

# **“Concertation Table for the elimination of the HPV in Colombia”**

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**HPV Board meeting- Bogotá, November 2018.**



# Lo que paso en “MACONDO”\* con la vacunación contra el virus del papiloma humano(VPH)

(...\*donde la realidad supera a la ficción...)

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En Macondo...!

Donde la realidad supera la ficción !!





**Declaro que:**

**NO TENGO CONFLICTO DE INTERESES  
CON RESPECTO AL TEMA DEL CANCER  
DE CUELLO UTERINO**

**Tengo interés en salvar 2.000 mujeres colombianas cada año !  
250.000 en el mundo !!  
Y tengo una hija...VACUNADA !!**

# The beautiful dream...

Launching the HPV vaccine program in Colombia – August 2012.

The President and the Minister of Health completely behind the campaign.

**VACCINATION COVERAGE:97%!**



**2013 Girls in  
4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>  
grade (9-17  
years old)  
Schedule:  
0,6,60m**

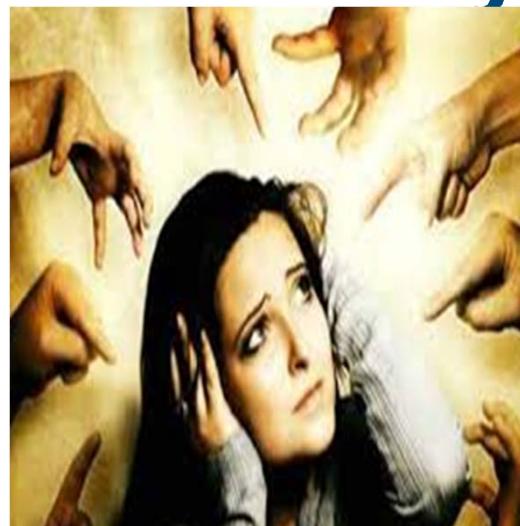
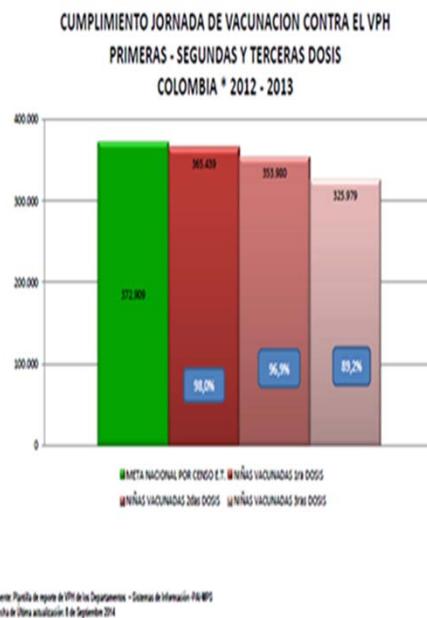


In a small little town in the northern region of Colombia Carmen de Bolívar an event produced a mediatic crisis and vaccination dropped from 95 to 14%.

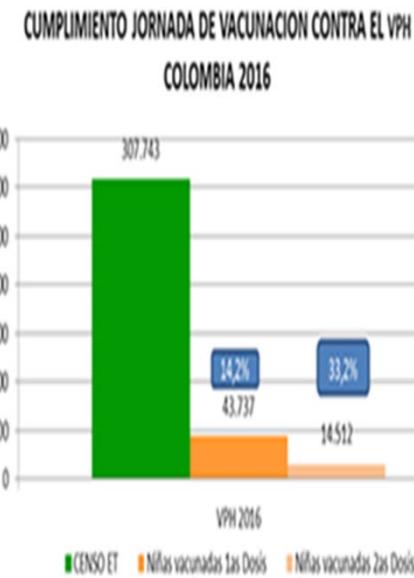


# The nightmare...! The disaster...A bizarre incident...

## Carmen de Bolívar – May 2014



HPV vaccine...  
CULPRIT !!



# Minsalud denuncia demandas en contra del Estado por vacunas del papiloma



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The group of “victims” of the HPV vaccine has sued the Pharmaceutic Company that produces the vaccine and the goverment for more than 300 million US dollars



# Que puede uno pensar?

continuaremos nuestra labor de denuncia de los graves conflictos de interés dentro de la comunidad médica y la omisión de información de vital importancia al momento de recomendar la vacuna, hasta lograr que no se aplique a ninguna persona en el mundo.

**Monica Leon DEL Rio**  
Presidenta  
**Asociación Reconstruyendo Esperanza**  
**Aso. Reconstruyendo Esperanza-victimas**  
**de la vacuna VPH- — con Afectadas Vacuna**  
**Papiloma Panama y 13 personas más.**

## Dr. Harold zur Hausen

El premio Nobel de Medicina de 2008 hizo énfasis en que **la vacuna es el mejor escudo** contra el Virus de Papiloma Humano y que los médicos deben **promoverla más** en las consultas médicas.



