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Progress Report for the Renewal of a UNESCO Chair or UNITWIN Network

Title of the UNESCO Chair or UNITWIN Network as mentioned in the Agreement	UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair of Research, Planning and Development of Local Health Systems of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Chair/Network ID (if known)	ID 307
Reporting period: YYYY-YYYY	2018-2022

I. PROGRESS REPORT

a. - Summary of main achievements

1. - Continue technical assistance to support the implementation *Community Health Plan Pilot Project of the Jinámar Valley*. Telde. Island of Gran Canaria. Spain. Execution period: 2022-2024.

The technical assistance carried out for the formulation of the Community Plan project is proposed as an organizational and participatory technology for a comprehensive, integrated, inclusive and participatory health plan model. For this, it uses as a strategy and fundamental reference, the transposition of the **Canary Islands Health Plan 2016** to the territory of the *basic health zone* within the scope of the **Integral Plan of the Jinámar Valley**, as it began before in the municipality of Santa Brígida in 2018. It has a population of 27,093 inhabitants with high rates of poverty and job insecurity, and is currently in a pilot stage that is being developed in a small sector of 2.174 inhabitants and 650 homes, located in the territory of the **Socio-healthy superblock**. no. 1 of the valley (Image 3).

As part of the activity in the project, the Chair directing the **2021 Jinámar Valley Integral Plan Congress**, with the purpose of reflecting on the relationship between health, urban planning, quality of life and the care developed by the organizations and institutions present and active in the Jinámar Valley in the health, education, social and socio-health fields (Annex 2).

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<https://jinamarennuestrasmanos.es/plan-comunitario-de-salud-2/>

<http://www.santabrigida.es/un-nuevo-proyecto-de-salud-comunitaria-se-presenta-ante-la-mesa-intersectorial-de-la-villa-de-santa-brigida/>

2. Design and implementation of the Insular Health Conferences with the *semi face-to-face ECCA system of distance education for adults*. (2014).

Direction, of the training action "Innovating in health management for the territorialization of the III Health Plan of the Canary Islands", with the semi-face-to-face ECCA system through radio and internet. The objective was to establish a participatory training- and research-action process for the development of the participatory component of the III Health Plan of the Canary Islands through the development of the Insular Health Conferences. It participated 80 of the 105 *basic health zones*, the 9 hospitals, and the mental health and public health network; were trained 120 monitors to dynamize the 91 groups and it was reached the participation of 1.029 people including professionals, health managers, citizens and municipal representatives. Year 2014.

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3. - Seminars aimed at the analysis and promotion of South-South-North cooperation from the perspective of health as a basic social right.

3.1. - "Analysis of health policies in Africa from the Latin American and international experience". Brasilia 2007.

Organized by the UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair within the "XIV Congress of the International Association of Health Policy (IAHP) held in Salvador de Bahía, Brazil, with the collaboration of the Brazilian Association of Collective Health (ABRASCO), the Institute of Collective Health of the Federal University of Bahia and the National Confederation of Municipal Health Secretaries of Brazil.

3.2. - "Advanced Seminar, "Canary Islands as a platform for health cooperation with West Africa: a strategy to define". Gran Canaria June 17th and 18th. 2010.

There was a significant institutional support with the participation of the following organizations: International Spanish Agency for Cooperation and Development (AECID); Carlos III Institute of the Spanish Ministry of Health; Antwerp Institute of Tropical Medicine and Public Health; General Directorate for Development of the European Commission. The Health Ministries of Health from Mauritania and Senegal; representation of the United Nations Population Fund; the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation of Brazil; Thematic Health Forum of the World Social Forum as well as other scientific organizations of the Canary Islands.

Some conclusions and recommendations were collected, around a common strategic for global health agenda from the Canary Islands, in defense of the human and social right to health and social security in Africa. (See annex 6)

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4. - Design and implementation of the Insular Health Conferences with the blended ECCA system of distance education for adults (2014).

The project "Innovating in health management for the territorialization of the III Health Plan of the Canary Islands" was developed with the *semi-face-to-face ECCA system* through radio and internet. The objective was to establish a participatory training- and research-action process for the development and management of its transposition to each of the 7 islands, to the 70% of the *basic health zones* and the 9 hospitals of the Canary Islands. A group of 120 monitors were trained to dynamize the 91 groups with a participation of 1.029 people including professionals, managers, citizens and municipal representatives. Year 2014.

