

## Press Release

### **New Educational Materials for the Non-Formal Education of the Regional Education Office of Ucayali**

**UCAYALI, 20 June 2014** – 763 children of the Calleria district, participating in the 8 non-formal education programmes for children of 0 to 3 years old, will benefit from new educational materials granted by the Provincial Government of Coronel Portillo. These school materials represent an investment of S.45 000 that was made by the mayor Segundo Pérez Collazos.

The delivery of those materials was possible thanks to the joint work of the Provincial Government, the education sector and UNICEF. This initiative communicates their commitment towards early childhood development and their conviction that the first three years of life are fundamental to the optimal growth and development of children as it is the foundation of their learning capacities.

According to the Provincial Government of Coronel Portillo, budgets are being designed to introduce new education materials and to strengthen the knowledge and capacities of health personnel and education staff working with 0 to 3 years old and under the Cuna Más Programme. The goals are to improve the quality of those services and to give each child the opportunity to enjoy a quality life with services that meet their needs.

,The Director of the Regional Education Office of Ucayali<sup>1</sup>, José Asunción Díaz Paredes, the director of the Local Education Management Units of Coronel Portillo<sup>2</sup>, Professor Jenny Pajuelo Gonzales, the representative of the Regional Health Office<sup>3</sup>, Maribel Soplin Tello, the Substitute Manager of Social Development, Fredy Soplapucco Sosa and the Consultant in Early Childhood Development for UNICEF in Ucayali, Yanesi Rojas Rengifo were present at the official event highlighting the delivery of those school materials. Also, the pre-primary education specialists of the Regional Education Office and the Local Education Management Units of Coronel Protillo, teachers, coordinators and education promoters of the non-formal education of children from zero to three years old participated in the event.

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