**And who speaks for the dead??**  
**2000 colombian women die each year**  
**of HPV related cervical cancer !!!**





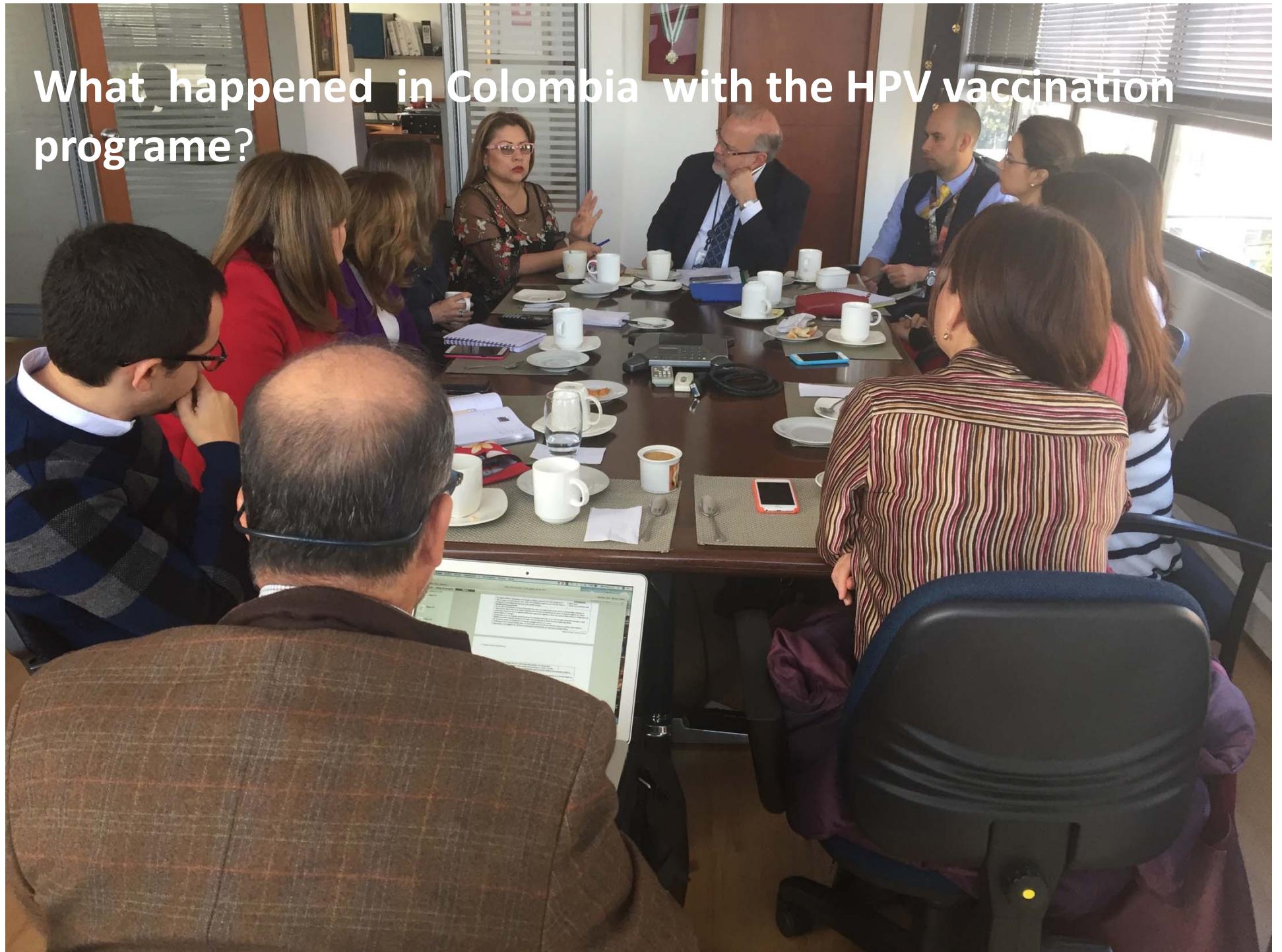
# Qué nos pasa?

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What happened in Colombia with the HPV vaccination programme?





**Letter to Editor**

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# What happened in Colombia with the HPV Vaccination program- A story of light and shadows... Happiness and Tears...



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## Letter to Editor

In 2012, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, both in hands of two admirable women, took the wise and courageous decision of offering the HPV vaccination, free of charge, to all the Colombians school girls aged 9-13. Now it has been extended to 17 years old. 100 million US dollars were invested buying the vaccine through the Panamerican Health Organization (PAHO). A big campaign was planned and the program was launched with enthusiasm across the country in the year 2013. In the first year, we were able to vaccinate 95% of the targeted population!... 95%! Everything went as planned... a great success that was recognized by the entire world... *Aplause! Smiles...! Congratulations...fireworks*

The Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Health send their medical teams to figure out what was happening and a thorough investigation was carried out and latter published, that showed that no infectious nor post vaccine adverse event was to be pointed as the cause of the symptoms. This very serious and well conducted work was never of the interest of the news media nor the journalists.

