Governance and Stakeholder Pathways to Implementation Readiness in Peru's National Dementia Plan: Evidence-Informed Policy Action from a Public Health Research Project

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Background

Over the last decade, Latin American countries have advanced national dementia plans in response to population ageing and the growing burden of dementia. However, evidence on mechanisms supporting policy adoption and implementation remains limited. In Peru, persistent underdiagnosis and fragmented dementia care highlighted the need for implementation-oriented policy processes. In response, the IMPACT Salud project was launched in 2022 to strengthen governance, stakeholder engagement, and support the formulation, approval, and early implementation of Peru's National Dementia Plan.

Methods

Community Oriented

Lived Experience Advisory Pannels





Dissemination activities for the Primary care centers with training



Global Brain Health Workshop Multi-Sectorial Government & Community Stakeholders Meeting (May 2025)

IMPACT 5K Awareness Run - Massive Community Engagement Event





Official Launch of the National Dementia Plan with the Peruvian Minister of Health



ILUMINA (in-person session): Perspectives on the National Dementia Plan 2026-2028 with Dr. July Caballero

Media interviews for awareness campains



Capacity Building

Results

Contributed to the approval of the National Plan for the Prevention and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias.

The Plan establishes a governance framework to guide coordinated action across:

- Prevention
- Early detection
- Care
- Support (including caregiversupport)

IMPACT Salud provided technical support in two of these priority areas in collaboration with national and international partners.

Strengthened key enabling factors such as:

- Stakeholder alignment
- Institutional trust
- Shared problem framing
- Intersectoral coordination

Conclusion

Early and structured stakeholder engagement, embedded within governance-oriented implementation strategies, was critical to advancing national dementia policy in Peru. This case demonstrates how applied public health research can support both policy formulation and implementation readiness through actor-focused and evidence-informed engagement mechanisms, offering transferable lessons for strengthening dementia policy implementation in middle-income countries across Latin America and comparable settings.

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