



Fact Sheet

About PAHEF

Founded in 1968, the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF) is a public 501(c)(3) foundation dedicated to fostering public health programs in the Americas that address major health concerns. PAHEF's expertise has improved the lives of people throughout the Americas by working with the public and private sectors as well as major public health research, policy, and development groups.

PAHEF enjoys a unique relationship with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) which serves as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization.

Projects that Change Lives

PAHEF supports efforts to eradicate disease and increase the quality of life for people in the Americas. PAHEF's distinguished track record includes collaborating with a variety of partners to create and carry out projects that improve the health of vulnerable populations within the Western Hemisphere. Additionally, PAHEF has a wealth of experience in project administration and management that ensures projects are completed efficiently.

Our contributions include:

- The ProVac initiative, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and PAHO, to strengthen the national capacity in LAC countries to make evidence-based, informed policy decisions regarding vaccine programs
- Working with the World Economic Forum and PAHO to coordinate with Latin American and Caribbean governments and the private sector to create healthy societies
- Eradicating river blindness, the world's second leading infectious cause of blindness
- And many other projects

Combating Chronic Diseases

As the rate of chronic diseases in the Americas rises, PAHEF is tackling the sources: working with governments and companies to reduce sodium, sugar, and fat levels in popular foods; provide healthy transportation; prevent childhood obesity; and promote healthy aging.

We also are addressing the high incidence of chronic diseases faced by the U.S.-Mexico border region through binational public/private partnerships.

Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health

PAHEF, in collaboration with PAHO, annually presents the Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health. A distinguished jury of public health professionals reviews the nominations and recommends candidates to the board of trustees of the Foundation for their final selection. Each winner receives a certificate of honor at a joint PAHEF/PAHO awards ceremony in Washington, DC, and a monetary award.

PALTEX

For more than 40 years, PALTEX (The Expanded Textbook and Instructional Materials Program), a joint technical cooperation program of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation and the Pan American Health Organization, has provided more than six million books and instruments to students and health professionals (physicians, nurses, dentists, nutritionists, veterinary doctors, etc.) at 509 institutions in 20 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Through PALTEX points-of-sale at participating institutions, students, professors, and health workers buy textbooks and instructional materials at 40% to 50% lower than commercial prices.

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