*The bad is news...the good is not.*

Unfortunately, when the President called the Minister of Health to get the information from first hand, the Minister told the him that there was no reason to be worried about that the circu

# Carta del Premio Nobel de Medicina

## Prof. Harald zur Hausen

- Dear Dr. Castro,
- Thank you very much for your very interesting article in Cancer Therapy & Oncology which appeared in January.
- To some extent I was familiar with the story and can only congratulate you for this recapitulation. This event didn't only turn out to be unfortunate for Columbian girls, but was also noticed in many other countries and resulted in a reduced vaccination rate.
- I'm pleased to see that you pointed out so clearly the unfortunate role which some of the politicians played.
- All good wishes and best regards,
- Prof. Harald zur Hausen





Ministro Gaviria, Dra Nubia Munoz, Dr Carlos Castro  
Apoyo a la vacunacion masiva contra el cancer de  
cuello uterino

# **Dos Quijotes...**

## **Nubia Muñoz- Xavier Bosch**



# **Something had to be done !**

## **“Mesa de Concertación”**

for the elimination of HPV related Cervical Cancer from  
Colombia .

- Colombian League against Cancer.
- Profamilia.
- Universities.
- Scientific Societies (Pediatrica,Gynecology,etc)
- Association of cities.
- National Academy of Medicine.
- Special guests: NCIC, Ministry of Health,
- American Cancer Society, ACS.



# The first meeting of the Concertation Table for the elimination of **HPV** related cervical cancer.

March 2017.





## Nubia Muñoz

- Es una obligación moral y ética del mundo académico y científico de Colombia de hacer todo lo posible para re-activar el programa de vacunación contra el VPH y poner en marcha la introducción del test del ADN del VPH en los programas de tamización.
- Cali Marzo 2017.



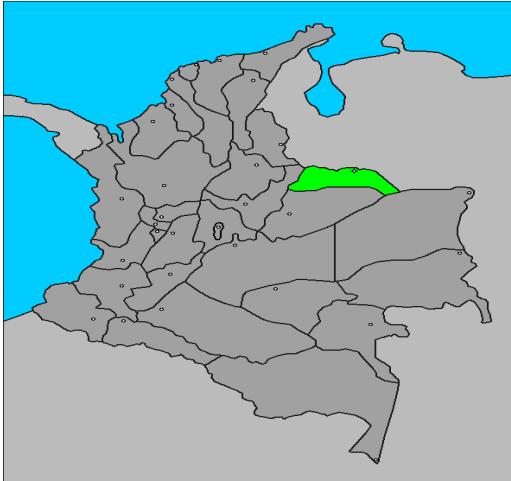
MESA DE CONCERTACIÓN  
PARA LA ERRADICACIÓN DEL  
CÁNCER DE CUELLO UTERINO

## Xavier Bosch

- Tenemos una deuda pendiente con las mujeres de América Latina, de Colombia.., del mundo!
- Desde el Instituto Catalán de Oncología en Barcelona apoyamos el esfuerzo de los colegas colombianos para reemprender la campaña de vacunación y llegar a los niveles de cobertura que demostraron ser capaces de vacunar.
- **NINGUNA NIÑA COLOMBIANA DEBERÍA PERDER ESTA OPORTUNIDAD!**
- Marzo 2017. Barcelona,

# DEPARTAMENTO DE ARAUCA

## Highest incidence and mortality of Cervical Cancer



**UNIDAD ADMINISTRATIVA ESPECIAL  
DE SALUD DE ARAUCA**



# Arauca Project: ACS, CLAC, Mesa de Concertacion



# Mesa de Concertación, ACS,JHU,LCCC.



# PROYECTO DE INVESTIGACIÓN ARAUCA 2018 CÁNCER DE CUELLO UTERINO “*Por la Salud de la Mujer Araucana*”.



# “HPV Cancer Free” Project: For the health of the araucarian women.

✓ **Goal:** To increase **confidence in the vaccine** and a sense of protection through a behavior change communication strategy and in consequence, **increase** the vaccination rates from **7% to 60%** in Arauca by the end of 2019.