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b. - Cooperation with UNESCO

The singularity of the area of knowledge of the Chair, in the field of local health systems, has greatly guided our offer of activity from the more specialized perspective of the health sector, understood as a *mode of life*, socially determined and as a *basic social right*. This vision has led us to areas of social rights, education, culture, politics, ecology, defense of the environment or healthy urban planning, that are forming part of the space and interest of the Chair.

The commemoration of the "50th Anniversary of the Man and Biosphere Program (MaB) organized by the Vice-Rectorate for Internationalization in October 2021 with the presentations of the Biosphere Reserves of the Canary Islands and the UNITWIN-UNESCO Chairs of the ULPGC has been a stimulating impulse for the future of the Chairs in this university. (See Annex 1. Presentation of the UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair).

The prospect of updating the agreement with the Government Health Department, with its School of Health and Social Services and the incorporation of the area of Food Systems and Nutrition to the Chair. In addition, with the programmed activity planned in the short term, with the Institute of Collective Health of the University of Lanús, we are sure that they will reinforce the Chair.

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c.- Collaborations with higher education institutions and other partners

The trajectory and competence of the professionals that make up the Chair, together with the experience of seminars and conferences held, constitute a clear manifestation of the strategy followed by the Chair to South-South-North cooperation, since its creation in 1998. In particular, the Advanced Seminar "Canary Islands as a platform for health cooperation with West Africa: a strategy to be defined" in 2010, still in force, expresses and bases the strong connection that exists from the Chair with countries in Latin America, Africa, Europe and Canary Islands as a Region as a bridge in the tricontinental relationship (Annex 3).

On the other hand, the new impetus of the Rector's Office of support generates confidence providing for the development of the scheduled activity of the Chairs in the short term. The prospect of updating the agreements with the Government Health Department including its School of Health and Social Services; with the Institute of Collective Health of the Lanús University together with the incorporation of the Food Systems and Nutrition area to the Chair, we are sure that they will contribute to its strengthening.

d. - Challenges and remedial actions

a.- Insufficient basic budget allocation of the Chair to meet operating costs, conferences-meetings; trips to set up "seed" projects; scholarships or grants to support stays or training of technicians or undergraduate or postgraduate students.

Approach: Placing all the desire and interest, with great enthusiasm and creativity, with voluntarism, reducing aspirations, limiting expectations.

b.- The limitations or lack of capacity of the Chair itself to have created a team, having to depend, or having depended, in large part on personnel from the administrations of the health or university services but without connection with the Chair.

Approach: Hiring personnel for projects but without being able to ensure their stability or continuity and accepting to reduce fees to amounts that are sometimes insufficient.

c.- The retirement in 2015 of José J. O'Shanahan from the Canary Islands Health Service as co-responsible for the Chair, produces a change in the activity of the Chair by losing important support that was available through the existing collaboration agreement .

Approach: Earning the trust and obtaining the adherence of professionals and institutions that want the project and with a lot of effort.

II. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL

a. Objectives

<p>Idea force</p> <p>We intend to contribute to the development of the debate on health policies and living and health conditions, from the perspective of recognizing health as a social right and promoting the development of conditions for the political and technical training of social actors, institutions and citizenship participating in the planning and management of Health Reforms and services.</p>
<p>Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development cooperation from a structuring vision of South-South-North cooperation in the context of Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda.• Health as a basic social right• Integrated, participatory, equitable and universal health services• Decentralization of health systems• Democratization of health systems and services• Interdisciplinary and intersectoral line of work
<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote the development of integrated activities of research, training, documentation, planning, cooperation and development of Integrated Health and Sustainable Food Systems.• Develop consulting and evaluation actions in the field of Public Health, health management, planning and integrated health policies.• Collaborate with other universities, centers and organizations in Europe, Africa, Latin America, Europe and North America.• Carry out training of professionals in the field of collective health

b. Workplan activities and expected outputs

<p>a).- Research and production of knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue technical assistance to support the implementation of the Pilot Project of the Community Health Plan of the Jinámar Valley. Telde. Island of Gran Canaria. Spain. Execution period: 2022-2024.- Participatory evaluation of the Integral Plan for the Jinámar Valley. City Hall of Telde (Spain). Execution period: 2022-2023.- Analysis of the uses and influences of the research: "Assessment of the implementation of Food and Nutritional Surveillance in Primary Health Care in municipalities with a large population in Minas Gerais". In collaboration with Edital del WFP Fiocruz (Brazil).- Development of tools for research and training in epidemiology and food information systems for the development of the sovereignty and promotion of sustainability and equity in food and nutrition conditions of the most vulnerable population.
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b).- Publications

1.-Edition of texts on the investigative production of the Chair. Publication period: 2023-2025.

