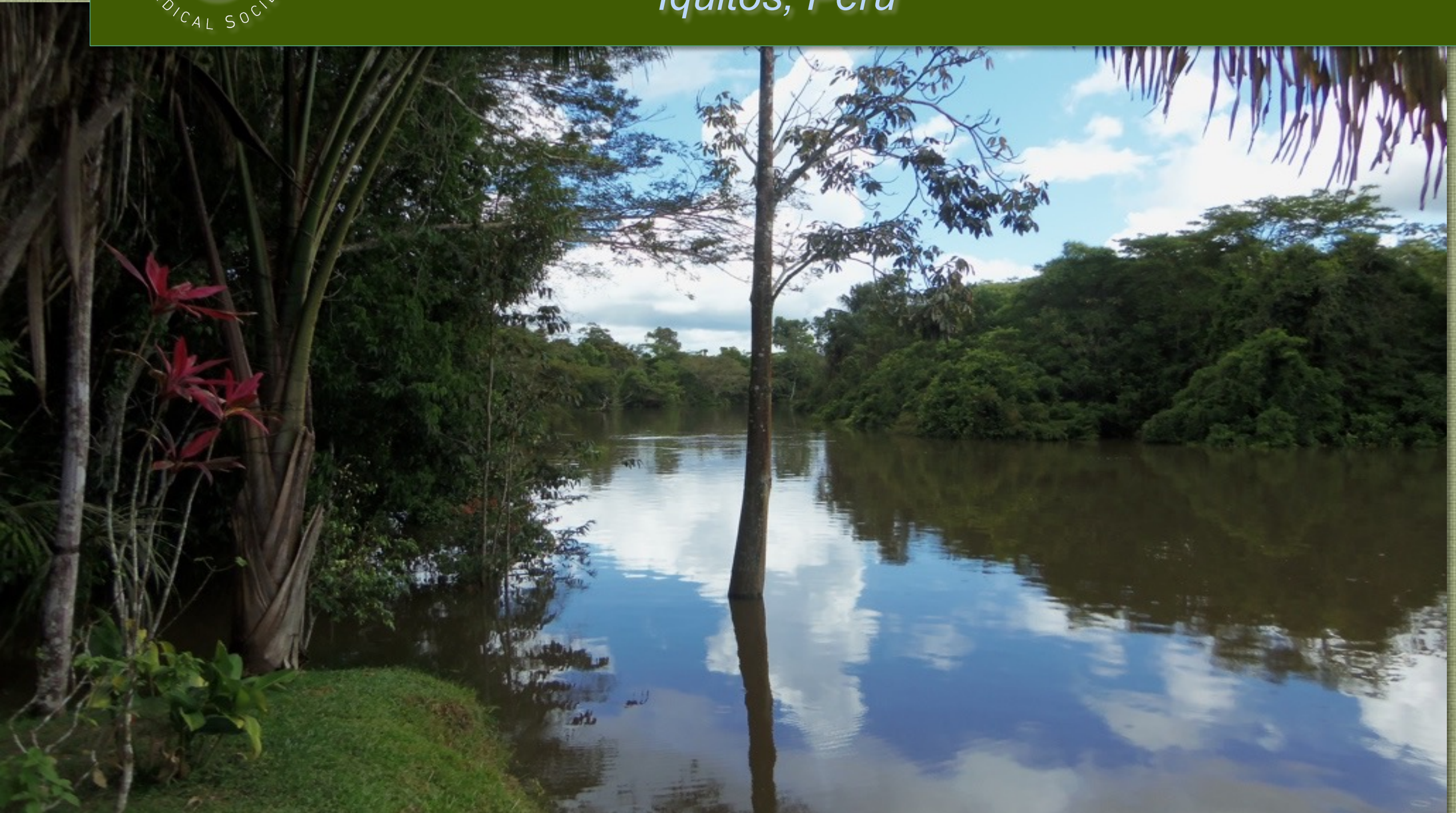




Selva in Action (SIA)

Iquitos, Peru



A Project of the Peruvian American Medical Society
A U.S. 501 (c) (3)

The Peruvian American Medical Society has over 30 projects



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There are projects located all over Perú

Some are in the mountains

Some are in the desert

Some are near the ocean

...and our project is located very deep in the Amazon jungle

Selva in Action Mission Statement



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“To improve access to health care,
promote wellness and education, and
provide economic development
linkages for the people who live
along the rivers in the Peruvian
Amazon jungle.”



