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“LOS ORTIZ MEDICAL CLINIC INAUGURATED”

SAN SALVADOR- The U.S. Government through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), jointly with the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance and the Ortiz Barriere company, inaugurated this morning “Los Ortiz: medical clinic, that will benefit 779 residents of Las Mercedes a community in Santiago de Maria, Usulután (Eastern El Salvador).

With a total investment of \$127,977 the project is the result of a public-private alliance between USAID, through El Salvador Alliances Program executed by the American organization Research Triangle Institute (RTI), the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance and the Ortiz Barriere Company, through its Crisálida Foundation.

The clinic will provide curative and preventive health care to the residents of Las Mercedes, with the purpose of reducing malnutrition, chronic parasitism and the lack of prenatal controls and vaccination.

The medical staff will attend 779 residents in that area, for which USAID has invested \$32,830, with a Governmental contribution of \$22,596 and an investment from Ortiz Barriere Company of \$10,440 (cash) and \$62,111 (in in-kind).

The opening ceremony was presided over by the USAID Office of Human Investment Acting Director, Dr. Raul Toledo; Ortiz Barriere Company Chairman, Mr. Roberto Ortiz; Santiago de María Hospital Director, Dr. Vladimir Morán; Eastern El Salvador Regional Health Director, Dr. Elizabeth Zelaya, and Alliance El Salvador Program Director, Ms. Veronica Olivares.

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