✓ **Objective:** To develop a behavior change communication strategy conceived from a **bio-psychosocial perspective** with evidence-based support to educate and sensitize the identified audiences regarding the



# **ARAUCA !**

## **El Gobernador Ricardo Alvarado y su equipo de salud comprometidos al 100%**

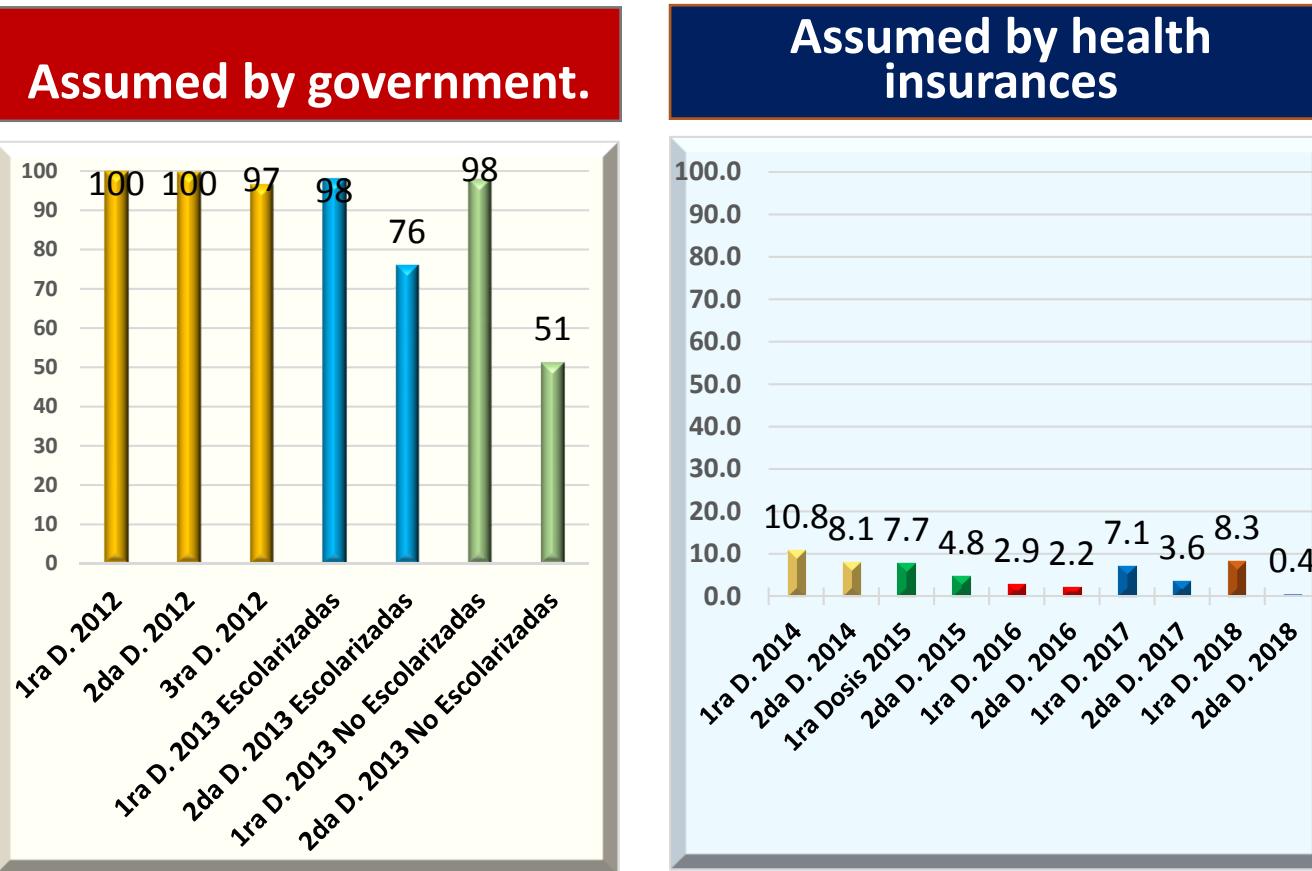


