

Peru Program Status

Peru’s Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold Program is designed to increase immunization rates of rural children against diseases such as measles, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus in eight targeted regions and to assist Peru’s Ministry of Health in strengthening information and vaccination management systems. The program will also help Peru combat corruption by working with the judicial branch, law enforcement, the ombudsman and controller’s offices and civil society organizations to improve internal controls, as well as analyze and simplify administrative processes to reduce opportunities for corruption.

Program Highlights

- ★ The Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM) – the coordinating body for the Threshold Program – began implementation of Peru’s National Plan to Fight Corruption. The plan covers the executive branch and includes many threshold activities.
- ★ The Prime Minister formed a High Level Commission with Ministers from the sectors receiving the most corruption complaints (Health, Education and Justice) to coordinate with Congress, the judicial branch and independent institutions; the Commission will also monitor the plan’s implementation.
- ★ With MCC Threshold Program support, a training plan to inform citizens and civil society about the judiciary’s control of corruption mechanisms for local civil society was completed; training has begun in Lima and is being rolled out to 29 districts.
- ★ An analysis of procedures for filing and resolving corruption complaints was also conducted. The analysis will help identify bottlenecks and opportunities to increase efficiency.
- ★ Qualitative research on public perceptions about immunization was completed and informed the implementation of workshops on advocacy and communication issues that concluded April. Health networks, local governments, and social programs participated in the preparation of Regional Vaccination Plans.

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Status.....	Implementation, Year 1
Threshold Information	
Total Amount.....	\$35.6 million
Duration.....	2 years
Agreement Signed.....	JUNE 10, 2008
Country Information	
Population.....	27,588,577*
GNI Per Capita Income.....	\$3,450