La misión de Selva en Acción es:



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“A mejorar el acceso a los servicios médicos, promover el bienestar y la educación, y proveer recursos de desarrollo económico para la gente que vive en las cuencas de los ríos en la selva Amazonica Peruana.”

What is a “selva”?

- “Selva” is the Spanish word for jungle or rainforest.
- It denotes an area of land overgrown with dense forest and tangled vegetation.



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Who we are



Team 2017

Selva in Action



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We are ...



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A group of Peruvian, American, and International volunteers and staff of all ages...



Janice Felipa, RN

V. Raul Felipa, MD
Internal Medicine
Past Medical Director



...medical and dental specialists ...



Luis Espinoza, MD
Infectious Diseases
SIA Medical Director

Keren Call, MD
Pediatrician



Sammi Ráez, DDS
SIA Dental Director

We are...



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Team 2010



*health care administrators,
educators, therapists, public health
professionals...*



**Dr. Shekufe Akhter
OB-GYN**

**Aryn Yancher
SIA Volunteer Coordinator**



**Franke von Engel
SIA Co-Director**



*nutritionists, social services providers,
consultants, coordinators, lawyers, teachers
and students...*

... we are family (Dr. Reya Lee,
Chiropractic/Acupuncture)



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And we are people with helping hands and caring hearts.



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L to R:
Gio Vela, Paramedic
Fara Atias, Patient
Coordinator
Jack Bosantes, Logistics
Coordinator
Pedro Guerra, Boat Driver



**SIA's
GREEN
TEAM**



Anita Soluna
SIA Co-Founder & Project Director



... who are taking the initiative to partner with local villagers, local government, and other entities to address the identified needs.



Dr. Miguel Vasquez
Cardiologist

Where we work



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Perú is situated on the west coast of South America, just south of the Equator.

Peru at a Glance

Country population: 33 million

**Area: 496,200 square miles
(nearly twice the size of Texas)**

**Capital city: Lima, population
9.75 million**

Average monthly salary: \$ 325

**Poverty level: 22% on average,
and as high 55% in rural areas
– and higher where we work**



Iquitos



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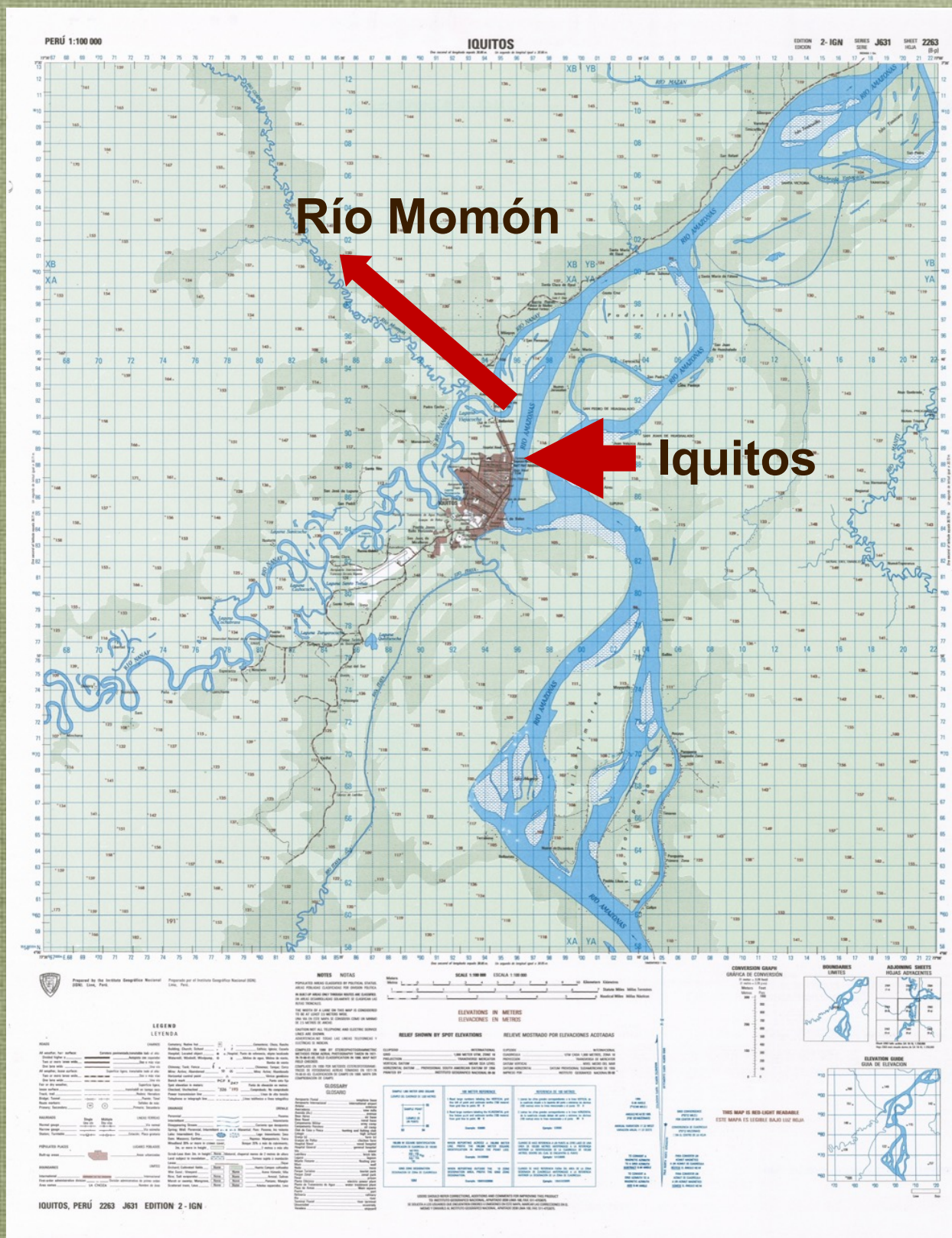


