



With the presence of the United States Consul General in Guayaquil, Mr. Brian Quigley, the Triage Station for Oxygen Therapy at the Luis Vernaza hospital was inaugurated. It will provide care to patients with respiratory problems due to Covid - 19.

This action is part of the inter-institutional cooperation agreement that was signed with the Esquel Foundation, an institution that, with the support of the United States government through United States Agency for International Development - USAID, provides support to Ecuador in response to the health crisis due to the pandemic. Oxygen to Save Lives Program seeks to improve the capacity to provide oxygen therapy to COVID-19 patients in health facilities and outside of them.

During the event, the importance and benefit for the community and for hospital activity was highlighted. Iván Baquerizo thanked both institutions for the generous donation in recognition of the hard work that the hospital has been doing during this health crisis that affects Ecuador.

For his part, the Consul General of the United States in Guayaquil emphasized the relationship of brotherhood and collaboration that the United States has with Ecuador and with Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil, too by providing a permanent support to the work it carries out.



Fundación Esquel maintains this oxygen therapy program and has delivered a dozen of this type of station nationwide. Its manager, José de la Torre, explained the benefits of the program which are so necessary for Covid-19 patients:

fully equipped with two environments with 10 oxygen therapy kits, 10 pulse oximeters, 10 oxygen concentrators, in addition to supplies, medical devices, which will allow to attend in a timely manner, thus reducing the demand for hospital beds.