



**INSTITUTO ECUATORIANO DE
SEGURIDAD SOCIAL
DIRECCION PROVINCIAL DEL AZUAY**

Date : November 11, 2019

Prof. Tanko MOUHAMADOU
President and CEO
BRIDGIN Foundation
Schuman Roundabout 2-4/ Floor 6
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

**RE: SOLICITATION LETTER – FUNDING FOR CENTRO DE INNOVACION DE LA SALUD
PROJECTS FOR ECUADOR**

Dear **Prof. MOUHAMADOU**,

The Instituto Ecuatoriano de Seguridad Social (IESS) was created in 1970, building on social insurance legislation dating back to 1928, and confirmed in 1998 by the National Assembly as a permanent, autonomous institution responsible for the administration of Compulsory Social Insurance in Ecuador. This was enshrined in law in 2001 as the Official Registration No. 465, the SOCIAL SECURITY LAW. The IESS has standalone legal status and resources independent of the Treasury.

On behalf of the IESS and following meetings in Belgium on November 7th, 2019, we request the BRIDGIN Foundation consider providing funding for the establishment of the Centro de Innovación de la Salud (CIS), a priority of the government of Ecuador. The CIS is to be implemented by the Empresa Universitaria de Salud of the University of Cuenca as the Project Owner.

The estimated cost for the establishment of the CIS is between US \$150,000,000.00 to \$200,000,000.00.

This project will allow IESS to support the provision of specialized medical services to **more than 3,300 patients/year** and **access to biologics for more than 12,000 people/year** in Ecuador **at an affordable price** suitable for the Ecuadorian market, with a product meeting the quality standards of the European Union and in accordance with Ecuadorian national health regulations.

Due to the important social and economic impact of these facilities, we would like to start this project as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate your guidance on the required steps to secure the required funds through the BRIDGIN Foundation.

Yours Sincerely,


Magister, Carlos Orellana Barros
Director Provincial del Azuay
Instituto Ecuatoriano de Seguridad Social



Attachment:

- Cooperation Agreement between IESS and Empresa Universitaria de Salud of the University of Cuenca

Copy:

- H.E. Dr. Pablo Ortiz Garcia, Ambassador of the Ecuador to the Kingdom of Belgium and EU.

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