

## Applied technology in health and sustainable development in Panama

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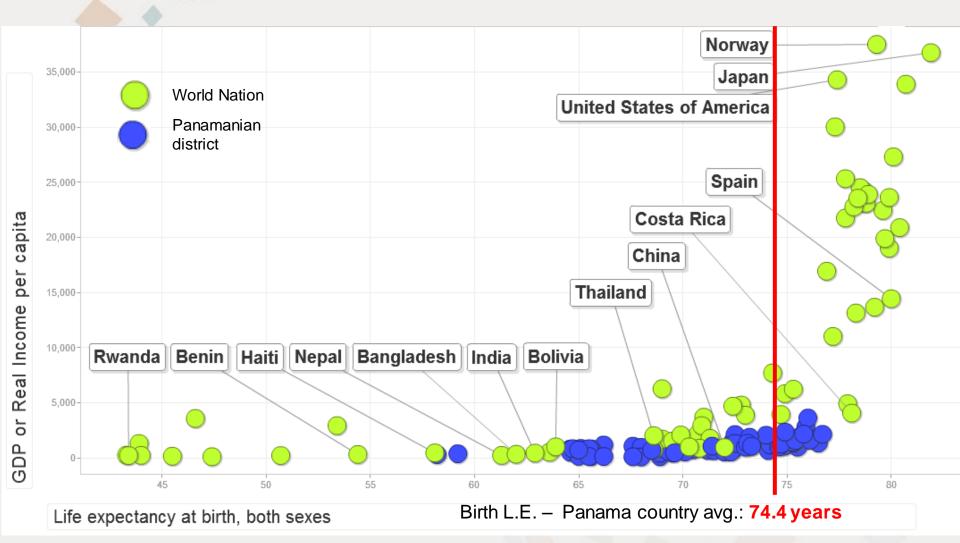
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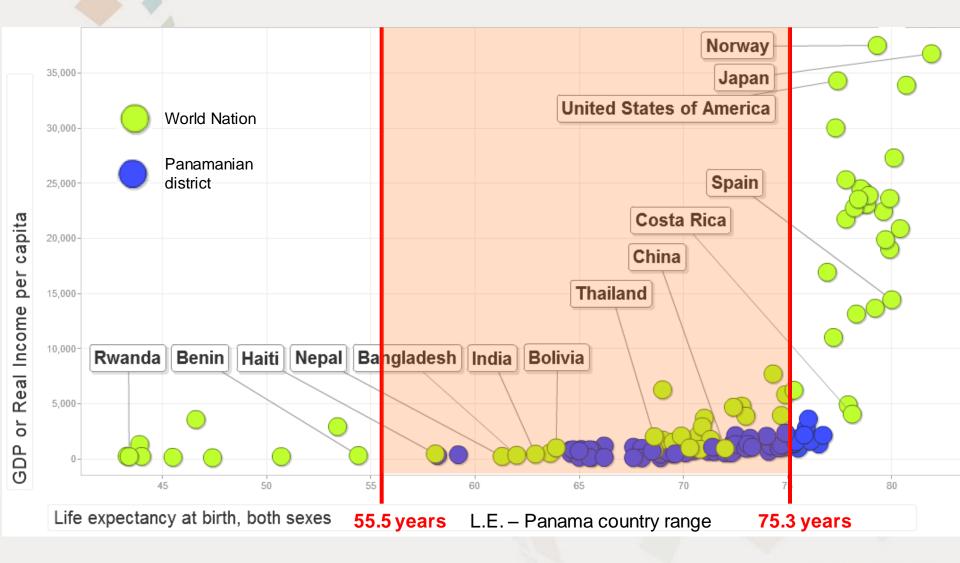
Income per capita vs. Life Expectancy at Birth





### Panama in the World (2000)

Income per capita vs. Life Expectancy at Birth





## Networked Readiness Index (NRI)

**NRI** measures the degree of readiness a country has to participate and take advantage of ICT.

This index has three basic components:

