



AFSM Focal Points in Mexico - Feb.27, 2023





Status of Former Staff in Mexico

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Former PAHO-WHO Staff in Mexico - **50 Retirees + 1 to be retired by the end of 2023**



PAHO/WHO AFSM - **12 Members** (2 Focal Points) 150 USD (L-M)



Association of Former WHO Staff Members - **1 Member**- 250 CHF (L-M)



UN Staff Association in Mexico - **10 Members** - 500 MexP (Annual)



Main Achievements

PWR Mexico has done significant efforts in the last months (June 2021) to sign a **large number of agreements** in spite of the small number of active and retiree members in the country. There are:

- two agreements with hospitals signed (one hospital in **Mexico City** and another one with a hospital in **Jalisco**).
- one agreement pending signature (in **Yucatan**)
- one **lab agreement** pending list of prices to be signed
- **two agreements** with hospitals being reviewed by Legal and soon to be cleared
- **contacts** with seven **hospitals** to discuss agreements



Main Achievements



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GIB No.: GIB-HQ-CO-Centers-21-1283

Date: 2 June 2021

Cost Center: FRM

Subject: Securing Emergency Medical Care Outside the U.S.

This GIB provides guidance to staff members and their dependents enrolled in the WHO Staff Health Insurance Plan (SHI Members) on the steps to take in the event of a medical emergency requiring care outside of the United States.

Members residing outside the U.S.

In case of a medical emergency, SHI Members seeking medical care outside of the U.S. should have the following documents with them in order to demonstrate that they are covered under the Staff Health Insurance ("SHI") plan:

1. a PDF insurance attestation or card from [SHI Online](#) (See JA 3.7.4 [SHI Online Attestations and Insurance Cards](#)), or
2. a blue SHI Member ID Card as proof of insurance coverage



Main Achievements



° Local ID card (June, 2021) - Since the **WHO Health Insurance blue card** is not world wide known, the PWR Mexico issued **local cards** for former staff and near relatives that are active under PAHO-WHO Health Insurance coverage.



CONCLUSIONS

Since the above achievements arose from isolated needs of small (5-10) groups (**cells**), it would be advisable to reinforce and increase to a bigger group to aim their interest to become AFSM Members.

These **cells** can be leaded by **Jr. Focal Points**, that could help to join to a bigger group, until a whole could be integrated.





Recommendations

HIRING NEW AFSM MEMBERS

IDENTIFYING H&P local needs, offering guidance and support accordingly. (Health Insurance Invoices due to Taxes Issues, UN Staff System)

ORGANIZING social, cultural or technical events, including family or near relatives, so they could be enrolled in former staff activities. (PAHO 120 Anniversary Cultural & Sportive event January, 2023),

PROMOTING periodical on line conferences or tutorials on different topics and activities: Ageing, art crafts, cooking, gardening, dancing, painting, as well as issuing the DCE and be registered at SHI online. (Ageing webinars are always on demand)

