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· LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR ·

The Probitas Foundation works to promote **equal opportunities for vulnerable groups** through the efforts of our entire team and the entities, associations, and public administrations with which we collaborate daily.

At international level, we continue to advance towards **health equity** and for the past five years, we have focused part of our resources on programs to combat Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in marginalized populations. At Probitas, we are convinced that the elimination of NTDs, which affect more than 1 billion people worldwide, is a driver for greater social and economic equity. It is encouraging that in 2023, six countries managed to eliminate at least one of these diseases that cause so much human suffering and stigmatization.

In this context of great vulnerability, it is important to highlight the effectiveness of **community-level prevention** activities in the Laboratory Rehabilitation Program. During the visit of the Probitas team to the Paraguayan Chaco, where we have strengthened two diagnostic laboratories, the testimony of Jesica, a young woman seven months pregnant who knew nothing about Chagas disease until Probitas launched its project, is very significant: “We won’t have to go to other hospitals that are far away anymore. I didn’t know about Chagas, and here they told me I need to

get tested because it has no symptoms, it can’t be seen, and later it makes the heart enlarge and then it’s too late. If I have Chagas, I can also harm the baby.”

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I WANT TO THANK THE EFFORT, DETERMINATION, AND DAILY WORK OF THE FOUNDATION TEAM AND THE ENTITIES COMMITTED TO PROBITAS FOR ACHIEVING A MORE JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

At the local level, we are deeply committed to **Health Education** as the most effective strategy to promote the long-term adoption of healthy lifestyles among children and their families. At Probitas, we promote the educational role of the school nurse in the Healthy project, which has succeeded in reducing overweight rates among a group of children in a school community in Valencia, in a highly vulnerable environment.

Additionally, in 2023, we have launched various training and support projects for professionals who are in contact

with minors in at risk situations to improve their emotional well-being and provide them with tools to manage the complex situations they face daily. We firmly believe that **caring for the caregivers** directly contributes to improving the physical and mental health of these children.

I would like to congratulate the scholarship recipients of the **Yakaar** program who have managed to return to Senegal safely and with dignity, overcoming the challenges of creating and managing their own businesses and re-integrating into their communities of origin. After three editions, the program will now focus on fostering new entrepreneurial opportunities for young people in Senegal.

In 2023, the Foundation’s website has been renewed, now redesigned to communicate our mission and initiatives more visually and intuitively, featuring a new corporate video “The Probitas Foundation in 2 minutes.”

Finally, I want to thank the effort, determination, and daily work of the **Probitas Foundation team** and all those – healthcare personnel, social educators, community workers, monitors – and entities committed to Probitas to achieve a more just and sustainable world.



· THE PROBITAS FOUNDATION IN 2' ·

Discover in just two minutes all the programs we carry out at the Probitas Foundation, both locally and internationally, to **improve the health and well-being** of people in situations of vulnerability or at risk of social exclusion.



Click to play the video!



"WE IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS AND/OR AT RISK OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION"



LOCAL



Education for Health



Training and Research

INTERNATIONAL



Laboratory Reinforcement



Neglected Tropical Diseases



Research, Development, and Innovation



Improving Opportunities

HEALTH

PREVENTION

EQUITY

EQUALITY OF
OPPORTUNITIES

DIAGNOSIS

SUSTAINABILITY

COMMITMENT

EMOTIONAL
WELL-BEING

QUALITY

INNOVATION

TRAINING

HEALTHY
HABITS

EDUCATION



THE PROBITAS FOUNDATION IN 2023

MILESTONES

JANUARY

- Pau Gasol meets with youth from Dinem Junts
- Launch of a new clinical diagnostic laboratory in the Dominican Republic

FEBRUARY

- Workshops on sexual and reproductive education for youth with Fundació Dexeus Dona

MARCH

- Visual health day with the Barraquer Foundation

APRIL

- Starting 6 projects selected from the international call for NTD's

MAY

- Probitas becomes a protecting partner of the Spanish Society of Tropical Medicine and International Health (SEMTRI)

JUNE

- Start of Social Mentorship with families (Meraki project)

JULY

- "Estiu per a tothom" summer activities

AUGUST

- Yakaar entrepreneurship projects, third edition underway

SEPTEMBER

- Starting School Meals Grants and Snack time activities (RAI program)
- Launch of the new project "Dinem Junts" in Huelva

OCTOBER

- Start of mental health training programs: "Capacita't" and "Profesionales en Mente"

NOVEMBER

- Begins "Potes Amigues" Educational intervention with dogs in early childhood education

DECEMBER

- Launch of two clinical diagnostic laboratories in the Chaco region of Paraguay

· DID YOU KNOW... ·

AREAS WE WORK IN

LOCAL SCOPE

Child Poverty

- Spain is the third country in Europe with the **highest rate of child poverty risk**, behind Romania and Bulgaria.
- One third of children and adolescents are at risk of poverty and/or social exclusion, nearing **2.6 million minors**.