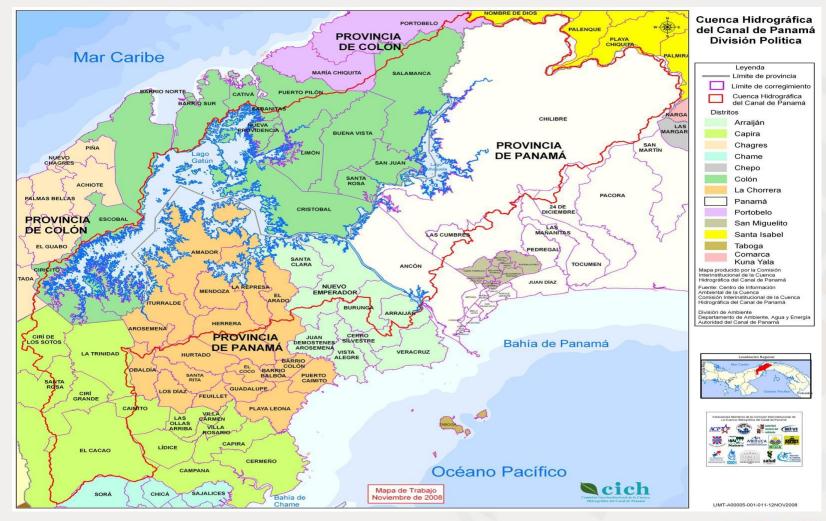
- Environment offered toward ICT in a country or community
- Involvement of key persons (individuals, businesses, governments) in ICT
- Use of ICT by these key individuals

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2002-2003	48
2003-2004	58
2004-2005	69
2006-2007	65
2008-2009	66
2009-2010	58



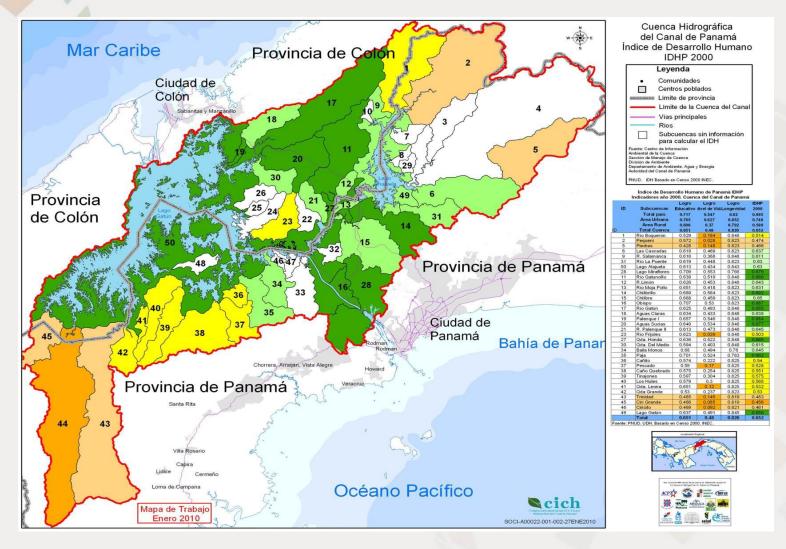
## The Panama Canal watershed as an example of the complexities of the country