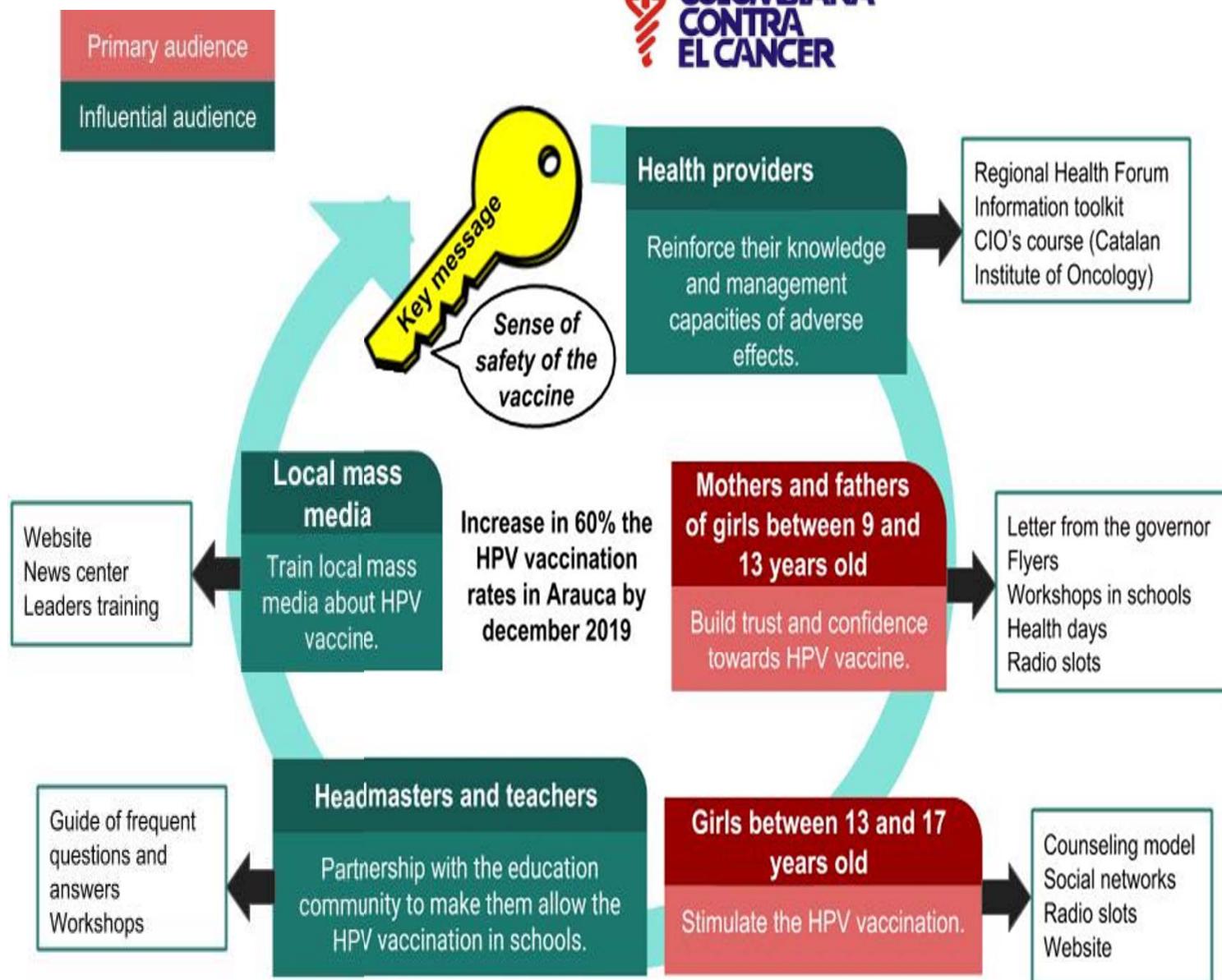
✓ The key audiences are the ones involved in the decision making of vaccination. Those are:

1. Fathers of girls in vaccination age
2. Mothers of girls in vaccination age
3. Health providers
4. Teachers of adolescents in vaccination age
5. Adolescents in vaccination age



