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**Regional**

**Closing Latin America’s financial inclusion gap**

Financial education should also be provided at schools to ensure that young people have a good and safe first experience when they start using financial services. These activities must be coordinated throughout the respective ministries (finance, education, technology, etc.) with their counterparts in the private sector, so the financial education programs provided by the public sector can be implemented.

**Mexico and Central America**

**Guatemala**

**How Giann mattei plans to improve Guatemala’s infrastructure**

The president-elect has promised to upgrade existing health facilities and build at least two new hospitals...
- one of them in the metropolitan area. The Roosevelt and San Juan de Dios hospitals are also set to be repaired. While some of the construction and upgrading of health facilities is expected to be publicly funded, Giammattei has said that he will implement a public leasing model to obtain financing for the projects. The plan is to also use this model to build new schools.

**Mexico**

**What does Mexico’s IMSS Puebla hospital plan entail?**

The plan, to be implemented through 2022, will make Puebla one of the Mexican metropolitan areas with the largest IMSS hospital capacity.

**Injectan 750 mdp a colonias en la capital queretana - Diario de Querétaro**

El Municipio de Querétaro invertirá este año más de 750 millones de pesos en infraestructura social para mejorar la calidad de vida en barrios, colonias y comunidades, informaron los secretarios de Obras Públicas, Oriana López Castillo, y Desarrollo Humano y Social, Arturo Torres Gutiérrez. En reunión con vecinos de Desarrollo San Pablo Infonavit IV, informaron que en breve iniciarán trabajos de rehabilitación de la cancha de usos múltiples, lo que además de recuperar un espacio de recreación y deporte servirá para trabajar de la mano de los vecinos en la recuperación del tejido social de la colonia y la zona.

**Mexico : Sign Agreements For Electrification Works**

Gustavo Hernández Vela, pointed out that the amount of these works is over 40 million 360 thousand pesos, which are exercised through state resources and the Social Infrastructure Contribution Funds (FAIS) granted to municipalities.

**Abrirán Centros de atención médica AXA**

Para que cada vez más mexicanos tengan acceso a una cobertura de salud privada, la compañía aseguradora AXA construirá Centros de Atención Médica Primaria en todo el país, según dio a conocer, Daniel Bandle, director general de AXA México.

**Fitch Ratifica las Calificaciones de las Emisiones PASACB y PSBCB**

Fitch Ratings-Monterrey-12 August 2019: Fitch Ratings ratificó las calificaciones asignadas a la deuda de los dos proyectos de infraestructura social de Empresas ICA, S.A.B. de C.V. (ICA).

**South America**

**Argentina**

**Argentina: Medife opens new branch**

Private health care firm Medife has opened a new branch in Argentina in Anelo. The firm is expanding nationwide now. It has over 50 branches and 190,000 members.

**Brazil**

**Philips, under investigation in US and Brazil, fired whistleblower who warned of graft**

Healthcare giant Philips was warned of suspicious sales of its medical equipment to the Brazilian government, and failed to halt them, nearly a decade before an alleged bribery racket was exposed in the company's Brazil operations last year, Reuters has learned.
AC Camargo invests R$360m in cancer treatment units in São Paulo
Hospital A.C. Camargo Cancer Center, a chain of oncology clinics, is investing R$360 million in four new outpatient units in the city of São Paulo, which perform procedures such as chemotherapy and low and medium complexity surgeries. A.C. Camargo has only two outpatient units and the goal of the expansion is to create a care network with this model, since most cancer treatments do not require a highly complex hospital structure.

US education group Adtalem to divest Brazil ops - report
US education provider Adtalem Global Education Inc (NYSE:ATGE) is in talks with investment bank Morgan Stanley (NYSE:MS) to advise on the potential sale of its Brazilian unit Adtalem Educacional do Brasil, Reuters reported on Tuesday citing four insiders.

Brazil: Rede D'Or Sao Luiz acquires 10% of Qualicorp
Brazilian private health care firm Rede D'Or Sao Luiz has reached an agreement for the acquisition of 10% of health care plan management company Qualicorp.

Brazil: Hospital Care announces planned investments of BRL 200mn in Campinas
Brazilian private health group Hospital Care is expected to invest at least BRL 200mn (EUR 45.19mn USD 52.12mn) into its operations in the city of Campinas in the state of Sao Paulo in the coming years. The value represents proposed investments that are already on the way, whilst another series of proposals are currently under study. The company's ambitious plans include the construction of a new headquarters and the creation of a new health network under its brand Vera Cruz.

Brazil: Unimed builds new clinic in Itabira
Brazilian private health care firm Unimed is building a new clinic over two stages in Itabira. The facility will have 70 beds and cost around BRL 50mn (EUR 11.30mn USD 13.03mn). Phase one is set to be complete half way through 2020.

Bolivia
La UPB activa el parqueo solar más grande de Bolivia
La Universidad Privada Boliviana (UPB) inauguró ayer el Parqueo solar más grande de Bolivia, una infraestructura para el estacionamiento de vehículos y cuyo tejado está compuesto por más de 230 placas destinadas a recoger energía solar y convertirla en electricidad.

Chile
Chile: Extraordinary budget of USD 26mn approved for healthcare
An extraordinary budget of USD 26mn (EUR 22.54mn) has been authorised by the Chilean government for the Ministry of Health, with the aim of speeding up investments in infrastructure projects, the acquisition of medical equipment and the optimisation of hospitals nationally so that surgery waiting times can be reduced.

Mejor transporte y más espacios públicos: los efectos urbanos de trabajar menos horas
Hay una responsabilidad del Estado respecto a que esta infraestructura social, no solamente se limite a ofrecer espacios públicos, sino que hacer de estos lugares sean seguros y protegidos, donde la gente
puede tener una vida social tranquila, plantea el académico del Instituto de Estudios Urbanos de la Universidad Católica (UC), Roberto Moris,

**Colombia**

**Bogotá government offices PPP draws interest**

The municipality of Bogotá published on 15 August the call to tender for the 25-year, COP 549bn (USD 161m) Centro Administrativo Distrital (CAD) PPP.

**Peru**

**Peru: Auna expands facilities in five cities**

Over the last year, Peruvian private health care group Auna has reported 25% growth in invoicing outside of Lima. Auna attributes this growth to the maturity of the population with regards to the use of medical services as well as the development of the company's offer. Auna has focused on expanding its offer in five cities, for example, the plan is to double the capacity of the Vallesur clinic in Arequipa towards the end of 2020 and renew its medical equipment.

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