs arising from the interruption or total loss of vital services at the very time that they are most needed. By contrast, applying innovative approaches when designing and selecting the site of a new facility can improve its safety and efficiency without significantly increasing overall costs.

Natural Disasters: Protecting the Public’s Health

This publication outlines the health sector’s role in reducing the impact of disasters, laying out a framework that an administrator can rely on to make effective decisions in managing the health sector’s activities to reduce the consequences of disasters. It describes the overall effects of disasters on health, highlighting myths and realities, and summarizes how the health sector must organize itself to cope with disasters. The book emphasizes the multisectoral nature of disaster preparedness and sets forth guidelines for preparing health sector disaster plans, means of coordination, and special technical programs before a disaster hits. The book also includes information on the management of supplies in a disaster.

The book is primarily aimed at health sector professionals who work in disaster preparedness, response, and mitigation activities. Disaster management has become such an intersectoral enterprise, however, that anyone interested in disaster mitigation will find here a useful primer. Public health students and professors also can rely on this book in formal and informal courses.
HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH

These six pamphlets are designed to facilitate the use of international human rights instruments by government agency personnel, members of civil society organizations, PAHO technical staff, and personnel from other agencies of the United Nations and the Organization of American States. All of the pamphlets present real-life accounts related to human rights and fundamental freedoms on the following topics: people living with HIV/AIDS, people with disabilities, people exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke, older persons, indigenous peoples, and people with mental disabilities. They are useful to personnel who participate in the reform of policies, plans, programs, and public health legislation for the most vulnerable groups.

OTHER PUBLICATION OF INTEREST:
ETHICS AND LAW IN THE STUDY OF AIDS:

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EXCLUSION IN HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Millions of people in the Region of the Americas currently do not have access to health services and are excluded from the benefits of health protection systems. This issue is of growing importance in the public policy arena, not only as a social phenomenon that must be confronted and resolved, but also because of its potential use as an analytical tool to develop and evaluate interventions aimed at improving people’s health status and the performance of health systems.

Despite abundant evidence of increased inequity and loss of social protection during the past decade, national sociopolitical agendas have, in many cases, dealt with this situation in only a fragmented and indirect manner, without sufficient data regarding its magnitude, causal factors, and the affected populations.

This publication presents the results of studies conducted between 2001 and 2003 in six countries of the Region—the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, and Peru—with the objective of characterizing and measuring exclusion in health. The study forms part of a joint initiative between the Pan American Health Organization and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, and its findings have been of great use to decision makers, health and development experts, and emerging civil society groups in Latin America and the Caribbean. They provide guidance in better addressing the enormous risks facing all sectors of society as a result of globalization by enabling them to take advantage of the tremendous potential this process affords.

TRADE IN HEALTH SERVICES: GLOBAL, REGIONAL, AND COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES

This publication gathers some of the papers presented at the Inter-regional Meeting on Health and Trade: Toward the Millennium Round organized by the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization in 1999. The principal objective of the meeting was to identify and explore possible cooperation mechanisms between the health services and trade sectors in order to develop effective health protection and promotion strategies. Participants included experts on trade and health issues from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Indonesia, Switzerland, Thailand, and the United States.

The overarching conclusion emanating from the meeting was that unless the health and trade sectors develop strong linkages, health priorities will not be adequately taken into account by trade agreements currently under negotiation.

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY: THE CONTRIBUTION AND PERSPECTIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE AMERICAS

This publication addresses a wide range of issues affecting health in the global economy, including various types of economic organization and potential dangers the world faces in this new century.

It centers on experiences, opportunities, and risks in the Americas, and on the value of health in human development and of international and regional integration processes in the formulation of a new global economy. It includes articles analyzing the impact of economic reform policies on health in general, as well as monographs written from the perspective of civil society groups in specific countries.

The variety of viewpoints and lessons learned presented in this publication will be of use to decision makers, health and development experts, and emerging civil society groups in Latin America and the Caribbean. They provide guidance in better addressing the enormous risks facing all sectors of society as a result of globalization by enabling them to take advantage of the tremendous potential this process affords.

