

Fact Sheet: Primary Care in an Indigenous Community of Chorotes (Tartagal, Province of Salta, Argentina)

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Among the possible determinants of its high prevalence of diarrheal diseases and respiratory infections, the following were observed (among others): **substandard housing; lack of latrines; insufficient water supply; lack of an appropriate place to cook and prepare food.**

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In addition, guides for the appropriate use of the outhouses were jointly prepared with the PAHO Sanitary Engineer in Argentina. These in particular were based on hygienic practices: **how to properly dispose of toilet paper; how to appropriately use ashes from the kitchens for hygienic purposes in the outhouses; emphasizing the practice of always washing one's hands after going to the outhouse.**

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evaluation of the projects using health and social indicators and social, for the purpose of validating this experience. Indicators will include the following (among others): **overall community satisfaction; level of efficiency of the basic sanitation equipment; food storage and preparation; changes in behavior with regard to preparing, handling, and storing food.**

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