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Manuel Peña is the Representative of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) in Peru since January 2004. Between 1989 and 1992 he was the Regional Adviser in Nutrition for the Andean Region, and subsequently, since 1993 to 1999, Adviser in Nutrition for the Americas, in PAHO Headquarters, Washington D.C. In June 1999 he was appointed PAHO/WHO Representative in Jamaica, Bermuda and Cayman Islands, position he occupied until his current designation.

Dr. Peña graduated in 1971 as medical doctor in the University of Havana. In 1979, he obtained the Certificate of Specialization in Pediatrics and in 1982 in Nutrition. He holds a PhD from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Before joining PAHO/WHO he was Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Havana, where he occupied various positions, Director of Science and Technology and Vice-Dean of Research and Post-Graduate Studies, among others.

He has been invited as Professor in more than 12 Universities and "Senior Research Fellow" of the University of Pennsylvania and of the United Nations University. He has provided international advisory services in more than 20 countries in the area of nutrition, physical activity, anthropometry, and growth and child development as well as in obesity and poverty.

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