

Building the Capacity of Future Leaders, in a Socially Accountable World

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The accumulation of knowledge or information is not enough to promote changes if they don't have an effective application in the improvement of social reality. Maybe the current leaders in different areas of development have invested much effort in promoting well-being, or maybe not, but what is evident is that it has not been enough. We are facing a chaotic social reality, in which problems of demographic explosion, inequitable distribution of property and economy, deforestation, climate change, unemployment, discrimination, etc., which necessarily affect health and well-being of the individual and the population.

All of us who witnessed this, from the privilege of forming human resources, have the obligation to develop our creativity, in order to awaken in students a different way of seeing and face the chaos, to find new ways to achieve the social and environmental change that is so necessary, if we really want to achieve a development that is sustainable and friendly to the planet.

We require leaders to critically analyze the health situation of their country, identify risk factors, social determinants of health and their social determination, that is, the cause of the causes and based on it, and with respect to the worldview of communities, propose actions to really promote health, to prevent disease, to care for it and to actively participate in the organized social response, privileging social justice. This is the size of the challenge of those who intend to support the capacity building of future leaders, in a socially accountable world.