

## **PINCC Dining For Women Grant Interim Report, November 2011**

### **A. El Salvador 2010-2011 Campaign**

#### **Projected Goals**

In El Salvador, since 2007, we have trained 31 nurses and doctors who now serve 11 cervical cancer screening programs/clinics. In the next 1-2 years our goal is to:

- Train an additional 20 doctors/nurses to bring our total to 51; and by developing medical capacity, enable the expansion of the number of sites providing cervical cancer screening.
- Support those trained by PINCC to be able to train others.
- Work with the Ministry of Health, as requested, to support their endeavors to create and build national capacity. There is a particular opportunity at this moment due to the great interest and commitment expressed by the Ministry of Health.

#### **Report Update**

PINCC is succeeding more than we had hoped in El Salvador. Cooperation with Ministry of Health doctors in developing the Train the Trainer program has resulted in over 60 medical staff being trained in the past year!

On November 7-12, 2010 PINCC worked with three El Salvador Ministry of Health clinics. We trained 28 healthcare providers, examined 357 women, and treated 27 women for precancerous cervical cancer.

On June 13-17, 2011 PINCC continued training or began training 30 healthcare providers, examined 337 women, and treated 38 women for precancerous cervical lesions. We also trained 5 doctors in our new Train the Trainers program. This program is training doctors to teach their colleagues VIA, cryo, and LEEP, using PINCC's protocols. Since then, these doctors have been utilizing their skills, and are bringing 15 doctors and nurses they have trained to be proctored as trainers also by the PINCC team, during our current campaign, October 31- November 4. These trainers will be teaching another 30 medical staff from outlying clinics and hospitals, extending the network of cervical screening and treatment. PINCC anticipates having a fully operational system in place in El Salvador by mid-2012, capable of giving training and support to the public health clinics throughout the country. We will continue to support their Ministry of Health in this effort.

### **B. COE Project**

**Projected Goals:** Direct Community Outreach and Education Component

- Develop a curriculum for teaching community health workers serving semi-literate women and their families in El Salvador and Nicaragua about cervical cancer, its causes, symptoms, silent development and prevention by cervical screening and treatment.
- Develop and produce specific tools: Durable, laminated flip charts, diagrams, posters, and engagement strategies to provide to community health workers. In cooperation with another non-profit, Wired International, produce a video teaching tool for use in training of community health workers and nurses/ counselors at our sites, in Spanish. The teaching tool will also be published on Wired International's network of educational modules for use by Spanish-speaking facilities world-wide.
- Field test tools and curriculum in our village/ town sites.
  1. Train 2 to 8 community health workers in each site; accompany them to outlying village areas to implement and evaluate program. A stipend of \$25 will be paid to each CHW for participation. Lunch will be provided after the training session, and tea and a snack during village visits.
  2. Use Knowledge-Attitude-Behavioral Assessment survey for target populations (Nurses, counselors, community health workers and community women).
  3. Adjust materials and training from observation and feedback.

## **Report Update**

Launched May 2011 thanks to Dining for Women, PINCC developed its Community Outreach and Education program (COE). Our MPH Interns and other volunteers developed surveys for three groups of people: community women, community healthcare workers, and nurses. After evaluating gaps in knowledge about cervical cancer, PINCC used this information to prepare targeted educational material to give to health outreach workers, for reaching our frequently semi-literate audience. Our 2-volume set of flipbooks have culturally relevant drawings, communicating many lessons in pictures, with text lessons for the instructors in Spanish. We have begun training Community health workers in Nicaragua and El Salvador on our October/ November Latin America campaign, and presenting them with the colorful, laminated books, designed to withstand the humid, rainy conditions under which they work. They received them with great enthusiasm! Over the following year, we will assess the effects of this outreach campaign on our communities, using similar surveys for follow-up in the communities and clinics we serve.

Please see attached Excel spreadsheet of expenses spent to date under the grant.

Again, we are delighted with our association with Dining for Women, and very grateful for all of your support. We look forward to including DFW teams on our campaigns in Nicaragua and El Salvador this year!

Sincerely yours,

Kay Taylor, MD, Director