

# medDV is training medical professionals in Latin America

To contain the coronavirus pandemic in Latin America, medDV – a supplier of system solutions for the emergency services – is providing medical equipment and training specialists. The initiative in Bolivia and Peru is being supported financially by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The shared objective is to counter the threat from COVID-19 quickly and effectively and to provide the medical professionals, who often lack opportunities for further training, with valuable knowledge on how to deal with the virus.

## THE BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 crisis is putting the medical infrastructure in many parts of Latin America under severe pressure. This applies even more in regions that are difficult to reach or where the intensive care facilities are not sufficient. People in selected regions in Bolivia and Peru are now receiving better care thanks to the equipment and training for medical personnel.

BMZ is funding German company medDV's project through the COVID-19 Response programme, expanding the existing develoPPP.de partnership to include specific protective measures to combat the coronavirus. It is being implemented by the Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (DEG).

## THE PROJECT

BMZ and medDV are each providing just short of 200,000 euros in funding to implement the project. The budget is being used for medical equipment such

as ventilators, a patient simulator and further training material. In addition, 540 specialists from selected hospitals have an opportunity to attend three-day courses for training in emergency medicine and COVID-19 infections. They act as multipliers and share the knowledge they have gained in their hospitals, which will benefit up to 130,000 medical professionals this year alone. The hospitals concerned serve a population of around 15 million people. On top of this, the project is helping to permanently install two medical telesystems and expand the already existing e-learning platform as a central source of initial information on treating COVID-19 patients. The platform is free to use and offers training in emergency medicine. It covers a range of topics such as treatment of infections, intensive-care medicine, ventilation strategies, hygiene and protective measures, reprocessing of protective systems and alternative disinfection techniques. The project started in mid-2020 and will be completed by the end of the year.

# 15 MILLION

PEOPLE

IN THE CATCHMENT AREAS  
OF HOSPITALS IN PERU AND  
BOLIVIA

TRAINING FOR UP TO

# 130,000

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS



PROJECT TERM

## JUNE – DECEMBER 2020



*'Quite apart from the ethical aspect, we have a vested interest in helping the local people and therefore making a contribution to stabilising the region as a whole. The transfer of knowledge initially benefits the medical professionals, but ultimately helps the local population.'*

Carsten Rausch · Managing Director, medDV

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