# *Coverage variation after changes in the way of hiring vaccinators plus Carmen de Bolívar incident*





**Los PROFESIONALES DE LA SALUD somos líderes ...y la  
comunidad nos escucha !!**

**En todos los niveles...!**

**Recuperar la CON-FIANZA en la vacuna.**

**Estudios de seguridad y efectividad.**



**EDUCACIÓN !!! CONCIENTIZACION!!**

**Con – Ciencia !**

**Con- Evidencia !**

**Con-fianza !!**



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www.cancer.gov.co

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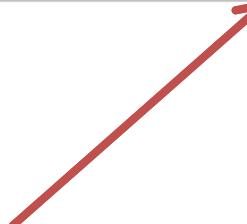
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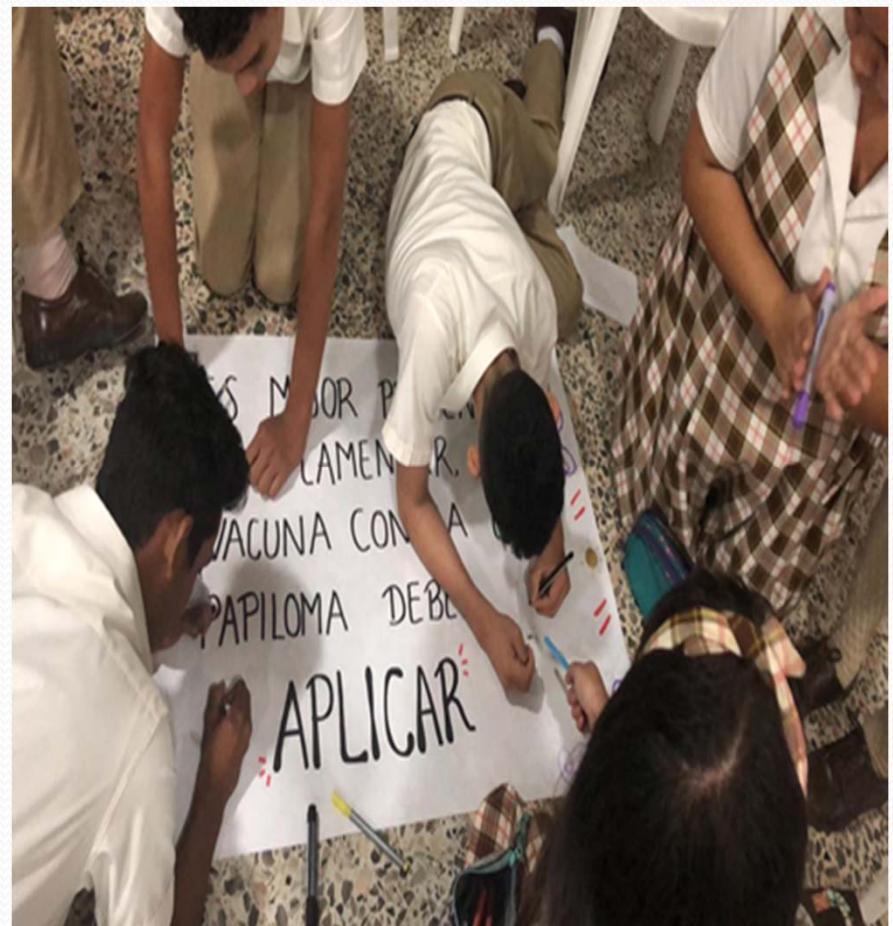
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[www.e-oncologia.org/cursos/seguridad-vph/](http://www.e-oncologia.org/cursos/seguridad-vph/)

# Recovering TRUST in the HPV vaccine through EDUCATION.



# Students in Arauca learning about HPV vaccine...





## Key Next Steps

- ✓ Testing of materials and implementation of the communication strategy.
- ✓ Improve the hiring of vaccinators in Arauca

# **Meetings with health providers and community**

**Visitas a 17 ciudades/more than 1800 participants.**

Popayán: 108 asistentes

Neiva: 88

Cali:255

Pasto:300

Medellin:188

Sincelejo:96

Yopal:45

Arauca( Tame,Saravena,Fortul,Arauquita,Cravo Norte): 354

Cundinamarca: (Bogotá, Ubaté, Girardot): 306

Ibagué: 205

Quibdó (Choco): 256



# Unintentional Desinformation?

El Espectador 28 de Agosto de 2017

- What message receives the community when they read in the front page of a very popular newspaper regarding HPV vaccination, that the Constitutional Court has put a **BRAKE TO THE VACCINE?**
- What the CC said was that HPV vaccination should not be obligatory... (it had never been)...and ordered that an informed consent should be signed by at least one of the parents.



# Sentencia T-365

## No accedió a la suspensión de la vacuna contra el VPH

- 1)...esta encaminada a **prevenir el cáncer de cuello uterino como política pública.**
- 2)...su **aplicación representa beneficios** para las mujeres colombianas al evitar el menoscabo de su salud.
- 3)...las principales organizaciones internacionales y nacionales **aprueban la seguridad , calidad y eficacia de la vacuna.**



EL MINISTERIO DE SALUD TENDRÁ PRESENTAR UN INFORME DE PERSONAS AFECTADAS

## Vacuna contra el virus del papiloma humano no puede ser obligatoria: Corte Constitucional

Judicial 27 Ago 2017 - 9:00 PM

Por: Redacción Judicial

El alto tribunal explicó que ningún Estado puede tomar decisiones sobre el cuerpo de sus ciudadanos. Se trata de una decisión que podría generar de nuevo controversia alrededor de un tema de salud pública sensible en el país.





# Brake..? or **accelerator??**

(But...there was silence...)



# HPV vaccination...why has it been so difficult?

*For the health of the araucarian women*

(HPV Cancer Free / American Cancer Society)  
No conflict of interest declared.

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WORLD CANCER CONGRESS , UIICC , KUALA LUMPUR, OCTOBER 2018.