Healthy Habits

- The prevalence of **childhood obesity** in Spain reaches **33.4%** among children and adolescents, and is even higher in environments with an increased proportion of child poverty.
- Half of children and teenagers do not meet the recommended **hours of sleep**.
- Only **29.4%** of the population aged 8 to 16 achieves **60 minutes of physical activity** per day.



Emotional Well-being

- **32%** of the infant and adolescent population reports feeling **worried, sad, or unhappy**.
- Among young people, **4 out of 10** admit having experienced symptoms associated with **poor mental health** very frequently. Adolescence is a crucial period for developing social and emotional habits that are important for mental well-being.



INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

Access to Health

- Half of the world's population lacks **access to basic health services**.
- Access to health is not a privilege, it is a human right. Every year, **70 million people** fall into poverty as a result of the **health expenses** they or their families must face.
- The SDGs for 2030 aim to achieve **Universal Health Coverage**, ensuring that everyone, everywhere, has access to the health services they need without the risk of impoverishment.



Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

- NTDs affect **more than 1 billion people**.
- They are **21 diseases caused by pathogens** such as viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi, and toxins.
- In 2023, **six countries successfully eliminated at least one of these diseases as a public health problem**. Fifty countries have now achieved this milestone, with a goal of 100 countries by 2030.
- Unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene are responsible for approximately **1,000 deaths of children under five years old per day**. Improving water, sanitation, and hygiene is crucial in preventing these diseases.

Sources of Information:

Eurostat 2022, Estudio AROPE (EAPN), Estudio PASOS (Gasol Foundation), Barómetro Juventud y Género 2023 (FAD), Unicef, OMS- Universal Health Coverage, OMS- Neglected Tropical Diseases, UHC 2030.

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories

- In developing countries, there is a systematic **deficit of healthcare infrastructure**, particularly diagnostic laboratories.
- **Basic training** for technicians in these areas is insufficient to properly manage a laboratory and ensure the quality of results.
- **Specialized equipment** is either **non-existent** or in poor condition due to inadequate maintenance.



• LOCAL PROGRAM •

Social and health oriented projects developed in our closest environment. Their objective is to **improve the health and quality of life of children and adolescents in situations of vulnerability**, during a crucial period in their personal and social development.



• EDUCATION FOR HEALTH

We work to improve the health status of children and adolescents through education as a tool to acquire knowledge, promote **healthy attitudes and habits**, and ensure **balanced nutrition**.



• TRAINING AND RESEARCH

We train and provide **tools to professionals** who work with minors, and we conduct studies seeking to improve the physical and mental health status of children and adolescents.



WE CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING
UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



· EDUCATION FOR HEALTH ·

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DINEM JUNTOS! HELPS ME FEEL MORE CONFIDENT AND EAGER TO COME TO SCHOOL.

ASHLY,
BENEFICIARY OF THE DINEM JUNTOS!
PROGRAM



ACTIONS FOR A HEALTHY LIFE



NUTRITION



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORT



EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



REST



HYGIENE



SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

DINEM JUNTOS!

491 TEENAGERS IN THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

17 PROJECTS

11 MUNICIPALITIES

We provide socio-educational support with qualified professionals in a safe space, promote healthy habits, **and guarantee a healthy and balanced diet.**

In 2023, we have carried out different workshops that promote healthy habits and values such as sustainability, giving away reusable bottles to encourage the reduction of plastics.

· WE TAKE CARE OF THE YOUTH'S HEALTH WITH DINEM JUNTOS! ·



VISUAL HEALTH

“MIREM PER TU” BARRAQUER FOUNDATION

Free ophthalmological and optometric examinations were conducted for 39 young people from Dinem Juntos! in Cornellà and Sabadell. Eleven cases with sight difficulties were detected, and partial funding for glasses was provided.



SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE EDUCATION

DEXEUS DONA FOUNDATION

We guide Dinem Juntos! young people through the changes they experience and **promote healthy sexuality and prevention of risky behaviors**. During the 2023-2024 school year, we conducted a total of 5 workshops for a group of 30 Dinem Juntos! youth in Sabadell who actively participated and showed great interest. We highlight the involvement of other local entities such as the Sabadell Sud Library, which provided space for the workshops, and Community Health professionals who conducted a final training session for the families of these teen's families.



CHILD NUTRITION SUPPORT

RAI

10,933 MINORS IN THE 2022-23 COURSE

330 PROJECTS

54 MUNICIPALITIES

We ensure the nutrition of children and adolescents by **providing a healthy meal each day and promoting healthy habits** and the holistic development of minors.

THE RAI PROJECT FOCUSES ON DIFFERENT LINES



SCHOOL MEAL GRANTS

We ensure a **healthy meal each day** in the school cafeteria.

1,785 MINORS IN THE 22/23 SCHOOL YEAR

190 SCHOOLS

44 MUNICIPALITIES



SNACK TIME

We provide healthy snacks that promote **healthy habits** and the importance of balanced nutrition.

