WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO PROMOTE HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES IN GUATEMALA

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

 To recognize the value of collaborating as part of an interprofessional team in a global setting.

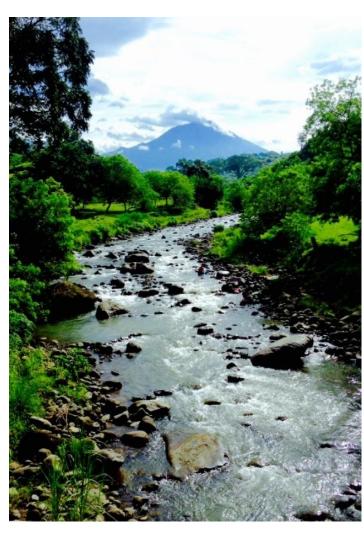
 To recognize the impact of the social determinants of health to implement sustainable healthy hygiene practices.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT

 To work collaboratively as an interprofessional team to meet preventative health goals as identified by community leaders.



BACKGROUND



In rural Guatemala, there is limited access to healthcare and clean water.

INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM



METHODS











THREE MONTH EVALUATION

Findings:

- 1/3 of the women are using the menstrual pads that they made
- The school community is regularly using the handwashing stations.

IMPLICATIONS FOR NURSING

 Recognize the impact of the determinants of health, particularly the effects of poverty on health.

 Develop alternatives for people with limited choices or using simpler materials that are more easily accessible would create more sustainable practices.

QUESTIONS

• How could we change our approach to increase the percentage of women who are using the menstrual pads?

• Other questions/comments?