INVESTMENT IN HEALTH: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RETURNS

The Pan American Health Organization joined hands with the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, and also worked with the United Nations Development Program and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, to explore how investing in health can benefit economic growth, household productivity, and poverty alleviation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This publication collects the final reports of three research projects that examined these issues. The work published here includes noteworthy research by economists interested in health issues and by health workers who are concerned about the broader implications of good health. These findings will go a long way towards defining the critical role that health plays in overall human development.
IN THE 2004 BMA BOOK COMPETITION, THE HIGHLY COMMENDED CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH WAS PRESENTED TO THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR

BUILDING BETTER HEALTH: A HANDBOOK OF BEHAVIORAL CHANGE

“This manual, which suggests ways to improve health in our ‘global village,’ merits scrutiny by anyone concerned with health issues, whether clinical or public health-based. Summing up: Recommended to general readers, lower-division undergraduates through professionals.”

— Choice

Building Better Health: A Handbook of Behavioral Change blends tried and true disease prevention practices and behavioral science principles into a hands-on manual for health workers, community health promoters, nurses, and family physicians. Many others, such as social workers and teachers, can also learn here how to promote health and prevent disease. The book offers step-by-step instructions in behavioral change techniques to use at the society, community, family, and individual levels.

The book is structured into five sections, which detail theoretical and practical aspects of health promotion. Within the handbook’s pages there is an overview of principles of disease prevention and strategies of community health intervention, including practical examples and step-by-step planning. The book also includes an in-depth examination of the causes of morbidity, disability, and premature mortality that most seriously burden broad age groups across the life cycle and a review of the protective and risk factors for each of the leading forms of disability and death. Throughout its chapters, the book recommends simple, hands-on preventive interventions.

HEALTH PROMOTION: AN ANTHOLOGY

“[Health Promotion: An Anthology] will fill a gap on many individuals’ bookshelves, including health promotion practitioners, other health workers, and students.”

— Canadian Journal of Public Health

The studies included in this book have had a lasting impact and attest to the belief that public health requires a holistic point of view, rather than one limited to disease prevention and control. More than 50 public health experts from four continents contributed to the anthology. Their papers illustrate the diverse nature of health promotion topics and are presented in five parts: Developing a Framework, Building Healthy Public Policy, Strengthening Community Action, Developing Personal Health Skills, and Health Promotion for Specific Groups.

TOBACCO-FREE YOUTH: A “LIFE SKILLS” PRIMER

The book’s first part describes the scope of the tobacco problem in the Region, especially as it affects youth and adolescents. It delves into such issues as tobacco-related illnesses and reviews various approaches for substance-abuse prevention. The second part discusses the application of the “life skills” approach to programs designed to prevent the use of tobacco and other substances. “Life skills” programs have a proven track record of effectiveness: by teaching such skills as self-awareness, stress management, assertiveness, and negotiation, they give young people the necessary tools to resist social and media pressures to use tobacco. As such, “life skills” programs have become one of the most effective weapons in the anti-tobacco arsenal.

Health professionals, program planners, educators, and policymakers will find here a useful overview of the tobacco situation in the Region, as well as guidelines for the planning and development of “life skills” substance use prevention programs that are tailored to the needs of the Region.

HEALTH

This book presents a collection of quotes across the millennia on the place of health in the course of human events. Published in a “mini” format, this book is a journey on the meaning of health from ancient Greece and Rome to Medieval Arabia and Renaissance Europe through 19th century New England all the way to the 20th and early 21st century. By reading this book you will discover how health has always been the greatest gift to men and women.

WELL-BEING

Published in a very unique format, this collection of quotations—from Homer to the authors of books of the Bible to the drafters of the Constitutions of the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization—attests to a universal understanding of health in its all-encompassing sense: “physical, mental and social well-being.” These voices from over the centuries and from many different cultures eloquently and entertainingly characterize the varying components of physical well-being (nutrition, exercise, lifestyle, and leisure). At the same time they recognize the requisite harmony of the individual with nature, and in dimensioning the concept of health, these sages likewise seize the contribution of mental well-being.
PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH: THE USE OF SALT FLUORIDATION TO PREVENT DENTAL CARIES

“Overall, this is an excellent, cost-effective reference for oral health educators and community oral health programs. It is filled with well-researched, practical scientific, historical, technical and behavioral information about salt fluoridation.”

—Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene

Fluoridating salt to prevent dental caries is one of the most successful—and cost-effective—public health interventions in modern times. For a mere 6 cents per person per year, a country can reduce dental caries by as much as 84%. And, for every US$ 1 spent on the effort, there are savings to be gained in no-longer-needed dental treatment on the order of US$ 250 per person per year. Salt fluoridation also is highly equitable, as its benefits reach rich and poor, young and old, urban and rural dwellers, even those living in remote areas who do not have access to dental care services. For countries that have unreliable water supply systems, salt fluoridation programs avoid the problems posed by fluoridating water.

In Promoting Oral Health: The Use of Salt Fluoridation to Prevent Dental Caries you will find everything you need to know about salt fluoridation. The book’s first part traces the history of salt fluoridation programs, beginning with the earliest attempts in Switzerland in the 1950s to more recent success stories in Europe and the Americas. The second section is a how-to treatise for planning, launching, running, monitoring, and evaluating salt fluoridation programs. The third section offers recommendations for launching a salt fluoridation program, blueprints for proposing and enacting salt fluoridation legislation, and detailed standardized research protocols and sample forms for conducting epidemiological research—all essential tools for public health workers.

As more and more countries start salt fluoridation programs, Promoting Oral Health: The Use of Salt Fluoridation to Prevent Dental Caries will become an essential road map for those charged with planning and implementing them.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

This text provides guidance to policymakers considering the development of a formal complex emergency medical services (EMS) system. The book is predicated on the experience and history of models commonly found in the United States and in many European countries, and analyzes and profiles common aspects of the core elements of those systems. It is anticipated that policymakers in health and public safety ministries, national emergency commissions, nongovernmental organizations, and other bodies charged with the responsibility of establishing, overseeing, or providing EMS care can use this compilation as a frame of reference when designing their system’s model.
One of the Pan American Health Organization’s core mandates is to collect and disseminate information on health conditions and trends in the countries and territories of the Americas. One key mechanism to accomplish this mandate is to publish *Health in the Americas*, a comprehensive report exclusively devoted to tracking and analyzing the Region’s health situation. This book has been published every four years since 1954, and beginning in 2002, every five years. As such, *Health in the Americas* has become the Organization’s flagship publication, informing Member Governments on public health issues critical to policy development and decision-making.

The two volumes of *Health in the Americas* present information for the 2000–2005 period. Volume I examines health in the Americas from a Regional perspective. Among other issues, the volume’s six chapters analyze:

- the political, social, and economic context of health, as well as important demographic and mortality trends;
- the leading diseases and health problems and efforts to prevent and control them;
- the interrelationship between the environment and human living conditions;
- the structure and functioning of health systems in the Region and efforts to reform them, and the scope and impact of international cooperation in health;
- the prospects for improving health in the Region addressed by a group of internationally renowned experts who offer their comments on the “Health Agenda for the Americas, 2008–2017.”

Volume II tackles these same issues from a national perspective and includes information on progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals. This volume has 46 chapters covering information and analysis for each of the countries or territories in the Americas. *Health in the Americas* offers up-to-date information on health in the Region to government officials, public health and medical professionals, researchers, medical librarians, students, and anyone interested in health and human development in the Americas.

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HEALTH STATISTICS FROM THE AMERICAS, 2006 EDITION

Health Statistics from the Americas, 2006 Edition is the sixth in a series begun in 1991 to complement the quadrennial publication Health in the Americas. This is the second edition to be produced only in an electronic format, and it includes a special focus on the 10 leading causes of death in 31 countries of the Americas.

The 2006 edition contains mortality data for all country-years received after publication of the 2003 edition of the series. This volume presents available data for a large number of country-years—155 data-years from 42 countries. It includes 45 country-years of mortality data coded with the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9) and 110 country-years coded with the Tenth Revision of the ICD (ICD-10). These data are presented for cause groups according to the PAHO 6/61 List for tabulation of ICD-9-coded mortality and the PAHO 6/67 List for tabulation of ICD-10-coded mortality.

The publication serves to display the extensive availability of detailed mortality data in the countries of the Americas. It also highlights the importance of addressing deficiencies in data coverage and quality in order to improve the reliability and usefulness of registered mortality information. Despite improvements over the years, much more needs to be done to strengthen the civil registration and vital statistics systems in countries where they are deficient.

THE CHALLENGE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY: ISSUES AND SELECTED READINGS

Edited by four eminent epidemiologists, Dr. Carol Buck, Dr. Alvaro Llopis, Sr. Enrique Nájera, and Dr. Milton Terris, this book consolidates, for the first time, a core of 91 landmark articles on the evolution, scope and limitations, uses, and prospects of epidemiology.