## **Political division** Panama Canal watershed



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## Human development index

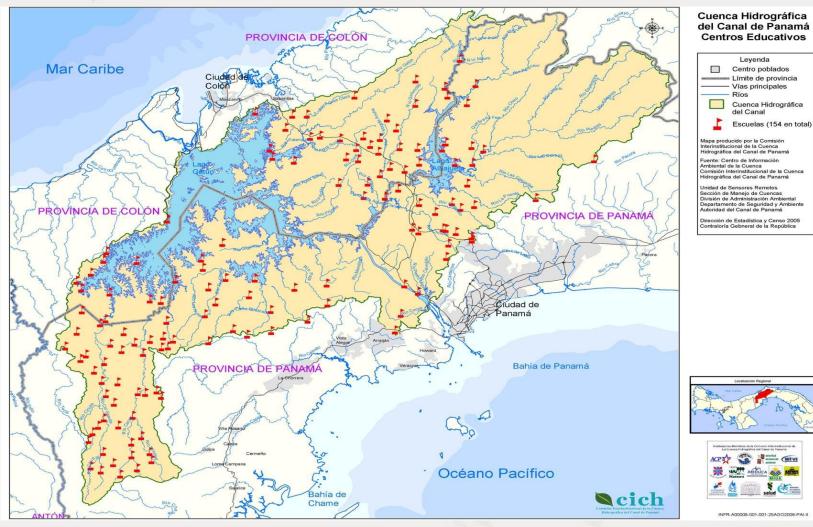


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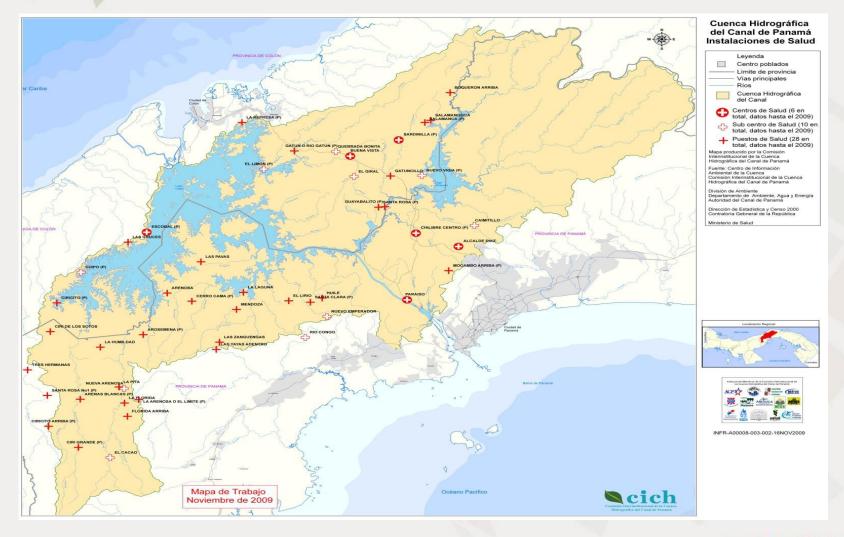
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## **Educational centers**



## Health services network



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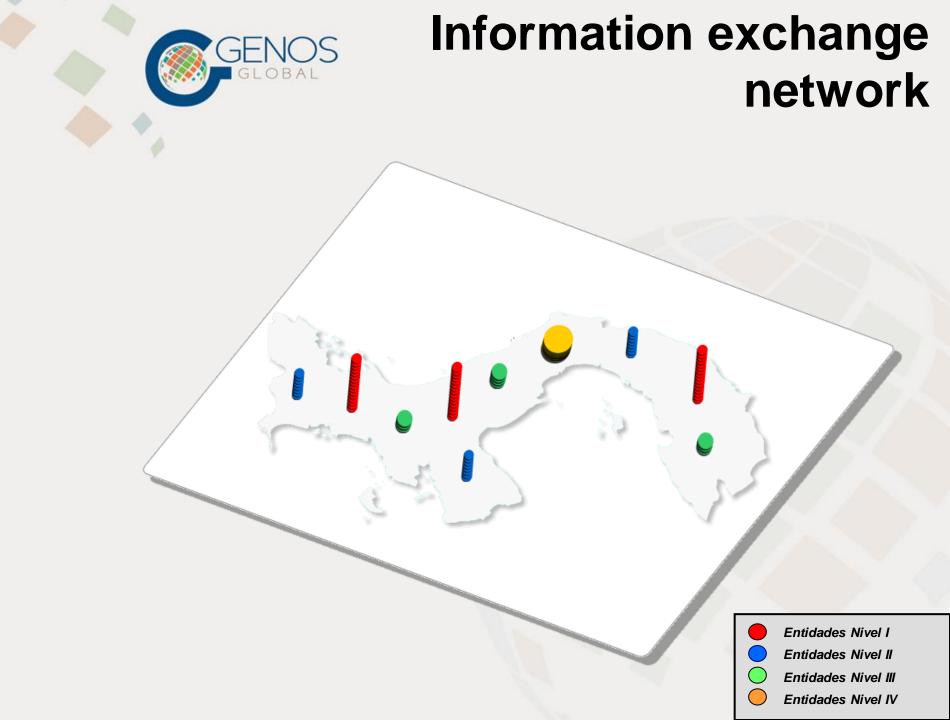