4,367 MINORS

48 CENTERS

26 MUNICIPALITIES



SUMMER FOR ALL!

During the summer months, there are very few leisure and activity options available for children at risk of exclusion. We organize **socio-educational activities** in collaboration with local municipalities and entities.

4,781 MINORS

82 PROJECTS

35 MUNICIPALITIES





SCHOOL HEALTH

HEALTHY PROJECT

We promote Health Education (EpS) in educational centers by providing resources and enhancing opportunities through collaboration with local administration, school teams, and families.

277 PARTICIPANTS
(STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND SCHOOL STAFF)

9,207 INTERVENTIONS IN THE NURSING ROOM

205 WORKSHOPS ON HEALTH EDUCATION



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WITH THE HEALTHY PROGRAM, WE HAVE
MANAGED TO REDUCE THE OVERWEIGHT RATE
AMONG STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL BY 10%.

SARAY CAROD,
SCHOOL NURSE

This is an integrated project focusing on **healthcare and promoting healthy habits** at Santiago Apóstol School in El Cabañal (Valencia) for children at risk of social exclusion.

The project comprises three areas of intervention with specific objectives that act jointly to improve the students' health at school, involving the entire educational community: healthcare assistance and health promotion through the school nurse, balanced and quality nutrition through the school cafeteria, and promotion of physical activity and sports.

MENTORSHIP

MERAKI PROJECT

We promote social **mentoring by providing support and guidance** to individuals facing risk or exclusion, to address social challenges and achieve personal goals. This initiative aims to foster trust-based relationships and enhance social skills.

A pilot family mentoring project started in the municipality of Llagostera, involving **16 families** in collaboration with social services and the Resilis Foundation. The mentoring family offers comprehensive and personalized support, guidance, and companionship to the mentored family, helping them overcome challenges, achieve goals, and improve their quality of life.

Through the mentoring relationship, a healthy lifestyle is promoted, with activities focused on nutrition, physical activity, rest, and household economy.





EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION WITH ANIMALS

POTES AMIGUES

95 MINORS

2 SCHOOLS

1 MUNICIPALITY

Following the successful results of the pilot project with young people from Dinem Junts in Salt, we have initiated an intervention involving dogs in early childhood education **to enhance the social skills and emotional capacities of children.**

A pilot program has begun in two highly complex schools in Figueres, involving **over 80 children** of 5 years of age. These sessions are conducted and supervised by a specialized professional from CTAC-Girona.

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INTERACTION WITH DOGS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD STAGES SHOWS THAT THEY IMPROVE THE ABILITY TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE SOCIAL INTERACTION, WHILE ALSO MODULATING BEHAVIOR, ENHANCING INTEGRATION, AND PROMOTING EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The presence of animals serves as a motivating resource that stimulates interest in learning, contributing to the **comprehensive and positive development** of children and enhancing their emotional well-being, as demonstrated by the canine therapy project conducted in collaboration with Vall D'Hebron Hospital over the past five years. The results have been published in three scientific articles.

· TRAINING AND RESEARCH ·

We train and educate professionals, develop prevention and health promotion materials, and conduct studies that contribute to improving the physical and mental health of children and adolescents.



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THE TRAINING SESSIONS HELP ME CONNECT WITH MY FEELINGS AND UNDERSTAND THOSE OF OTHERS.

ADRIÀ GARCIA, ESCOLA NOVES OPORTUNITATS
COORDINATOR · MARIANAO FOUNDATION

HOW DO WE DO IT?



TRAINING



STUDIES



SENSITIZATION





“PROFESIONALES EN MENTE”

The “Profesionales en Mente” (PEM) program, promoted in collaboration with the Vidal i Barraquer Foundation, offers mentalization-based training to professionals who work daily in highly complex educational contexts, with the aim of improving their emotional management.

46 TRAINED PROFESSIONALS

Promoting **mentalization skills** impacts the level and quality of **conflict resolution** they deal with daily, thus enhancing their emotional well-being.

The pilot project began in one of our reference institutes and was replicated in two educational centers in Santa Coloma de Gramenet. The result was very positive, and in the 2023/24 school year, we extended the intervention to the non-formal educational field, providing training to **two teams of professionals from the Fundació Marianao**.

A study is being conducted to confirm that promoting the mentalization capacity of professionals in the workplace can **improve conflict resolution strategies, reduce stress, and foster the well-being** of the professionals themselves.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

We train professionals from the organizations we collaborate with, who are not mental health experts, to support children, adolescents, and their families in their daily lives.

56 PEOPLE TRAINED
2,100 DOWNLOADS OF “MENTAL HEALTH GUIDES”

In collaboration with Salut Mental Catalunya, the project “CAPACITA’T, pel benestar d’infants, adolescents i joves” trains professionals and family members to **better support minors**, thereby helping to prevent complications arising from emotional distress or mental health problems.



• INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM •

International cooperation programs aim to **improve the living conditions and access to health** for the most vulnerable populations living in remote areas of the world with scarce resources.



WE CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



• LABORATORIES REHABILITATION

We strengthen **infrastructure** and provide **laboratory equipment**, train local personnel, and promote community health programs in the laboratory's area of influence.



• NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

We support public health systems through local entities in the **fight against these diseases** that cause suffering, stigmatization, and high rates of morbidity and mortality.



• RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION

Projects that combine the fight against **Neglected Tropical Diseases** and the improvement of **laboratory diagnosis**.



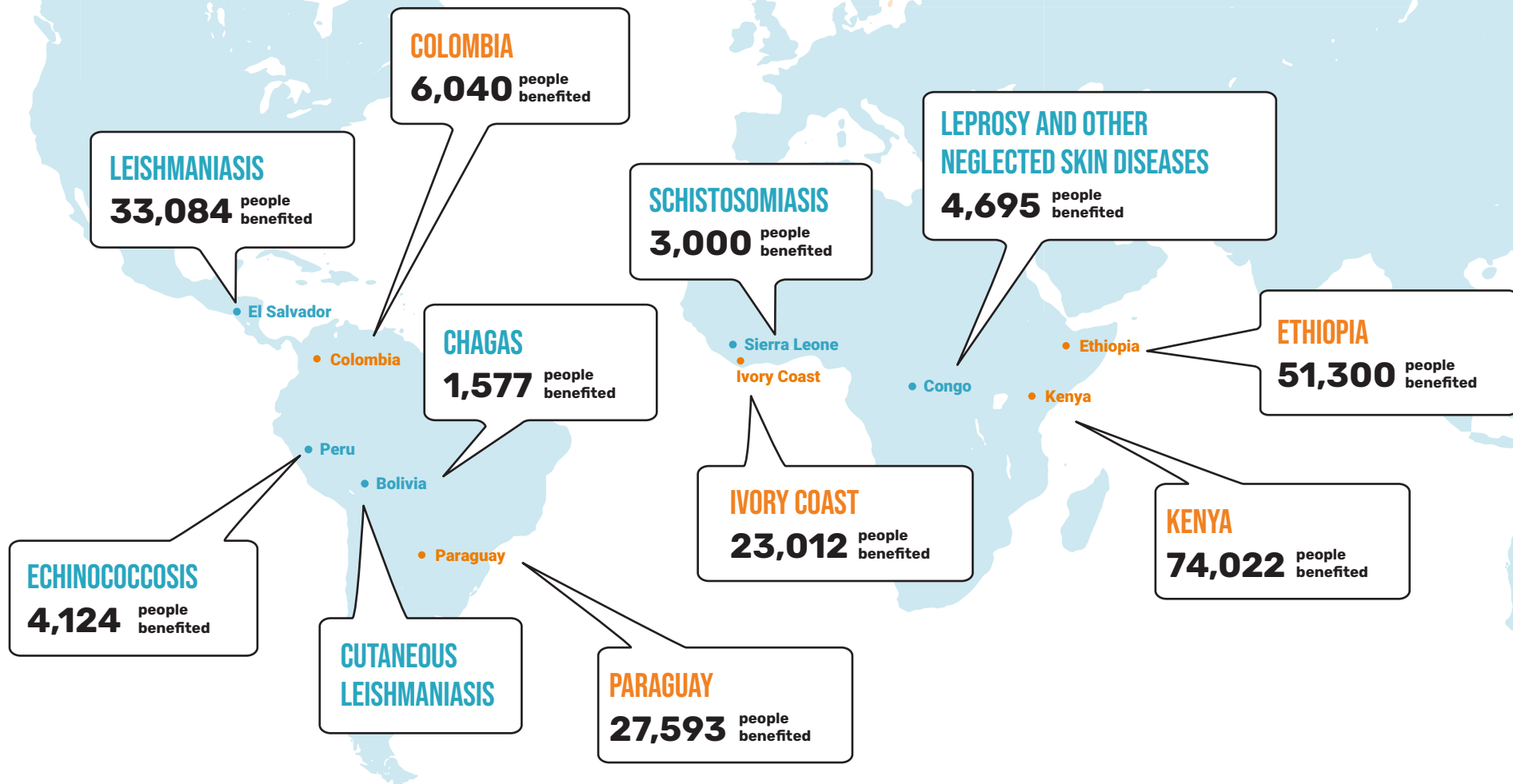
• IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES

We empower people in Senegal to **reach their full potential** in their home country.





- LABORATORY REINFORCEMENT
- NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES



· LABORATORY REINFORCEMENT ·

We improve the health of the most vulnerable populations through the **strengthening of clinical diagnostic services.**

Since 2008, Probitas has reinforced **36 laboratories**, improving access to health for over **1,000,000 people** in **15 countries.**

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I WILL CONTINUE TRAINING PEOPLE SO THEY UNDERSTAND CHAGAS DISEASE AND GET TESTED.