Our base of operations is in IQUITOS, the largest city in the Peruvian Amazon, with a population of approximately 477,000. Iquitos is located in the northeastern quadrant of Peru (in the state of Loreto) and can only be accessed by plane or boat.

Rio Momón



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From Iquitos, we go by boat to the Río Momón, which is a tributary of the Río Nanay. The Río Nanay is a tributary of the Río Amazonas (the Amazon River).

Amazon River and Tributaries



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Our location



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**Our work
locations on
the Río
Momón are
in the
villages of
Centro
Fuerte &
Punto Alegre
(highlighted).**



Getting there



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From Iquitos, it takes 45 minutes using a wooden boat with a 15 horsepower motor to reach Centro Fuerte and 6 hours to reach Punto Alegre, if the water is high enough for the boat to pass over the bottom of the river.

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Or a whole lot longer if you are using local transportation!

The reasons we are there



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Just the facts:



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The Peruvian Government has declared the Río Momón an area of extreme poverty



Extreme poverty refers to income so low that it could not provide adequate nutrition even if it were spent entirely on food.

Just the facts:



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Most villagers must travel 4-8 hours by wooden boat to reach the closest doctor and emergency medical facilities.



People rely on river water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. The water, which is polluted by garbage & human waste, contains harmful bacteria and parasites.

Just the facts:



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Sanitation is inadequate



Just the facts:



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People bathe and brush their teeth in the river.

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Young children help with laborious chores.



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Girls ages 8 and 10 carrying water



Carrying wet laundry



Selling
his
brother's
artwork



Age 5, using machete to help prepare a meal



And paddle their own boats



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Luz Clarita, age 6, on her way to school

Senior citizens keep working!



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Mr. Davila was 85 years old when this photo was taken several years ago. He goes to work every day in his fields, caring for his crops, his fish farm, his livestock, and his chickens.

He has just come from picking the food (yuca root) for his dinner. He carries it in a basket he made himself.

Just the facts:



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Many people suffer from anemia, dengue fever, malaria, intestinal parasites, malnutrition, vitamin deficiencies, and tooth decay.

Just the facts:



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Also prevalent are:

- Snake bites
- A variety of bacterial and viral infections
- Insect bites



Just the facts:



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... other untreated illnesses and injuries...



Just the facts...



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...and skin problems.



We were there for...



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...**Pedro**, who needed a pacemaker. Without surgery, his death was imminent. Now, at age 78, his hearing is failing, but Pedro continues to work in his fields.