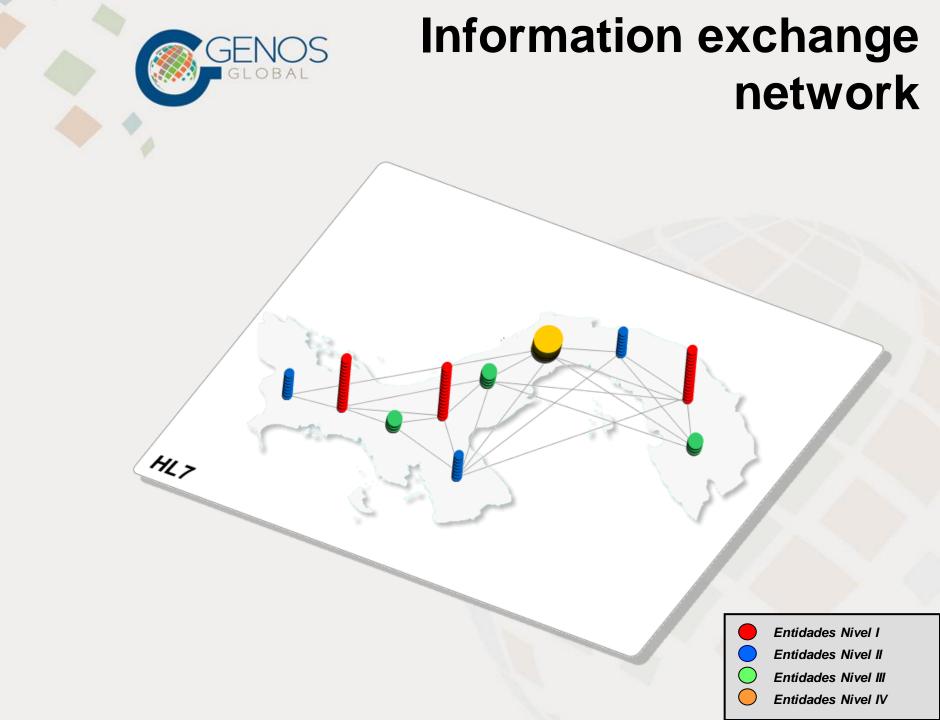
# eEfforts of the government of Panama

- National Authority for Governmental Innovation
  - Modernize public administration
  - Free WiFi Internet access from border to border
- Ministry of Education
  - Digital equity project
- Ministry of Health
  - Modernization of public health
  - Evolution of telemedicine platform



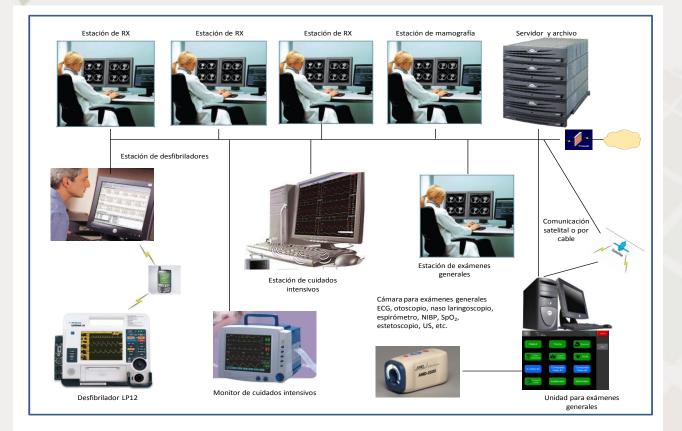
## **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**







### Virtual Hospital June 2011



Offers technological support to 22 Radiology nodes and 9 Telemammography nodes

## First Lady's Telemammography Initiative

 Joint effort with Ministry of Health

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Aims at increasing mammograms in 65%





## UNIVERSITIES

## Synergies between Public Universities



- Creation of the Panamanian Society of Medical Informatics and Telemedicine
- Creation of the eHealth Center of Excellence to support national plan
- Creation of joint degrees in medical informatics and telemedicine



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#### Objetivo General:

Desarrollar las habilidades necesarias en el uso de servicios que brindarán las plataformas virtuales y las tecnologías aplicadas a la salud, disponibles al Sistema de Red de Hospitales para. Educación e investigación que lavorezca la apropiación y ejecución de las mismas dentro del ejercicio.

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## To make-shift solutions







## Darien province and Emberá-Wounaan Comarca

Socio-Economic Situation in Darien Province and Emberá Wounaan District

Avg income is US\$118.50/mo in Darien, US\$86.10 in Emberá-Wounaan District vs US\$270.90 natl avg

48,533 inhabitants in 695 communities

53% live in extreme poverty

13,406 households, 6,987 wo/ electricity 3,426 get their drinking water from rivers

1,559 households dispose garbage in the rivers

3,444 do not have toilets or latrines

39.9% of children are malnourished

## Ecological Problems in Darien Province

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# Forests: from 69.5% in 1947 to 40.4% in 1998

#### Loss of fertile soil

1 Assessed

#### **Sedimentation of rivers**

#### **Loss of biodiversity**

**Change in watersheds** 

## **Educational Dimension**

59% of popn btw 6 and 24 yrs of age have access to education

Avg years in school: 5.2 yrs

25% of population older than 10 yrs is illiterate

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Youth migrate to Panama City looking for better opportunities resulting in increased peri-urban poverty



## **Additional problems**

## Security

- Armed conflict in the border with Colombia generates a migration explosion of displaced persons
- Broad border facilitates drug and arm trafficking
- Darien youth recruited by Colombian guerilla and drug lords
- Darien youth migrate to the capital to live in neighborhoods with high levels of urban violence, delinquency, alcohol and drug abuse and gangs



# **Tierra Nueva Foundation**

## "Teaching, Promoting and Conserving"



## Community outreach projects

Established Emberá-Wounaan women-run arts and crafts micro-enterprises

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Trained 508 teachers in reading and mathematics



