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[Symposium 33] Mental Health Support for Latin American Migrants.

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[SY-33-02] Migration and Megaprojects: Emerging Challenges for Mental Health in Peru

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Migration in Peru, marked by historical flows and contemporary crises, is experiencing a new turning point with the development of megaprojects such as the Chancay Megaport (2024), which will generate greater demographic and profound sociocultural impacts.

Megaprojects generate: Rapid and uncontrolled migration. Pressure on local services and networks. Inequality, cultural conflicts, and community fragmentation.

In transformation scenarios, uprooting, precariousness, and the loss of ties generate risks to mental health that are not yet a priority on the public agenda.

A Mental Health Plan is proposed for the province of Huaral and neighboring provinces, which includes: Intercultural education and community strengthening. Promoting emotional well-being through local networks. Youth inclusion with technology and entrepreneurship

This approach can be replicated in the Corio Megaport Project and the Majes Siguanilla Agroindustrial Project, as well as in other investment areas, in line with the Global Compact for Migration (2018) and international mental health frameworks.

The challenge is to integrate mental health as a cross-cutting pillar of sustainable development, fostering intersectoral partnerships between civil society, sectors such as education, municipal and regional governments, and between countries.