# The unbelievable story of the HPV vaccination program in Colombia...

## From a beautiful dream to a nightmare.

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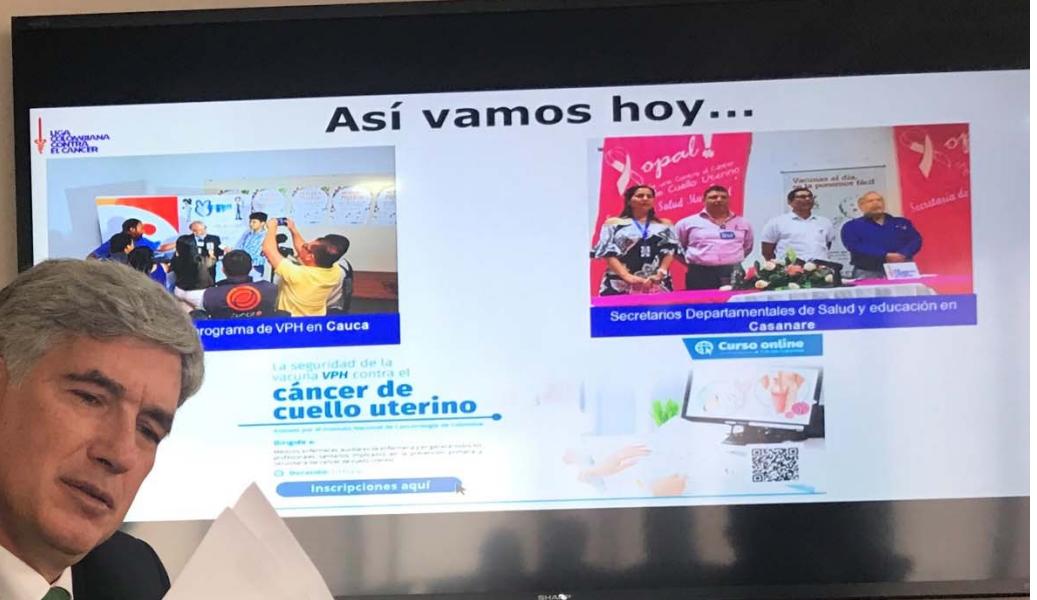


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Update with the Minister of Health, Dr. JUAN PABLO URIBE  
Vital cooperation between Government and stakeholders

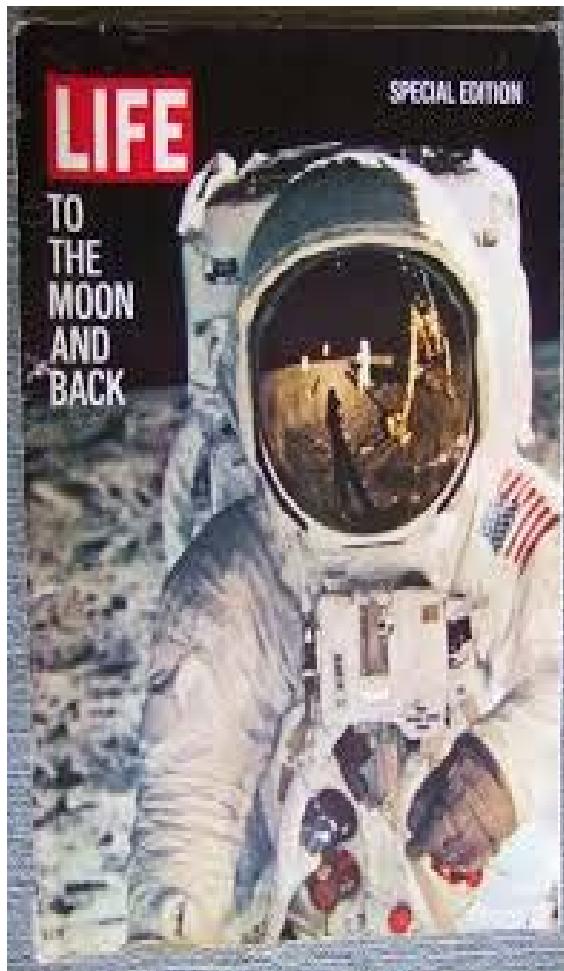
So...there we go...! Here we are!