Awareness raising against child labor (reached 441 people in 13 indigenous communities)

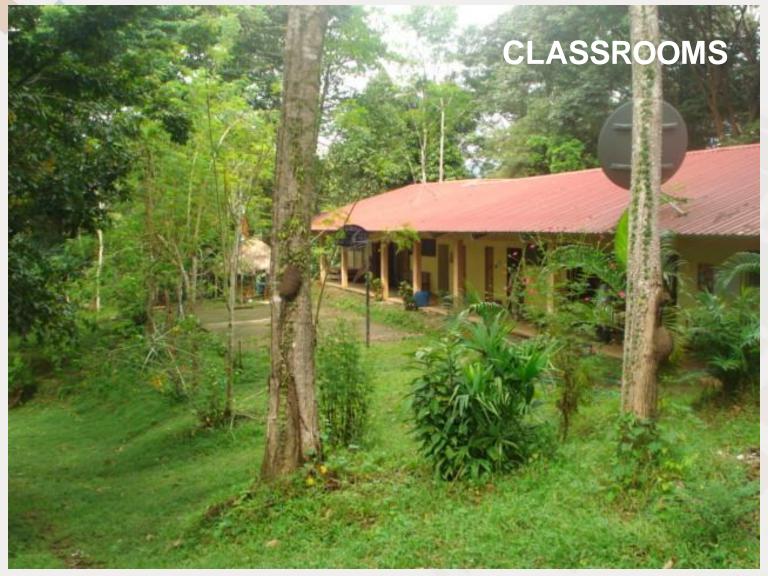


#### ()S**Instituto Forestal** Agropecuario de Darién



#### Agro-forestry vocational high school











## **Class work**









#### **Field work**







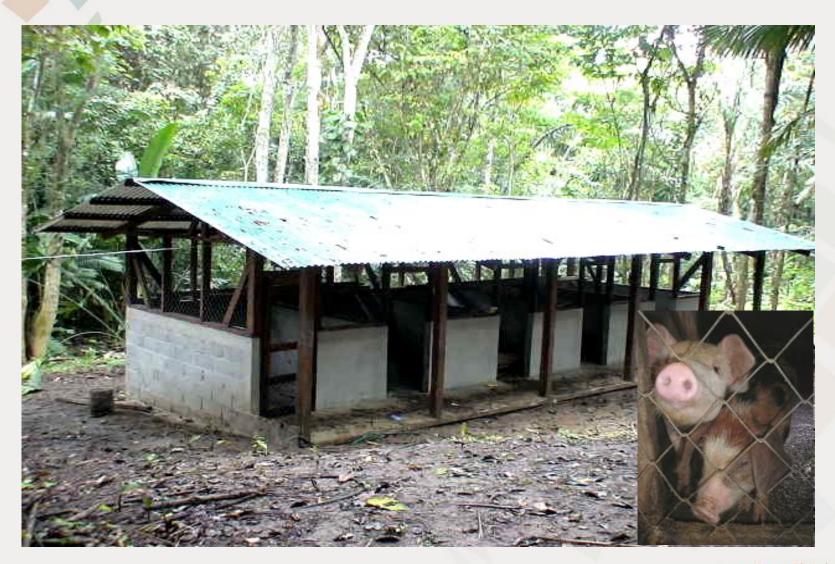


## Learning to recycle



























Students from IFAD tutor and give lectures to children from various communities. For most families, this is the first generation to graduate from high school



## What happens next?

- Some get scholarships
- Most need to work and do not continue studying or drop out of college
- Girls get pregnant



# Need to cut the circle of poverty and introduce new perspectives.





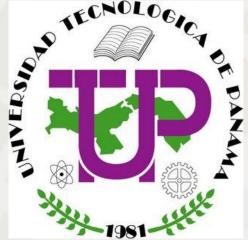


# THE PLAN: TRANSFORM IFAD INTO A HUB FOR REGIONAL **DEVELOPMENT USING ICT** LEAPFROG THROUGH **CUTTING-EDGE** TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER



## **Step 1: Education**

- A university inside the campus
  - Establish a collaborative agreement with the Technological University of Panama to establish an outpost at IFAD
  - Enhance quality of education and reinforce technological competencies
  - ICTD perspectives



### Step 2: Participatory rural assessments in communities of origin



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## Step 3: Develop technological solutions to address community needs

- Establish a para-curricular online and blended educational program using the University's business incubator
- Develop business plans that establish income-generating solutions to identified development problems (e.g., health, water, environment)
- Establish a fund for SMEs that alumni can establish in their communities
- Link their solutions to public and private initiatives