- a. Collection health reform texts: Total 100 pages in 10 fascicles
- b. The pilot project for a comprehensive and participatory Community Health Plan, within the scope of the Jinámar Valley Comprehensive Plan. Town hall of Telde. Canary Islands. Spain.
- c. Participatory evaluation of the performance of social and health systems and services. Study of cases. 2023-2025.
- d. The georeferencing of a decision support system for an integrated and local health system. 2023-2025.
- e. Validation of a rapid assessment methodology for basic care services in a Local Health System in Africa.
- f. The Regional Health Plan of the Wilaya of Dahlet Nouadhibou. Mauritania. (2008-2010)
- h. Proposal for a Sanitary District Organization Model. The case of Equatorial Guinea. Foundation of Religious of the Health of Spain. Year 2011 -2012.
- i. The preliminary draft 2012 of the Canary Islands Health Plan as a proposal for a social pact for health in the Canary Islands: Pact for life, for the orientation of the management model and for the legitimacy and defense of the public health system.
- j. Report. Canary Islands as a platform for health cooperation with West Africa: a strategy to define. Alma Ata + 30 and universal access to health and social security in Africa.
- k. The Canary Islands Health Conference: Strategic and participatory planning instrument for the democratic governance of health systems. ULPGC doctoral thesis.

2. Translation of publication into Spanish: Suarez-Herrera, J. C., Mailhot, C., & Tello-Rozas, S. (Avril 2021). Gouvernance in intersectoral research and concertation: Strategic alliances to build sustainable territorial ecosystems and innovations. 6e Colloque International du CRISES « Au carrefour des possibles. What social innovations against social, environmental and epistemic injustices? : Montreal (Canada).

c).- Websites and social media;

- Updating and maintenance of the website of the UNESCO Chair.

d) Teaching

- Organization, direction, management and teaching of the "University Expert in Community Nutrition Applied to International Cooperation" of the ULPGC, online modality, 400 hours long. Execution period: 2024.

- Workshops of "Action plan for problems". A situational strategic management approach for its application at the level of micro-meso management and social organizations. Between strategic thinking and strategic planning – situational; Method Altadir. Training actions in workshop format of between 16 and 24 hours. Execution period: Start, 2023.

- Participation in undergraduate, postgraduate and specialization programs in the areas of continuous or permanent training in the areas of knowledge and in centers, organizations and health, education and social protection services in the Canary Islands and centers and universities in the Network.

- Lectures on geography and health. To be carried out in university settings and professional colleges. Execution period: 2023-2024.

e).- Training and development of institutional capacity

The change in the way of managing is more necessary than ever for the formulation and implementation of the social, institutional and economic response that complexity and uncertainty challenges us and demands in this pandemic and post-pandemic scenario. It is proposed in introduction to a new way of explaining and situating oneself in action of doing - planning process.

Training activity:

- "Policy, planning, management and government in public institutions in the social field." 40 hours. Annual Periodicity. Execution period: Start in February 2022.

- Creation of a program for the exchange and training of professionals in a format of stay between 10 days and a maximum of 10 weeks, in reference centers of integrated health and social care and socio- sanitary services. Located in the Canary Islands Firstly, and countries of the UNITWIN network in the second terms, for the development of training in action, in accredited and/or organized services with the Chair and participating centers. Execution period 2023-2026.

- Realization of technical assistance projects on performance evaluation or action plans for problems in the different spheres, technical assistance levels of the services, systems and social health, social, socio-sanitarian and university administrations.

e).- Student mobility and exchanges;

- Rehabilitate the agreement with the Agostinho Neto University of Angola, and in particular with the public health department of its Faculty of Medicine, and the Ideo Foundation of the Government of the Canary Islands, for the mobility exchange of Health Sciences students.

- Manage to promote postgraduate specialization, within the area of human sciences, in particular with areas of knowledge of Urban Planning and Health.

f).- Visiting chairs/scholarships;

- Establish an action plan to promote collaboration with the UNESCO Centers of the Canary Islands and UNESCO Chairs, particularly with the related Universities and Biosphere Reserves of the Canary Islands. Period: 2023-2026.

g).- Conferences and events;

- Citizenship and health program. Format s of conferences, round tables and workshops of between 2 and 12 hours. The aim is raising awareness and contributing to the training of the participants to promote the formation of a critical citizen mass, in a movement for the

promotion of quality of life and better knowledge of the organization and operation of public health services and socio-sanitary and social care, as a universal, integrated, participatory, democratic, sustainable and more humane model. Execution period: November-December 2022.

