



CSE: Comprehensive Sexuality Education

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Best Practice



Context

Peru faces challenges in implementing **CSE**, but noteworthy initiatives, such as the Montevideo Consensus Control Dashboard ^{clxii} and the "Building Equality" leadership program, showcase progress made. The Montevideo Consensus Control Dashboard monitors compliance indicators, while the "Building Equality" program, implemented by the Educational Management Unit of Coronel Portillo (**UGEL**, for its acronym in Spanish) in Ucayali, stands out for its impact.



Challenge

Amid the **COVID-19** health emergency, **Peru's** regional education offices (**DRE/GRE**, for its acronym in Spanish) and Local Educational Management Units (**UGEL**, for its acronym in Spanish) nationwide were required to innovate to ensure students continued receiving education. Multiple strategies were deployed for quality educational services, emphasizing collaborative governance at the local level to prevent interruptions.

The Initiatives

"Building Equality" aimed to foster a welcoming school environment with a focus on emotional support, coordination with public and private institutions, and the promotion of empathy and gender equity within the UGEL of Coronel Portillo's educational communities. ^{clxiii}

Emotional Support for Directors and Teachers:

Provided emotional support to school directors and teachers, recognizing the crucial role of emotional well-being in effective teaching.

Cultural Inclusivity through Language Translation:

Translated educational materials into the Shipibo-Konibo language to ensure inclusivity and deliver education to native communities in the Masisea district.

Webinars for Socio-Emotional Support:

Conducted a webinar series addressing various socio-emotional support topics, creating an interactive platform for learning and discussion.

Strategic Partnerships for Socio-Emotional Support:

Collaborated with strategic partners to conduct socio-emotional support activities, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in nurturing the well-being of the educational community.

Radio Program "Connect with Your Emotional State":

Launched the radio program to connect with families over the weekends, providing valuable insights on emotional well-being for children and adolescents.

Key Takeaways

Increased Teacher Engagement:

Directors and teachers display a greater willingness to tailor their teaching methods according to the context and needs of students.

Enhanced Student Participation:

Active student participation increased, with **82%** in June and **83.8%** in July 2021, surpassing the previous year's records. ^{clxiu} This suggests a positive impact on student engagement.

Reduced Stress Levels for Educators:

Through socio-emotional support, stress levels among school leaders and teachers decreased, fostering an optimal and empathetic working environment.

Empowered Families:

Families gained tools to educate, guide, and support their children, contributing to collaborative efforts between teachers and parents.

Fòs Feminista is an intersectional feminist organization centered on the rights and needs of women, girls, and gender-diverse people in the Global South. We recognize that the ability to make free and informed decisions about sexual and reproductive health, including the ability to access safe and legal abortion, is central to gender equity and to the fulfillment of the human rights of women, girls, and all people who can become pregnant.

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