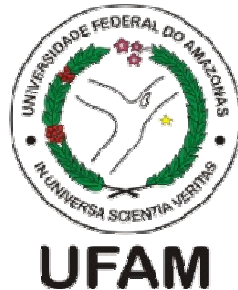




Where there is no doctor around: experiences with community health agents and river populations in the Amazon

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Aim

To discuss the implementation process of Screening and Brief Interventions Strategies for alcohol problems in river communities from Amazonia

- 2002: WHO in Alicante – Spain
- Brazil: selected to adapt and disseminate these strategies
- Development: in the south-eastern region
- 2006: Federal University of the Amazon implanted Campus in interior of Amazon

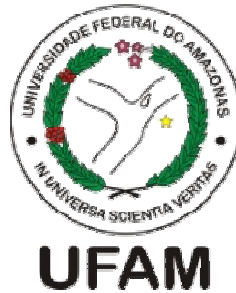
- 2006: grants of governmental agency FAPEAM – research in SBI
- 2007: to beginning the implementation of SBI has been planned for the interior of the Amazon
- 2008: year of implementation in fact

Project “The alcoholism and health staff in interior of the Amazon: health professionals, knowledge about alcohol and the health services impact”

Grants of



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The Region of Solimões River (Amazon)



Characteristics

- Coari is located in the state of Amazon
- Access: only boat or airplane
- 340 km from the capital Manaus



Characteristics

- 87,468 inhabitants:
 - 60% of which live in the urban zone
 - 40% in the rural zone.
- The territorial area: 57,922 km²
 - urban zone
 - 250 rural communities (some of which are up to 10 hours from the urban centre accessible only by boat)

- Phases

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– AUDIT adaptation: backtranslation and retest

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– Evaluation of primary care professional team about knowledge in alcohol thematic

in process

– Epidemiologic screening

in process

– Training of human resources

in process

– Implementation of SBI in Primary Care

About Epidemiology Screening

- In Primary health Care
 - ACS: application in primary care
 - Monitorization of Risk Zones
- Amostral Aspects: clusters
 - 367 inhabitants of rural area, in 20 rivers communities
 - 573 inhabitants of urban area

- Community Health Agents (ACS)
 - Strategies of Training:
 - Challenges:
 - Cultural Aspects
 - Politics Aspects: human resources in public health - no fixation because politics problems (corruption, dictatory administration and \$)

- Community Health Agents (ACS)
 - Strategies of Training:
 - Superation of Cultural Aspects:
 - Theatral activities – Role Play of Risk Zones Cases
 - Groups of theoretical Studies in SBI
 - Superation of Politics Aspects
 - University students: Advisoring ACS in primary care health services – every week, with community
 - Radio: Weekly - City Councilor Anti-Drugs
 - Intersectorial Unit with Catholic Church

Radio Programm: to distance

Conscientization and knowledge in SSBI for all



three ways :

- I Amazonic Symposium of SBI (december 2007)
- Training of Primary Care Team
- Training of undergraduated University students

I Amazonic Symposium of SSBI

- 2008 December



Training of Primary Health Care Team:

three workshops with ACS (120)

two workshops with Doctors, Nurses and Dentists
(40)



Simulation of Risk Zone



Formal Training



Groups of Studies

Training of University students: potencialization of process monitoring ACS in Family Health Program



University students: Screening and Brief Interventions,

Marks and Challenges today

- Politic Administration: Conscientization
- Health Administration: low involving
- University students: high interest and involving
- ACS: high involvement
- Doctors, Nursing and Dentist: low involving
- Epidemiologic Screening: today, without articulation with Primary Health Care

THANK YOU!!!

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