- Promote the development of the second Insular Health Conferences in a Canary Islands Health Conference. Period: before the end of the year 2025.

- Round table: Shopping Basket and Food System in the Jinámar Valley. Completion period 2023.

h).- Establishment of networks and associations;

- Updating of the collaboration agreement between the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the Regional Ministry of Health to support the UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair in Research, Planning and Development of Local Health Systems in 2007. Signing period: before end of the first quarter of 2023.

- Renewal of the agreement between the Telde City Council and the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria for the development of the projects in the Comprehensive Plan for the Jinámar Valley of 2018. Signing period: Before the end of February 2023.

- Carry out a collaboration agreement between the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the School of Sanitary and Social Services of Canarias, for the development of activities in permanent training and research with the UNITWIN – UNESCO Chair. First quarter 2023. Signing period: Before the end of February 2023.

- Carry out a collaboration agreement between the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the Institute of Collective Health of the University of Lanús in Buenos Aires. Signature period: Before the end of the year 2023.

h).- Interuniversity cooperation;

i- Updating of the agreements or memoranda of understanding with the institutions of the Network: Oswaldo Cruz Foundation of Brazil; Agostinho Neto University of Angola; Radio ECCA Foundation. Estimated firm period 2023-2024.

c. Human and financial resources

Minimum planned budget:

The activity since 2018 has been carried out with additional expense of the University Institute of Biomedical and Health Research, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (IUIBS as host institution) of about 2.500,00 € / year.

From private founds: About a minimum of..... 14.995,00 € year

TOTAL / year:.....17.495,00 € year

TOTAL for a period of 4 years:69.980,00 €

Planned resource mobilization from others sources of funding

- Public or private sources from national organizations and institutions and networks services of the public, para-public sector.
- Multilateral agencies.
- European Union funds.
- Coming from countries with own financing capabilities.
- Other sources of private funding.
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d. Reflections

The Chair has made an important journey and accumulated interesting experience throughout its 24 years of history, having managed to reach a degree, type and place in the field of accumulated scientific and technical production that is not very easy to achieve. At this time, the possibility of its non-renewal, given the very good conditions established by the current government team of this University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, would mean a high cost- opportunity for these Universities and, humbly, also for the UNESCO family.

We have gone through difficult times and the absence of visibility of the Chair has been largely related to the concentration of its activity in the development of two great experiences of high value for their transfer to international cooperation for development. On the one hand, the scientific and technical-political management of a health plan managed in situations of uncertainty, political and institutional instability, going through two very deep global crises. On the other hand, due to the transposition to the Canary Islands and to Europe, the transposition of the interesting Latin American experience of the strategic planning approach and, particularly from Brazil, its National Health Conferences. An interesting social and scientific capital to continue working in the UNITWIN-UNESCO network.

(Added: In general terms: How are we going to strengthen the Chair?)

- Proposing to UNESCO, changing the current name of the UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair in Research, Planning and Development of Local Health Systems by the “UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair of Local Health Systems and Food Systems”.
- Consolidating the space of the UNITWIN-UNESCO Chair as an actor in the training of health professional and health promotion.
- Continuing the training of citizens for their involvement in health promotion and democratic and participatory governance services.
- The training of directive cadres for innovation in planning and management of local health and food systems.
- Promoting the incorporation of the principles and objectives of the structuring cooperation in global health, from the UNESCO Chair, in a strategy of triangulation South-South-North cooperation, using the status of the Canary Islands as Ultraperiferic Region of Europe.

ANNEX: COMPREHENSIVE PROGRESS REPORT

ANEXO 1. Presentación PP. Cátedra UNITWIN -UNESCO de Investigación, Planificación y Desarrollo de Sistemas Integrados Locales de Salud (SILOS). Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.1998-2021

ANEXO 2.- Documento: Programa de las Jornadas 2021 del Plan Integral del Valle de Jinámar.

ANEXO 3. - Documento: Memoria del Seminario Avanzado: Canarias como plataforma de cooperación sanitaria con África.

ANEXO 5.- Documento: Ampliación de información sobre actividades de la Catedra.