MAURELIANA CABALLERO
HEALTH PROMOTER IN THE PARAGUAYAN CHACO

HOW DO WE DO IT?



INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT



PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPLIES



STAFF
TRAINING

THE 5 PHASES OF THE PROGRAM



SITUATION DIAGNOSIS



LABORATORY REFURBISHMENT



TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT



COMMUNITY HEALTH



FINAL EVALUATION





IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISGLOBAL

PARAGUAY

27,593 BENEFICIARIES

We have rehabilitated **two laboratories** at the Teniente Irala Fernández Health Center of second level and at the Family Health Unit (USF) Campo Aceval, in the Department of Presidente Hayes in the Paraguayan Chaco.

This project has improved access and diagnostic capacity, thereby enhancing the treatment of *T. cruzi* infection and other prevalent childhood diseases such as diarrhea and malnutrition. Simultaneously, **health education activities** have been conducted in the communities to enhance local knowledge of Chagas disease, aiming to prevent transmission and reduce prevalence.

35 laboratory technicians have been trained in Chagas disease screening diagnosis. Additionally, 61 health promoters have been educated on disease prevention and control within the communities.



· THE STORY OF MAURELIANA ·

Maureliana Caballero is a Paraguayan woman who, thanks to the training offered by the Probitas Foundation, decided to undergo testing for Chagas disease. Upon testing positive, she started treatment.

Today, she has successfully completed her treatment and is cured. She now works as a **health promoter in Dos Palmas**, a small community in the Paraguayan Chaco. Alongside other women, she works in nearby communities to raise awareness about how the disease can be contracted and the **importance of getting tested**.

During her talks, Maureliana shares her experience, emphasizes the need to follow treatment, and explains preventive measures. Additionally, she visits pregnant women, identifies sick or malnourished children, helps in children vaccinations, and accompanies elderly people who cannot travel for their chronic treatments.





IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAPERUR KENYA

KENYA

74,022 BENEFICIARIES

3 MOBILE CLINICS

1,500 SENSITIZED INDIVIDUALS

In the first phase, we have enhanced diagnostic capacity by rehabilitating **a laboratory** at Chemolingot Hospital in Baringo County, northwest Kenya. Previously, most diagnoses relied solely on clinical assessment without any laboratory tests performed on patients.

Community intervention is carried out exhaustively through **mobile clinics** that provide diagnosis, treatment, and awareness campaigns to the Pokot population.





IN ASOCIACIÓN WITH SINERGIAS COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA

6,040 BENEFICIARIES

The field visit revealed that for people in Vaupés Department, accessing certain health tests requires expensive air travel or waiting several weeks for results.

In 2023, we worked on **assessing the project's needs** and acquiring **basic diagnostic equipment** for the laboratories in Carurú and Taraira. This area has one of the highest proportions of indigenous population in Colombia.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PABLO HORSTMANN FOUNDATION

ETHIOPIA

51,300 BENEFICIARIES

We have completed the rehabilitation of **a laboratory** at the Let Children Have Health maternal and child clinic and strengthened the **technical team's capabilities and knowledge**. This has enabled us to expand the services offered and improve care for both pediatric and pregnant populations. The clinic has become a reference center of diagnose and treatment, as well as for training, research, and diagnosis of tropical diseases, HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and malnutrition.

Additionally, we have provided diagnostic training to 9 laboratory technicians from both the clinic itself and the Meki district hospital.





IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANESVAD

IVORY COAST

23,012 BENEFICIARIES

In the urban health center of Chiépo and the rural health center of Iroporia, in the Divo region of Ivory Coast, we have **completed the rehabilitation of their respective laboratories**. We have upgraded the equipment and installed a biosafety cabinet in Chiépo to ensure the safety of technicians during tuberculosis diagnosis.

Mass **sensitization campaigns** and community education have been conducted on the importance of seeking healthcare at health centers rather than traditional healers. We have trained **106 community leaders and 13 healthcare professionals**.

· NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES ·

We support **public health systems** through local entities in the fight against these diseases that cause suffering, stigmatization, and high rates of morbidity and mortality.

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IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INCREASE INVESTMENT, SUPPORT HEALTH MINISTRIES IN THEIR STRATEGIES, AND INTEGRATE DISEASE PROGRAMS WITH CROSS-SECTIONAL APPROACH AMONG OTHER ACTIONS. ACTING TOGETHER, WE WILL ADVANCE TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES.