An outstanding feature of the book is the inclusion of the editors’ assessments of the realm of epidemiology—where it is and where it should be going. It represents a useful tool for both students and practicing professionals and provides a much-needed frame of reference for reorienting the practice of epidemiology.
RECENT ADVANCES IN IMMUNIZATION

Thanks to the work of immunization programs throughout the Region’s countries, the peoples of the Americas now live free of indigenous polio and measles; neonatal tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis have been well-controlled; and new vaccines have been added to national immunization programs and their application has been sustained. High coverage levels have been achieved for the diseases originally covered by the Expanded Program on Immunization, as well as for hepatitis B, rubella, mumps, and *Haemophilus influenzae*.

This progress, while extraordinary, has not been even, however. Some countries still have significant proportions of their populations living in districts where coverage remains below 95%, putting them at risk for large measles outbreaks when importations of measles virus occur. Clearly, an unfinished agenda needs to be completed. Reaching children and families who live in low-coverage areas will be essential for sustaining the success of measles elimination and for achieving the new targets of eliminating rubella and congenital rubella syndrome. Some countries also will need to seriously consider the introduction of new or underutilized life-saving vaccines.

And immunization programs will need to evolve from targeting just children to including the whole family. Including the whole family will enable countries to attain higher vaccination coverage of adolescents and adults for influenza and human papilloma virus, as well as for human immunodeficiency virus and other diseases when future vaccines against them become available.

The future portends new opportunities to tackle important public health priorities with modern technologies, but the latest vaccines are much more expensive than the traditional vaccines used in childhood immunization programs. Evidence-based, informed decisions will be critical if the success of immunization programs is to be sustained. This second edition of *Recent Advances in Immunization* could not come at a better time in the evolution of national immunization programs.

VACCINES: PREVENTING DISEASE AND PROTECTING HEALTH

*Vaccines: Preventing Disease and Protecting Health* celebrates the various ways vaccines have played a role in improving the health of the world’s populations. In early sections, the book relates successful efforts to fight disease with vaccines, including the eradication of polio from the Americas and the potential contribution of new measles vaccine formulations to reducing measles mortality worldwide. It also looks at the challenges posed in using vaccines to cope with emerging and reemerging diseases and threats, such as HIV/AIDS and bioterrorism.

In subsequent sections, the authors examine the innovative efforts under way to test the efficacy of vaccines against outbreaks such as meningococcal infection in Africa, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, varicella, and hepatitis A, and they look at efforts to develop a new generation of vaccines against cholera and typhoid, shigella, and *Helicobacter pylori*. Advances in influenza vaccine development and hepatitis C are also described.

The book includes sections on the quest for vaccines against tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, dengue, malaria, and hookworm. New concepts for vaccine development, adjuvants and delivery systems such as maternal immunization, DNA vaccines, and oral vaccines derived from transgenic plants are also discussed.

Later sections deal with the use of vaccines against potential bioterrorism attacks, with a particular emphasis on smallpox and anthrax. Regulatory and safety issues related to vaccines are presented from the various perspectives of the public sector, the pharmaceutical industry, and the vaccine consumer.

The final chapter highlights the ongoing challenges of vaccine development, disease prevention, internal and external financing and sustainability of immunization programs, and the impact of health sector reform on these issues.
POLIO ERADICATION: FIELD GUIDE
This guide provides the knowledge and strategies necessary for health workers to keep the Hemisphere polio-free and to enable them to quickly and effectively control new outbreaks. More than a guide to achieving eradication, it is a reference manual for maintaining polio eradication.

ELIMINATION OF NEONATAL TETANUS: FIELD GUIDE
This publication offers a unique approach to the strategies that have made the elimination of neonatal tetanus in the Americas possible. The guide provides up-to-date information and describes innovative field techniques that can be adapted and applied throughout the Region.

This book highlights the progress made in surveillance to identify and monitor high-risk areas as well as immunization activities geared especially toward women of childbearing age who live in those areas. The objective of these activities is to complement measures such as proper care during childbirth and the puerperium and the administration of the triple vaccine against diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT) to infants and children, and of tetanus and diphtheria toxoid (TD/Td) to schoolchildren and pregnant women.

