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“SEE CLEARLY TO LEARN BETTER” EYE HEALTH MISSION ANNOUNCED

SAN SALVADOR- This afternoon a press conference was held to announce the eye health mission “See clearly to learn better” at the Ministry of Education (MINED) facilities. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Strengthening Health and Education Program, in support of the 2021 MINED plan, announced a public-private alliance to promote eye health and the development of reading skills.

Thanks to the alliance between USAID, the Canadian NGO Rayjon Share Care, the World Food Program, (WFP), and the local NGO Foundation for Women Development (FUDEM), 1,000 eye tests will be performed and 1,746 pair of glasses will be donated in Usulután. In total 750 preschool and primary education students, girls and boys, and 1,000 adults, parents and teachers among them, from 23 educational centers of 13 Municipalities of Usulután will be benefited. The Integral Health Basic System (SIBASI) will provide dental consultations.

USAID handed out work and writing books for children, as part of the donation of 60,000 books and 1,250 educative materials made to the MINED this year. Also, USAID has been the facilitator of the alliance and the implementer of the eye health mission logistics.

The donations will be delivered in the mission framework, that will take place from October 27-31 at the Usulután’s Government Center, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.. Its is expected that this cooperation will facilitate the detection and treatment of eye problems that hinders the students’ learning process.

It is planned to create a pleasant atmosphere for the development of the mission, for that purpose the National Council for Culture and Art (CONCULTURA) will provide a library bus, with a reading corner, tale tellers and clowns that will teach reading techniques to the children. For the adults, talks on reading issues, learning, health and nutrition will be given.

The press conference was presided over by the Education Ministry, Darlyn Meza; The Human Investment Office Director, Dr. David Losk; The Rayjon Share Care representative, Marjorie Paisley; FUDEM Chairwoman, Carmen de Palomo; the CONCULTURA National Director for Cultural Promotion and Diffusion, Ricardo Bracamonte; the representative of the Conceptual and Operative Framework for the Development of SIBASI, Mauricio Ruano; the PMA Program officer, Daisy Marquez, and the EQUIP2 El Salvador Director, Antonieta Hartwood.

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