ANNA VEIGA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



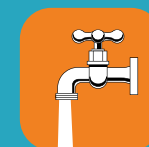
ACTIONS TO ADDRESS NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDS)



HEALTH
INFRASTRUCTURES



DIAGNOSIS



WATER, SANITATION
AND HYGIENE



MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE



TRAINING



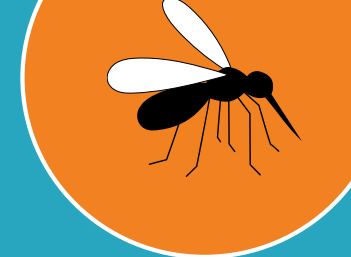
RESEARCH



VECTOR CONTROL



SENSITIZATION





IN ASSOCIATION WITH FUNDACIÓ MÓN CLÍNIC

SCHISTOSOMIASIS - SIERRA LEONE

3,000

BENEFICIARIES

We strengthen clinical and laboratory diagnosis and assess community transmission areas of schistosomiasis and other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) with abdominal implication in the Makeni area, Sierra Leone.

The project includes **clinical diagnosis training** through **abdominal clinical ultrasound** training and **laboratory training** for the diagnosis of schistosomiasis and other NTDs. In 2023, two portable ultrasound machines with digital reading capabilities were purchased, and the first 40-hour training in abdominal ultrasound was conducted for 47 healthcare staff members at the hospital.



IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE LEPROSY MISSION

LEPROSY AND OTHER NEGLECTED SKIN DISEASES · DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

4,695 BENEFICIARIES

We **strengthen the capacity of local staff and volunteer workers** in identifying leprosy and other neglected tropical skin diseases. The intervention involves integrated case management using the **SkinApp application** to improve diagnosis and early identification within the community.

During 2023, 150 awareness sessions were conducted. Additionally, 19 community workers have been trained in the use of the SkinApp, and half of them are now able to diagnose autonomously.

Through this application, leprosy cases and their contacts are being traced, and a prophylactic kit is provided to interrupt horizontal transmission.





IN ASSOCIATION WITH PRODEIN

ECHINOCOCCOSIS - PERU

4,124 BENEFICIARIES

We work with a 360° vision in the fight against echinococcosis in a region of Peru where the prevalence of the disease is very high. **Actions are undertaken with a One Health perspective** to interrupt transmission, supported by veterinarians, community prevention efforts, and health education in schools.

In 2023, campaigns were organized for the detection of cysts via ultrasound in the municipalities of the project. Additionally, educational materials have been prepared, and training and awareness about the disease have begun in schools in the area. To determine the actual prevalence of the disease, a population census has been conducted in the villages. This will enable us to work with an appropriate baseline and measure progress at the end of the project.



IN ASSOCIATION WITH FARMAMUNDI

LEISHMANIASIS - EL SALVADOR

33,084 BENEFICIARIES

The project aims to enhance institutional capacity in the **diagnostic and therapeutic approach to leishmaniasis**, promote collaboration between the Ministry of Health and communities for preventive and epidemiological interventions, and strengthen knowledge, attitudes, and practices among the population regarding disease identification and prevention.

Over the past year, the project has established its baseline, initiated **rehabilitation works**, equipped the **laboratory in Santa Rosa de Lima**, and trained 9 laboratory technicians. Additionally, health personnel have received training in the diagnosis, clinical aspects, and treatment of leishmaniasis. **Over 40 health promoters**, as well as personnel responsible for epidemiology, vector control, and community health committee volunteers, have been trained in disease control and prevention efforts.

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Proyecto:

"FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA CAPACIDAD DE GESTIÓN INSTITUCIONAL Y COMUNITARIA PARA EL MANEJO DE LA LEISHMANIASIS EN LA REGIÓN ORIENTAL DE SALUD DE EL SALVADOR"

PROBITAS FARMAMUNDI ASIS

PORQUE LA SALUD ES PARA TODOS Y TODAS

PROYECTO:

"Fortalecimiento de la capacidad de gestión institucional y comunitaria para el manejo de la leishmaniasis en la región oriental de salud de El Salvador"

PROBITAS FARMAMUNDI ASIS

PROYECTO:

"Fortalecimiento de la capacidad de gestión institucional y comunitaria para el manejo de la leishmaniasis en la región oriental de salud de El Salvador"

PROBITAS FARMAMUNDI ASIS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH NOR SUD FOUNDATION

CHAGAS · BOLIVIA

1,577 BENEFICIARIES

During the year 2023, a housing diagnosis was conducted resulting in the **rehabilitation and improvement of 77 homes belonging to rural families**. In each of these communities, this effort is complemented with training sessions focusing on home hygiene, surveillance, and prevention of the Chagas disease vector.

Simultaneously, **59 promoters** have been trained for the Vector Information Points (PIV). These PIVs have been equipped to implement vector monitoring and control measures. **Guidelines for implementing Health Education campaigns** at the community level have been developed, alongside executing additional campaigns focusing on community cleanliness and environmental hygiene.

Lastly, the epidemiological surveillance system has been strengthened through training sessions on data collection and recording conducted for healthcare personnel responsible for this task.

