

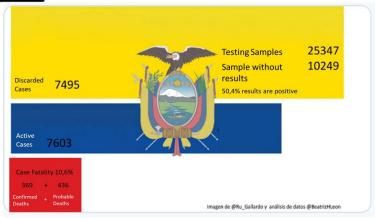


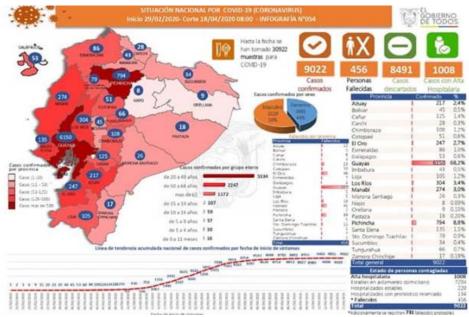
# Kimirina 'Trabajando juntos por un fin' Lessons learned from healthcare workers COVID 19 and HIV in Ecuador

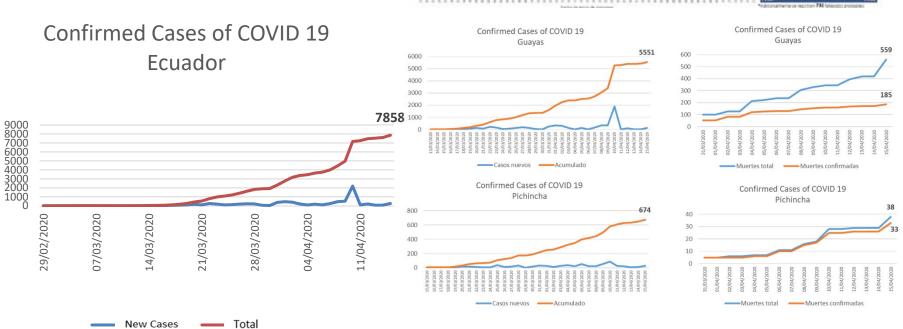
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- Ecuadorian Health System is limited. Primary Health Care has been weakened and there is no coordination between Local and National Government (example: Guayaquil).
- Family is at the nucleus of the Ecuadorian household, as is caring for the elderly, which may possibly increase the risk of spread to immediate family members.
- There is a big Ecuadorian community in Spain and in Italy that came for Christmas and Carnival Holiday and prevention measures have not been taken.
- Ecuador has a greater proportion of independent workers (taxi drivers, merchants, in-house help, etc.) and contractors with little-to-no social net. Challenges of mobility restrictions.



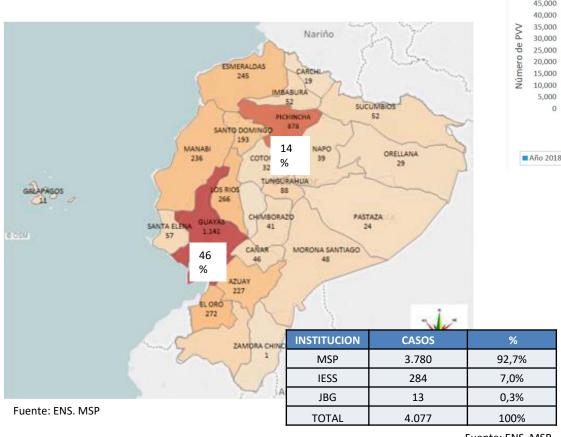
#### **Lessons Learned**

- Weak capacity of health system produced victims because of limited measures of bio security and lack of cooperation with SC: Academic sector, scientific societies, specialized NGOS, communities, profit private sector, etc.
- IN HIV response where the SC is best organized there was some achievements: adapatability to provide ARVs, but almost all prevention programmes are in stand by.
- The quarantine caused an humanitarian effect in KP



### HIV Reported Cases of ECUADOR, 2018





Cascada de VIH, Ecuador 2018 50,000 45,000 76% 79% 67% Personas que Personas que Personas viven con VIH y PVV acumulado viven con VIH y estimadas que conocen su con TARV tienen carga viral viven con VIH suprimida estado ■ Año 2018 33,473 26,427 17,767

Fuente: ENS. MSP

Hospital of the Ecuadorian Institute of Social Security suffered shortage of ARVs for almost 6 months

10 drugs, used for the persons that live with HIV, are in stock 0. (Noticias – Ecuavisa)

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## **Lessons Learned**



- Health Workers must participate in the decisions and demand adequate work conditions.
- Work with CS and communities (which has been proved as successful in HIV)
- Screening and diagnosis by community trained personnel
  - ✓ Rapid tests
  - ✓ Real-time PCR
- Linkage with the prevention program in coordination with the health service
  - ✓ Active case finding
  - ✓ Case isolation
  - ✓ Prophylaxis
  - ✓ Linkage of health services for treatment

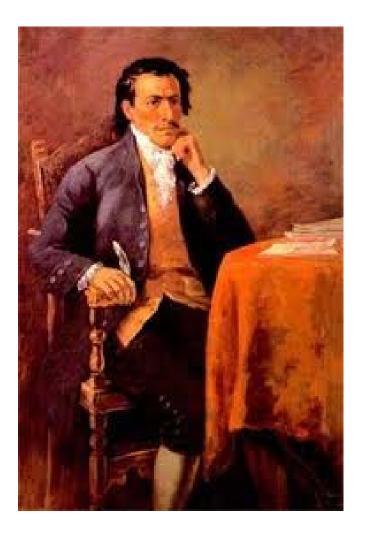


#### **Lessons Learned**

Emergency –post emergency (decrease 6% GDP)

- Humanitarian Aid: TG women, SW, PLWH, migrants.
- Maintain continuum of care. Be aware of shortage of ARV
- Support diagnosis and educational programs
- Promote productive projects





" The Ignorance in which the people is immersed, is the main cause of the spread of epidemics".

Eugenio Espejo MD, hero of Ecuadorian freedom, 1785