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USAID DONATES \$1.5 MILLION IN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH

SAN SALVADOR– The U.S. Government, through the United States Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Strengthening Health and Education Program, donated \$1.5 million in medical equipment and supplies to the Salvadoran Ministry of Health.

The donation is part of a U.S. Government investment that will strengthen public health services offered by the Ministry of Health. The equipment and supplies will benefit 29 hospitals, 12 rural nutrition centers and 95 health clinics, with its promoters, supported by USAID’s program.

The supplies for the hospitals include endotracheal tubes, scales for newborns, pediatric scales with cabinet and infantometer, transport incubators, delivery beds, complete laryngoscopes, surgical scrub brushes, gloves, sterile masks, and iodized soap. The rural nutrition centers will get children’s chairs and tables, children’s books, games, and other supplies which will help motivate parents and children to go to these support centers.

“With these new equipment and materials, hospitals will be able to provide better quality medical care to mothers and children and also reduce hospital infections. Moreover, the rural nutrition centers, which provide nutritional care for children and counseling, will be better prepared to handle the children’s needs with the supplies we are providing”, said Deborah Kennedy-Iraheta, USAID/EI Salvador Mission Director, during the event.

The Salvadoran Minister of Health, Dr. Jose Guillermo Maza, and Mrs. Kennedy-Iraheta presided over the donation ceremony held at the Ministry’s warehouse. Other health authority representatives present were the Vice Minister of Health, Dr. José Ernesto Navarro; hospital directors; regional health directors; other health personnel; and other donors.

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