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PROSALUD turns 21 thanks to Bolivian doctors and the support of the United States

Thanks to the efforts by Bolivian medical professionals and the financial and technical support provided by the Government of the United States, PROSALUD celebrates 21 years of service with the official inauguration of a referral clinic in the city of La Paz, located on Busch passage, Miraflores. The inauguration ceremony of the Integrated Surgical and Medical Specialties Center will take place on Monday, August 21. The Center will host a highly professional team of medical specialists. Also, it was announced that a network of 6 second-level clinics, to operate as referral health providers within the PROSALUD integrated healthcare system, will be inaugurated in La Paz, El Alto, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, Tarija and Riberalta.

The investment for the new clinic in La Paz was over half a million dollars. This amount was provided by the Government of the United States, through its Agency for International Development (USAID). The clinic includes 24 beds, a specialized surgical area with equipped operating rooms and the appropriate instruments for several medical specialties, among them laparoscopy equipment. Other features include central oxygen, aspiration and compressed air systems; recovery room; an Intensive Care Unit; facilities for newborns; appropriately equipped doctors' offices in emergency areas and other specialties. It also has an auditorium and administrative offices.

The new PROSALUD clinic's mission is to contribute to protect the health and the well-being of the population, offering second level healthcare services to cover the needs of the PROSALUD network in La Paz, thus contributing to human development in Bolivia. Its primary goal is to offer high quality healthcare services at affordable prices to the community and to extend and improve the quality of integrated healthcare services.

PROSALUD is a nonprofit private Bolivian association that develops activities supporting the healthcare system within the framework of the National Healthcare Policy. It was created 21 years ago thanks to the U.S. Government's technical and financial support, provided through USAID, and the direct and committed participation of highly-qualified Bolivian medical professionals.

Over the years, PROSALUD has developed into a network of healthcare centers and clinics located in 6 departments of Bolivia. Its approach to providing healthcare services emphasizes an attitude of respect for the values and the culture of the communities it serves, taking into account the socioeconomic realities of the population and seeking the long-term sustainability of its activities.



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