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ELIMINATION OF RUBELLA AND CONGENITAL RUBELLA SYNDROME: FIELD GUIDE
This guide offers local health workers, physicians, nurses, and other members of the health team pertinent, practical information to facilitate early detection of congenital rubella syndrome, and thereby contribute to the surveillance and control of rubella and congenital rubella syndrome. It stresses the clinical and epidemiological aspects of the disease, which will help health workers to better evaluate and appropriately manage suspected cases.

CONTROL OF YELLOW FEVER: FIELD GUIDE
Yellow fever remains an important public health problem in the Americas. Occasional cases of jungle yellow fever and the proliferation of *Aedes aegypti* across the Hemisphere are evidence of the continued high risk of reurbanization that this disease poses. The guide stresses clinical and epidemiological aspects of the disease, as well as prevention and control strategies. It also contains practical exercises related to a clinical case and the control of yellow fever outbreaks. These exercises require the use of local and regional data for training in prevention and proper case management, as well as in the strengthening of epidemiological surveillance.
NURSING IN THE AMERICAS

As we move through the 21st century, nurses will continue to play a predominant role in helping to develop better and more equitable public health services for the most vulnerable population groups. Nursing in the Americas highlights nursing’s progress and achievements in the Region of the Americas and reflects on what the nursing community can do in the future to bridge the gaps of inequality in all communities.

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PERSPECTIVES AND POSSIBILITIES OF CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF HYDATIDOSIS: REPORT OF THE PAHO/WHO WORKING GROUP

This publication presents experiences on eradicating and controlling hydatidosis, examines advanced technology in control methods, and looks at the hydatidosis panorama in Latin America. The book gathers the contributions of distinguished field scientists with experience in control and eradication programs, as well as surveillance activities and the preparation of plans of action for the eradication of the disease in various situations. Hydatid disease is under control in Argentina and Chile, and the incidence of hydatidosis has been reduced in Uruguay. This publication provides guidance to political and technical authorities in countries where hydatid disease remains a public health problem, both in terms of decision making and for organizing programs directed toward the elimination of this zoonosis.

ZOONOSES AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES COMMON TO MAN AND ANIMALS, THIRD EDITION

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In recent years, zoonoses and communicable diseases common to man and animals have gained increasing attention worldwide. Human diseases that have their origins in infected animals, such as West Nile fever and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, have highlighted the need for a better understanding of animal diseases. The ease and speed of modern travel facilitate the spread of diseases once confined to specific geographic areas, as recently occurred with the widely publicized severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) epidemic. Animal migration and trade pose a similar threat, as was shown by the outbreaks in the United States of West Nile fever and, most recently, monkeypox—two diseases not previously known in the Western Hemisphere. Each of these examples highlights the need for accurate, up-to-date information, such as that presented in the latest edition of Zoonoses and Communicable Diseases Common to Man and Animals. This edition, published for the first time in three volumes, covers:

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: THE HEALTH SECTOR RESPONDS

“This book is an important information resource for public health professionals involved in tackling gender-based violence (GBV) because it offers a summary of the main strategies developed by PAHO in Latin America. The strength of this information resource is the human perspective of GBV that makes visible women and professional voices. It is also interesting for other professionals because it breaks with the health sector’s absence in actions for tackling GBV.”

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The focus of this book is gender-based violence—and how communities can put an end to it. Violence against Women: The Health Sector Responds is the fruit of nearly a decade of field experiences by PAHO and its partners—at the community, national, and international levels—in 10 Latin American countries. The book shares the findings of PAHO’s early research into the health situation of women, what they revealed about the extent of gender-based violence, and the launching in 1995 of a pilot project in Central America to address this issue. Using an integrated community approach involving the health sector, along with the legal, juridical, educational, religious, and NGO sectors, and buttressed by the development of national policies and laws, the PAHO strategy has helped create hundreds of local anti-violence networks throughout Latin America.

The second part of the book highlights the results of the project’s recent evaluation and includes numerous insights by health workers, schoolteachers, police and court officials, women’s advocates, and other community leaders regarding the effectiveness of the project’s approach. Most revealing of all, however, are the voices of the women themselves, as they describe living with violence and the community’s response to their needs. The book’s final chapter presents a global perspective on how the lessons learned in Central America and PAHO’s integrated strategy can be applied in other communities around the world.

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