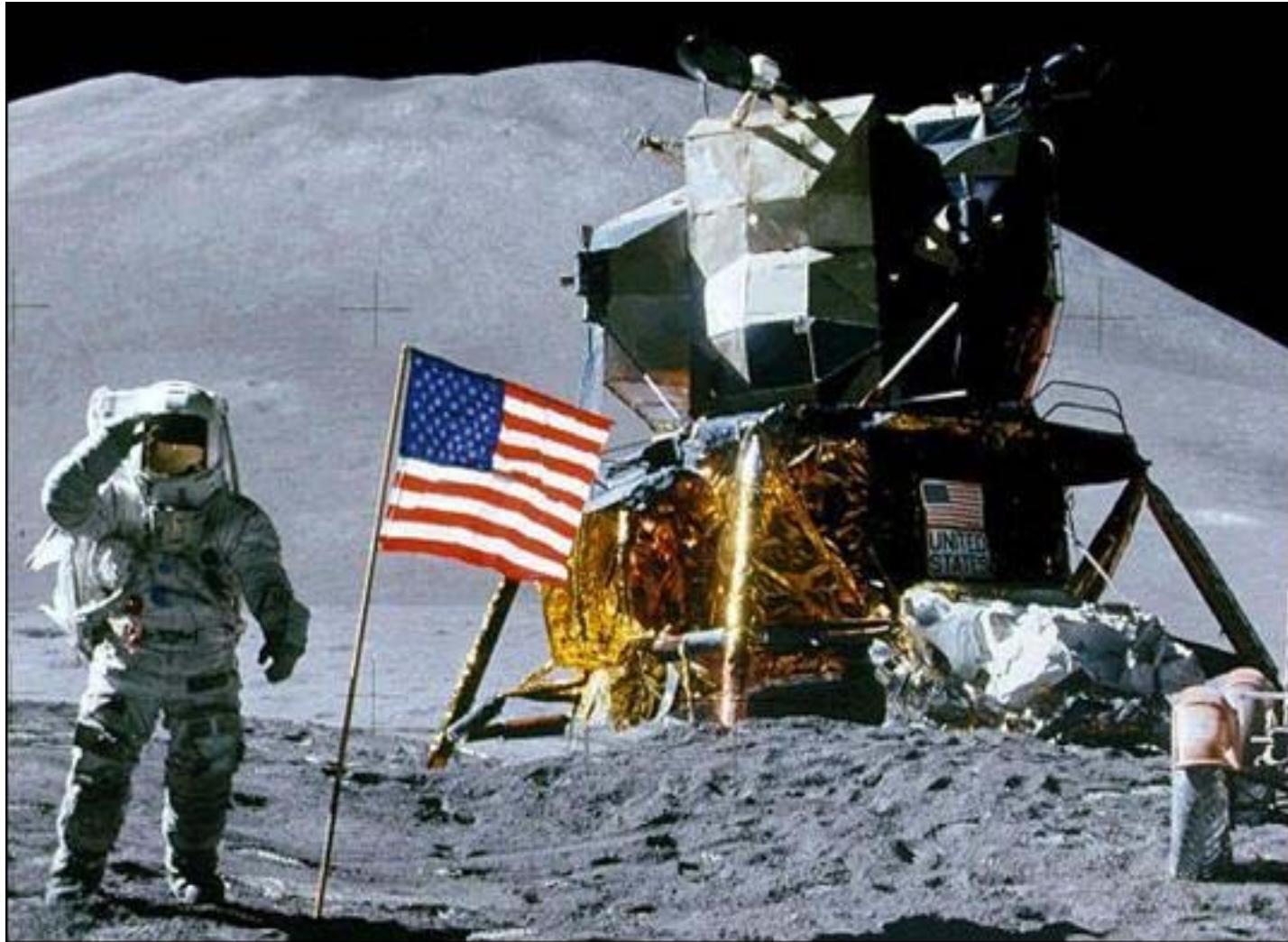
Never give up...!

- NARIÑO.....49.9 %
- AMAZONAS.....39.9
- BOYACA.....30.2
- ANTIOQUIA.....26.7
- HUILA.....24.5
- ARAUCA.....19.1
- TOLIMA.....14.5
- VALLE.....9.4
- BOGOTA.....8.0
- SAN ANDRES.....4.4
- SUCRE.....1.6

# Julio de 1969...el hombre pisa la luna



# Fraude....Mentiras...! Montaje !



**¿Quienes creen que el mundo es  
redondo?**



La Tierra es plana....(lo leí en el Internet)





En La Vida  
No Hay Premios  
ni Castigos,  
sino  
**CONSECUENCIAS**

Alberto Lleras



# AMOR PROPIO

EL PRIMER AMOR DE  
TODA MUJER.



Por eso me vacuno contra el VPH.





**MI MEJOR REGALO  
—ES VACUNARTE—  
CONTRA EL VPH**



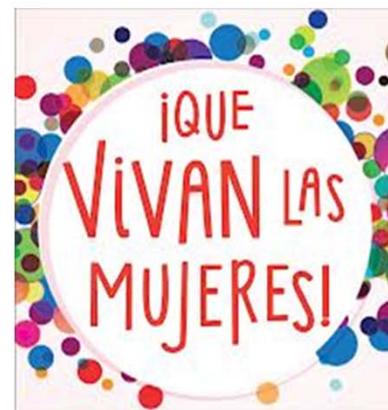
**Recovering trust !**  
**Vaccinating my son against HPV !**  
**Best proof of vaccine safety !**





# ¡Que vivan las mujeres!





[www.sedearjuntas.com](http://www.sedearjuntas.com)





# Never give up...!!!

## What has been done:

- 1) Creation of "Round table"(CLAC,Academia,Scientific Societies,Parent associations).
- 2) Education to Health providers with a free of charge "on line course" developed by the NCIC and the ICO (Catalan Institute of Oncology).
- 3) Lecturing across the country to recover the confidence in the vaccine.
- 4) Reactivation of school-basedHPV vaccination program.
- 5) Meeting of the HPV Prevention and Control Board and the NCIC is planned in November 2018.. Continue close partnership with MoH,UICC,ACS and other stakeholders.
- 6) Talking and hearing the community....! Bewear of local politicians !!





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