We were able to help **Jhefferson**...



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...whose family lives over 30 miles from the nearest hospital. Jhefferson was unable to nurse and needed to be fed powdered formula with an eyedropper to survive. He could only eat soft food. He had cleft lip surgery in September 2013 and cleft palate surgery in March 2017. He still requires additional surgery and therapy to correct his speech.



We are there for:



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14-year old Glian (age 8 at time of this photo) , who is blind in one eye and requires surgery to remove his eye and implant a prosthesis

And we are there for his sister, Marjory:



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Before ↓ and After →



who was severely burned and required plastic surgery

...and for their baby brother -



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Who was bitten
by an insect
and had a
nipple full of
pus.

We were able to help...



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...**Baby Cris**, now a healthy 7-year old, who was being fed only banana water, and had to spend 3 weeks in the hospital due to severe malnutrition & anemia.



Cris (L) at 2 months old.



Cris after
receiving
medical
treatment



Cris

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2021**

We were there for Jose...but not soon enough



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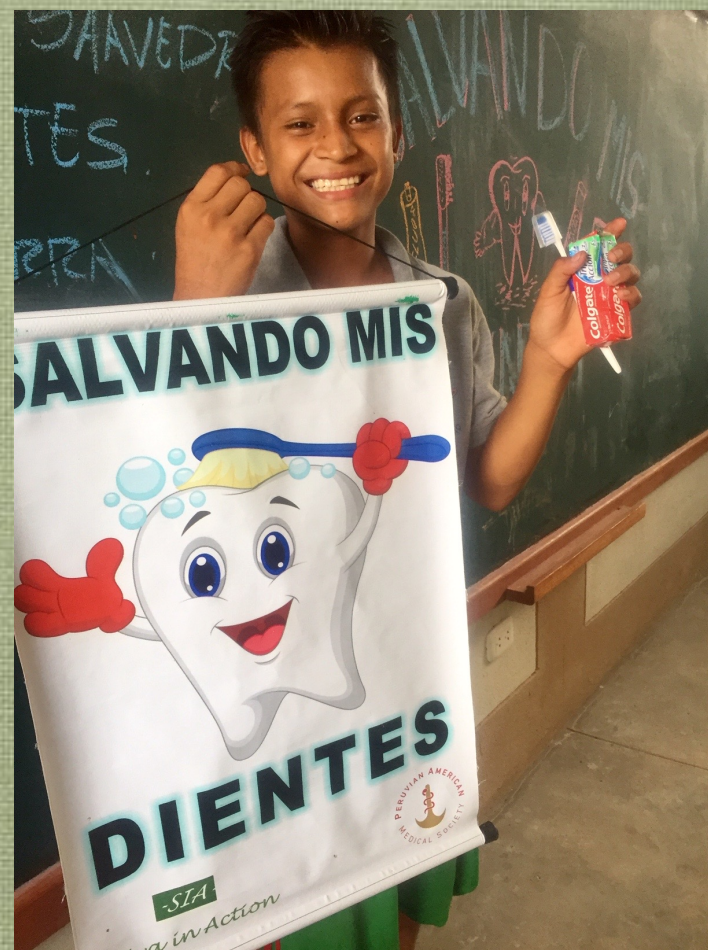
**...the adults
and children
who need
dental work!
*(which is
pretty much
everyone)***