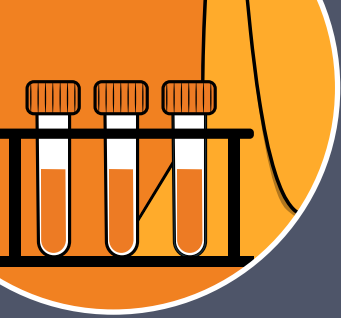




IN ASSOCIATION WITH
CARLOS III HEALTH INSTITUTE

CUTANEOUS LEISHMANIASIS · BOLIVIA

We conducted an **operational study** to advance the diagnosis of cutaneous and mucocutaneous leishmaniasis in two endemic departments in Bolivia. The study involves **performing diagnostic tests** based on molecular biology techniques. If the study results are positive, a proposal will be made for its implementation within the framework of national health policy. In 2023, the scientific protocol for the study, which will analyze 550 samples, was developed.



· RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION ·

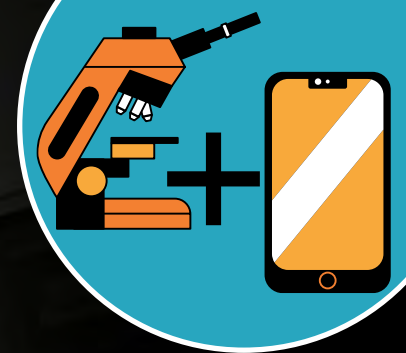
The objective is to conduct operational research and development through innovative projects that contribute to **improving health and quality of life for vulnerable communities** once implemented in the field.

ARIS LABORATORY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

In collaboration with the DTIM (Database Technologies and Information Management) at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, we designed the ARIS (Analytical Request Information System) software for patient management, laboratory analytics, and tests.

The program will be available on the Probitas website for free. Interested parties can download the software, configure it in their preferred language, and customize it easily without needing IT knowledge.





IMAGING PROJECT

The “iMAGING” research project aims to develop a system that **allows for safe and real-time microscopy diagnostics** anywhere in the world using a **mobile phone attached to a microscope**. Images captured are processed through the ARIS software, which utilizes an artificial intelligence subroutine to provide the final diagnosis of the image.

A multidisciplinary team composed of the Probitas Foundation, the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), and the Vall d’Hebron Institut de Recerca (VHIR) has developed an initial prototype of artificial intelligence for automated malaria diagnosis. A pilot test has also been conducted at the Drassanes laboratory of VHIR.



PROBITAS-SEMTSI SCHOLARSHIPS

From the Probitas Foundation, as a Protective Partner of the Spanish Society of Tropical Medicine and International Health (SEMTSI), we collaborate on the annual call for **two scholarships**. These scholarships support **professionals or students in the field of Tropical Medicine or International Health** to undertake placements in health centers in African countries with high prevalence of Neglected Tropical Diseases for two months.



· IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES ·

We provide **Senegalese individuals with the opportunity** to develop their full potential in their home country through training and entrepreneurship initiatives.



WE CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING
UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)





IN COLLABORATION WITH HA HA TAY

TABAX NITÉ - SCHOOL OF LIFE

GANDIOL, SENEGAL

85 TRAINED YOUNG PEOPLE **60%** ARE WOMEN

We train young people in **trading and entrepreneurship to provide opportunities and curb migration** in rural areas. The construction of the fourth and final module, dedicated to training in artisanal furniture construction, represents a milestone in this project of community transformation and empowerment in Gandiol.

FORMED AT:

- SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION
- AGROECOLOGY
- CRAFTS AND TEXTILES
- AUDIOVISUAL

CROSS TRAINING IN:

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- LEADERSHIP
- HUMAN RIGHTS

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YAKAAR PROJECT

The Yakaar scholarship program (meaning “hope” in the local Wolof language) provides **comprehensive support to Senegalese migrants** for their safe and dignified return to their country. After receiving business training in Barcelona, the scholarship recipients return to Senegal where they receive logistical assistance, technical advice, and economic support for their projects.

In this third and final edition of Yakaar, **5 entrepreneurship projects have been launched in Senegal**, facilitating the return of these individuals to their hometowns: Dakar, Touba, and Saint Louis. These projects involve small family businesses that employ up to 2 people in various sectors such as retail (selling fabrics, fishmonger), distribution (fish wholesaler), and services (childcare, fiber optic installation).

In 2023, **the projects from the first two editions have been successfully established:** a smoothie distribution company, a poultry farm, and a bakery.

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I AM VERY SATISFIED TO SEE EVERY DAY HOW THE LAND I BOUGHT IN 2020 IS NOW A PROFITABLE FARM. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE YAKAAR TEAM THAT HAS HELPED MY DREAM COME TRUE.

· MBAYE DIALLO · AGRO-MBAYE-PRO

This entrepreneur from the first edition of Yakaar has achieved a dignified return to Ziguinchor, his hometown, and is once again with his family who supported him in his project.

Thanks to the scholarship program, Mbaye has established a **poultry farm with 3 chicken coops and a small agricultural operation**, selling his products in the catering sector and to private individuals.



· NETWORKS AND ALLIANCES ·

WE ALIGN OURSELVES WITH OBJECTIVE 17 OF THE SDG 2030

We strengthen the **Global Alliance for Sustainable Development**, mobilizing and exchanging knowledge, technical expertise, technology and resources.



