

**Project
Profile:**

El Salvador: Chalatenango

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Collaborating Partners: Pan American Health Organization
El Salvador Ministry of Health
National Cancer Institute

Location: Department of Chalatenango

Purposes:

- To evaluate the effectiveness of alternative screening methods: VIA, VILI, HPV DNA testing.
- To evaluate two service delivery models of screening and treatment: one model of itinerant teams in SIBASI Nueva Concepción; and one integrated into routine public services in SIBASI Chalatenango.

Age Group: 25-59 years

Number of Women Studied/Served: Target population to be screened: 11,131 women

Project Study Period: 2002-2004

Key Study Questions or Service Delivery Strategy:

1. Effectiveness of VIA, VILI, and HPV DNA testing in screening for pre-cancerous lesions in El Salvador.
2. Effectiveness of immediate treatment for women with lesions visible through VIA and confirmed with VILI.
3. Accuracy of interpretation of VIA by providers specializing in VIA versus those who incorporate VIA into their routine services.
4. Comparison of service delivery costs between itinerant and routine teams.

Date Results Expected: 2004

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