SERIOUS DENTAL ISSUES ARE ABUNDANT



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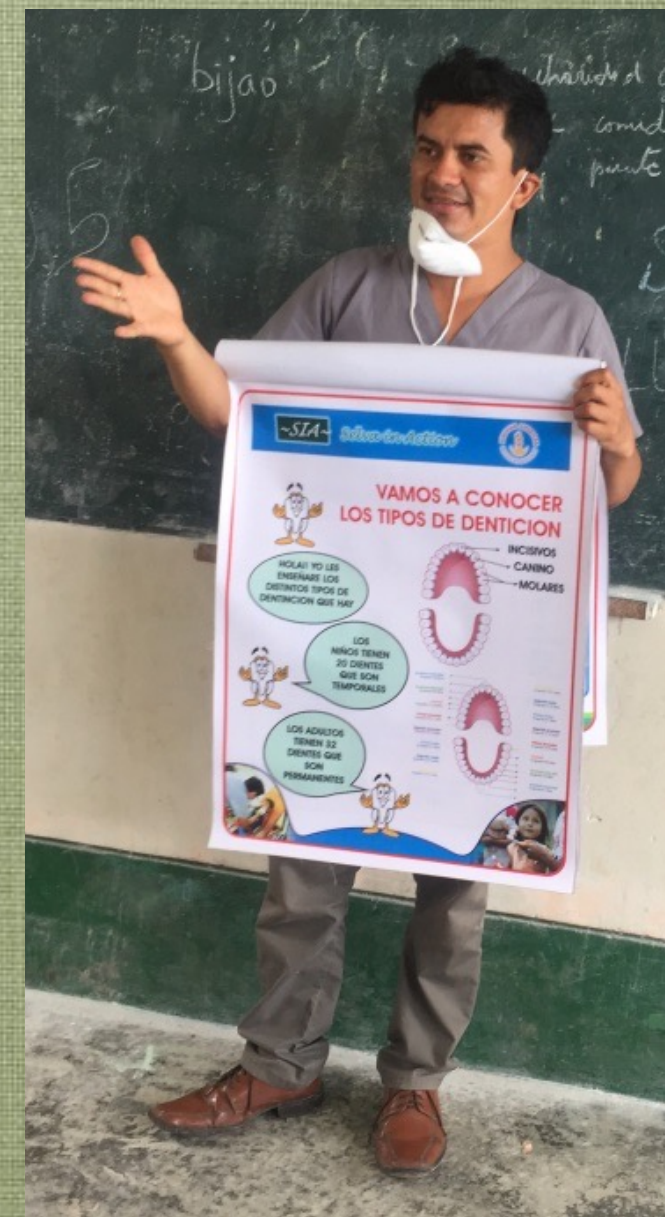
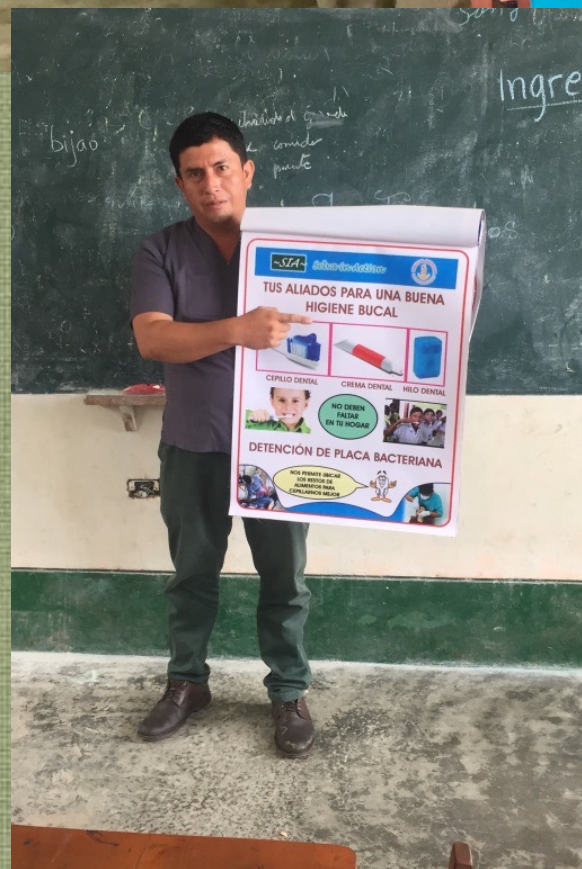
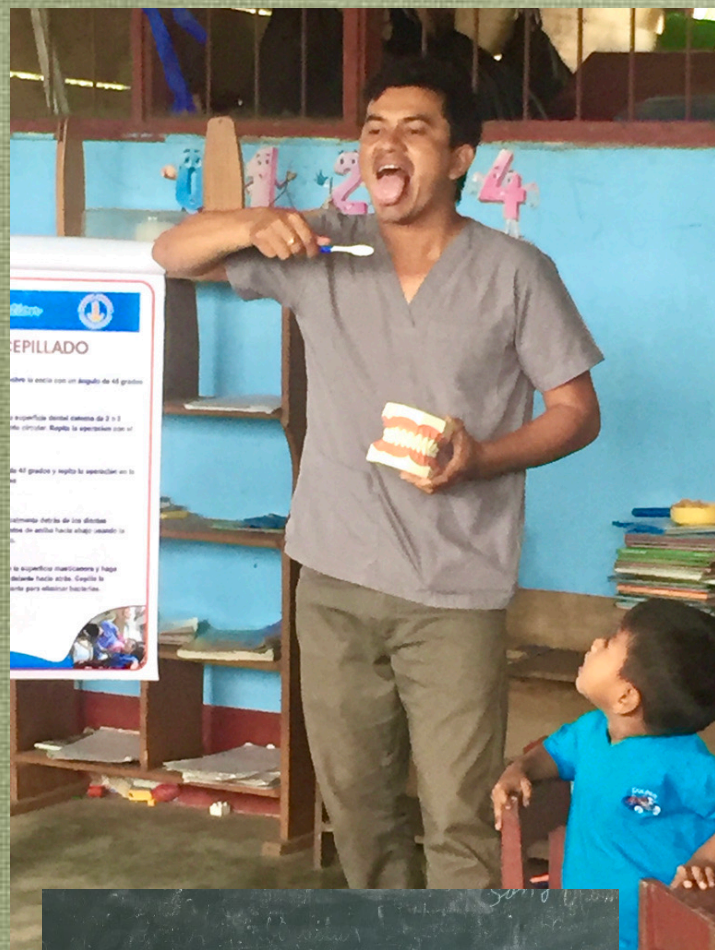