At the Probitas Foundation we promote the **creation of alliances** to achieve the sustainability of projects at both locally and internationally levels.

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· ECONOMIC RESOURCES ·

2023 REVENUE: €3,541,106

At the Probitas Foundation, we receive 0.7% of the annual profits of Grifols S.A., which are donated by the company's shareholders. Additionally, in 2023, funds were raised from individuals through the Twin Families campaign, with notable donations from Grifols employees and various companies, amounting to €51,106. The surplus for the year was €7,070.

2023 EXPENSES: €3,534,036

At the Probitas Foundation, we allocate €2,749,670 (78% of our resources) to various programs, with the following breakdown by lines of action:

PROJECT SCOPE

69%
LOCAL

31%
INTERNATIONAL

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY LINE OF ACTION

€1,904,313

69% HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
OF VULNERABLE MINORS

• Education for Health •

€1,785,004

• Child Nutrition Support	€1,105,893
• Dinem Junts!	€631,684
• Other Programs	€47,427

• Specialized Health •

€30,400

• Training and Research •

€88,909

€781,378

29% EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH

• Laboratory Reinforcement •

€362,029

• Neglected Tropical Diseases •

€419,349

€663,979

2% EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

• YAKAAR and Tabax Nité •

€63,979



The annual accounts of the Probitas Foundation for 2023 will be presented to the Generalitat of Catalonia, complying with the established legal period.

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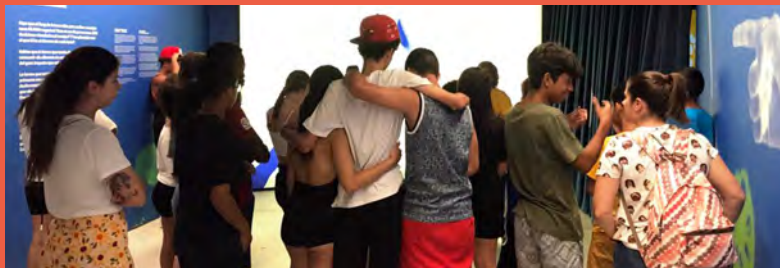
Anna Veiga shared an opinion article in Valencia Plaza highlighting the importance of the school nurse in their role of Health Education and the impact on improving the health status of minors, as demonstrated by the results of the **Healthy program** that Probitas develops at Santiago Apóstol School in Valencia.



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PAU GASOL VISITS DINEM JUNTS! IN CANOVELLES

The renowned athlete Pau Gasol, president of the Gasol Foundation with which we collaborate in the PASOS study on childhood obesity in minors in Spain, gave a talk to promote **healthy habits among young people**. They all engaged in physical activity through basketball games.



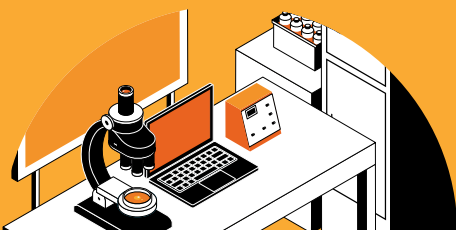
YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DINEM JUNTS! VISIT A HEALTHY EATING EXHIBITION

The young people said goodbye to the 2022-2023 school year with an educational and recreational outing, visiting the **"Eat, Act, Impact" exhibition** at the Fundesplai headquarters, in El Prat de Llobregat.



WE INAUGURATE TWO NEW LABORATORIES IN PARAGUAY

Last November, Director General Anna Veiga and Program Manager Javier Zulueta inaugurated **two rehabilitated laboratories** in Paraguay in collaboration with the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal). One laboratory is located at the Teniente Irala Fernández Health Center, a second-level facility, and another at the Campo Aceval Family Health Unit (USF) in the Presidente Hayes Department of the Paraguayan Chaco region.



THE NEW WEBSITE OF THE PROBITAS FOUNDATION IS NOW LIVE!

The redesigned website communicates our mission, initiatives, and news in a more visual and intuitive manner. It includes the new corporate video "The Probitas Foundation in 2 Minutes." Discover it at www.fundacionprobitas.org. The Probitas Foundation thanks the Digital Customer Experience and IT teams at Grifols for their support in developing this new website.

 [VISIT WEBSITE](http://www.fundacionprobitas.org)



PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY WITH REUSABLE BOTTLES

Young people from various programs received reusable bottles from the Probitas Foundation. They were very happy and expressed their willingness to **contribute caring for the environment**, reducing plastic use and opting for reusable containers.





GRIFOLS EMPLOYEES' DONATIONS

Last Christmas, Grifols employees contributed with their donations and/or Christmas baskets to Twin Families.

As part of the **“We want to grow with you”** campaign, a Probitas postcard was included in the Christmas hamper, containing seeds for planting, as a symbolic message.



Help us ensure a meal a day for the most vulnerable children

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