

Assessment of Strategic Health Issues On the U.S.-Mexico Border



Health is a very important aspect of development and should be considered a key issue in U.S.-Mexico relations. For a comprehensive assessment of strategic health issues on the U.S.-Mexico border, a multiplicity of actors must be included using a public-private responsibility perspective. According to conclusions of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) report *Health in the Americas 2013*, some of the most worrying health issues on both sides of the border are child obesity, diabetes, and certain infectious ailments, such as tuberculosis and vector-borne diseases.

These topics were analyzed at the international seminar “Assessment of Strategic Health Issues on the U.S.-Mexico Border,” which took place at CISAN November 21, 2013. This special section presents a selection of presentations made at the three panels: “Overview of Border Health: the Answer of the Public and Private Sectors”; “Obesity, Overweight, and Diabetes, with Special Emphasis on Children and Adolescents”; and “Infectious Diseases, Including Vector-borne Diseases.” The articles bring the reader an updated perspective from both the public and private sectors and academia on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

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