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Proper oral health education is a necessity.



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We are there...



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Working for the benefit of all!



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SIA Statistics per year



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A BIT ABOUT ...



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THE JUNGLE ENVIRONMENT

There are many interesting sights and sounds
in the jungle.



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Birds



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Chico the Tucan with SIA's Program Director



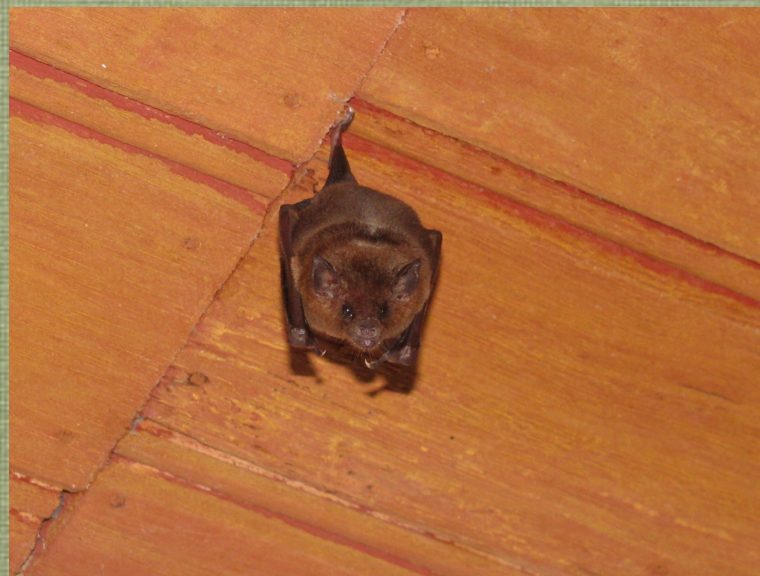
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Animals



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Tony, the Tapir, grows up.



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Insects



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SURI – Palm Tree Grubs



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SURI – Yummy!! Tastes like steak fat!



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Reptiles & Amphibians



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Yes, it's an Anaconda. Be careful!



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Turtle and Friend – Seeing Eye to Eye



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Plants



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VICTORIA REGIA, LARGEST WATER LILY PADS IN THE WORLD



...and their Flowers



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and Unusual Fruit



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L to R: Coconut,
Pijuayo, Hubillas,
Cocona, Aguaje

As beautiful as it is...



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Life in the jungle is difficult...



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**And the daily
need is for
basic survival.**



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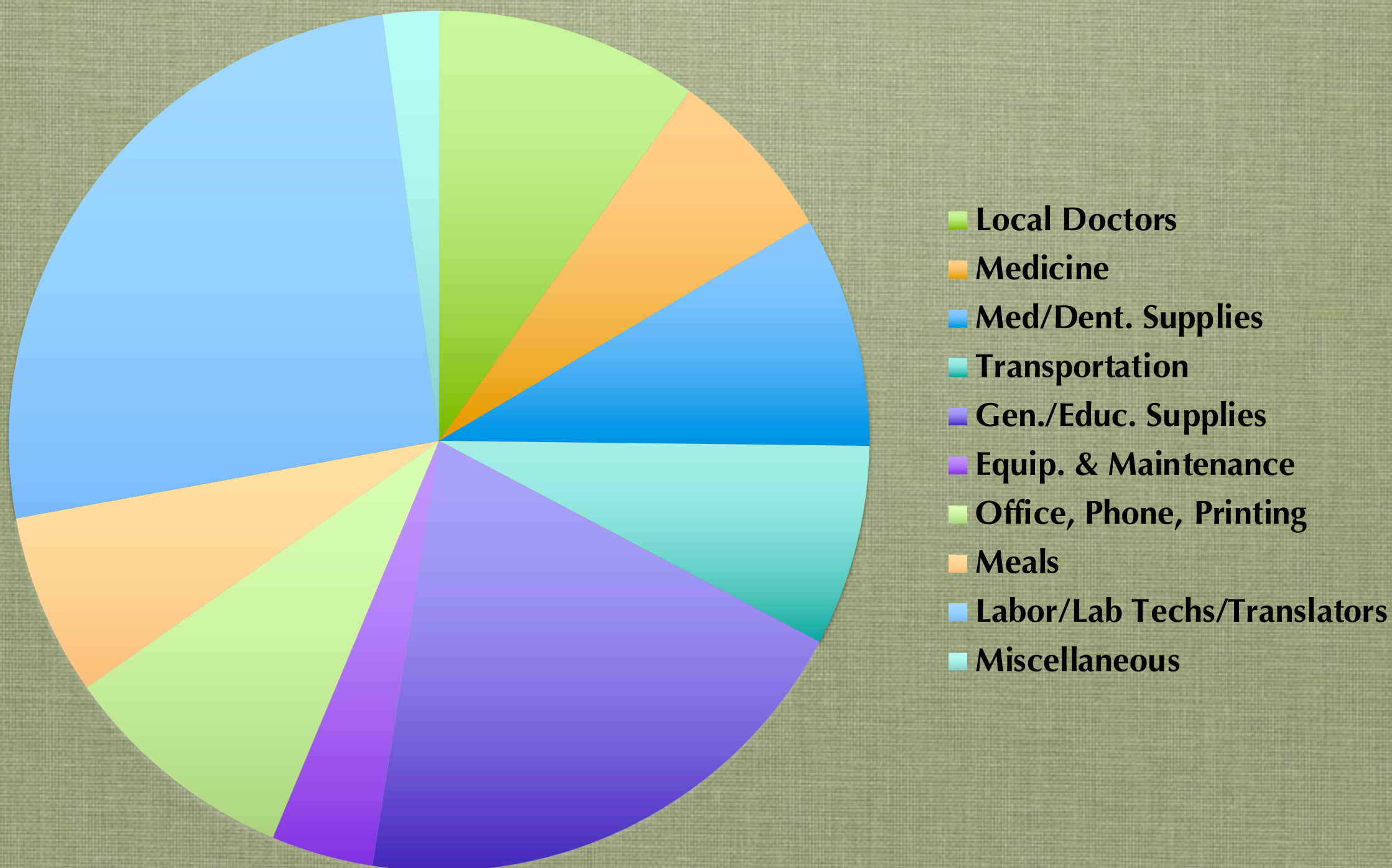
***The are no doctors or dentists, and very few educators
in this part of the jungle.***

SIA's 2019 Budget (fluctuates yearly)



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% of Total



What SIA needs for 2022...



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- **VOLUNTEERS!!!!**
- **\$5000**
 - **to replace all medicines and supplements that expired since the 2019 mission**
 - **to purchase PPE for the team and masks for the patients**
 - **to purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and fluoride for the dental patients**
- **\$1000** - **to pay the increased costs of the boats used for transporting our team to the villages during the mission**
- **\$750** - **Gas to run the generator for the dental equipment**
- **...and more!**

There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others ...

Thank you for
all your
support



In Memory of...

Selva in Action honors the memories of friends who, unfortunately, did not have access to adequate medical care.



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Julio



Pedro



Antonia



Santiago



Nemésio

José

Juana

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