

Deadly Delays; Systemic Injustice: A Case Study from Peru

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Peruvian Context

- 28 million population
- USD 2100 GDP per capita
- 24% population in extreme poverty
- 47% of population indigenous; disproportionately represented among rural poor.

- Maternal Mortality Ratio: 168 per 100,000 live births [Puno and Huancavelica: 361 and 302 per 100,000 respectively]
- 4.8% of budget spent on health (2006)

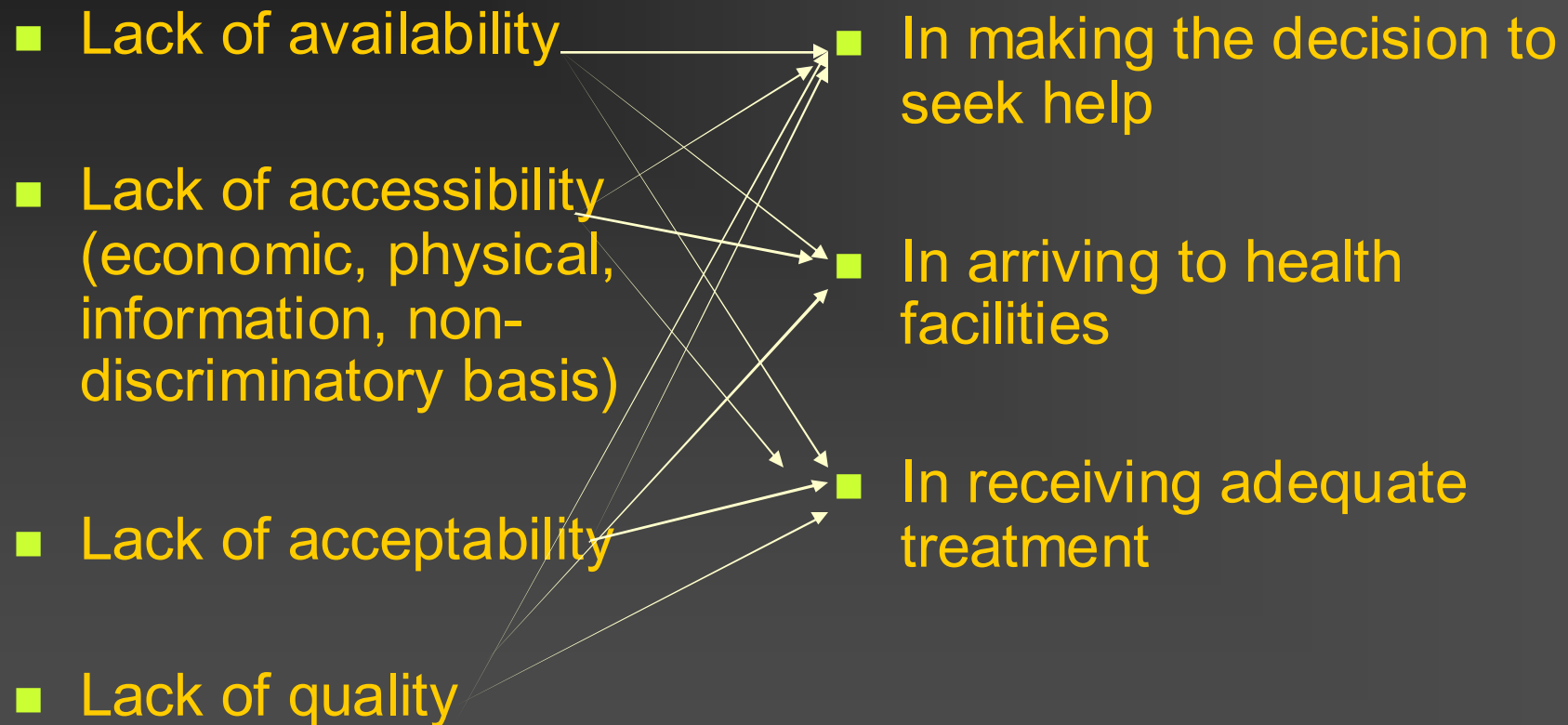
Evarista's Story



What Does Human Rights Add?

- Three Delays Model (Maine et al, 1992)
- Health facilities, goods and services are to be available, accessible, acceptable and of adequate quality. (ESC Rights Committee, General Comment No.14, para 12)

Mechanism



- In its General Comment No.14, para 43, the ESC Rights Committee states that the provision of essential obstetric services constitutes a basic obligation on the part of State Parties.
- In its General Recommendation No. 24, “Women and Health,” Article 12(2), CEDAW advises States Parties to “ensure women’s right to safe motherhood and emergency obstetric services.”

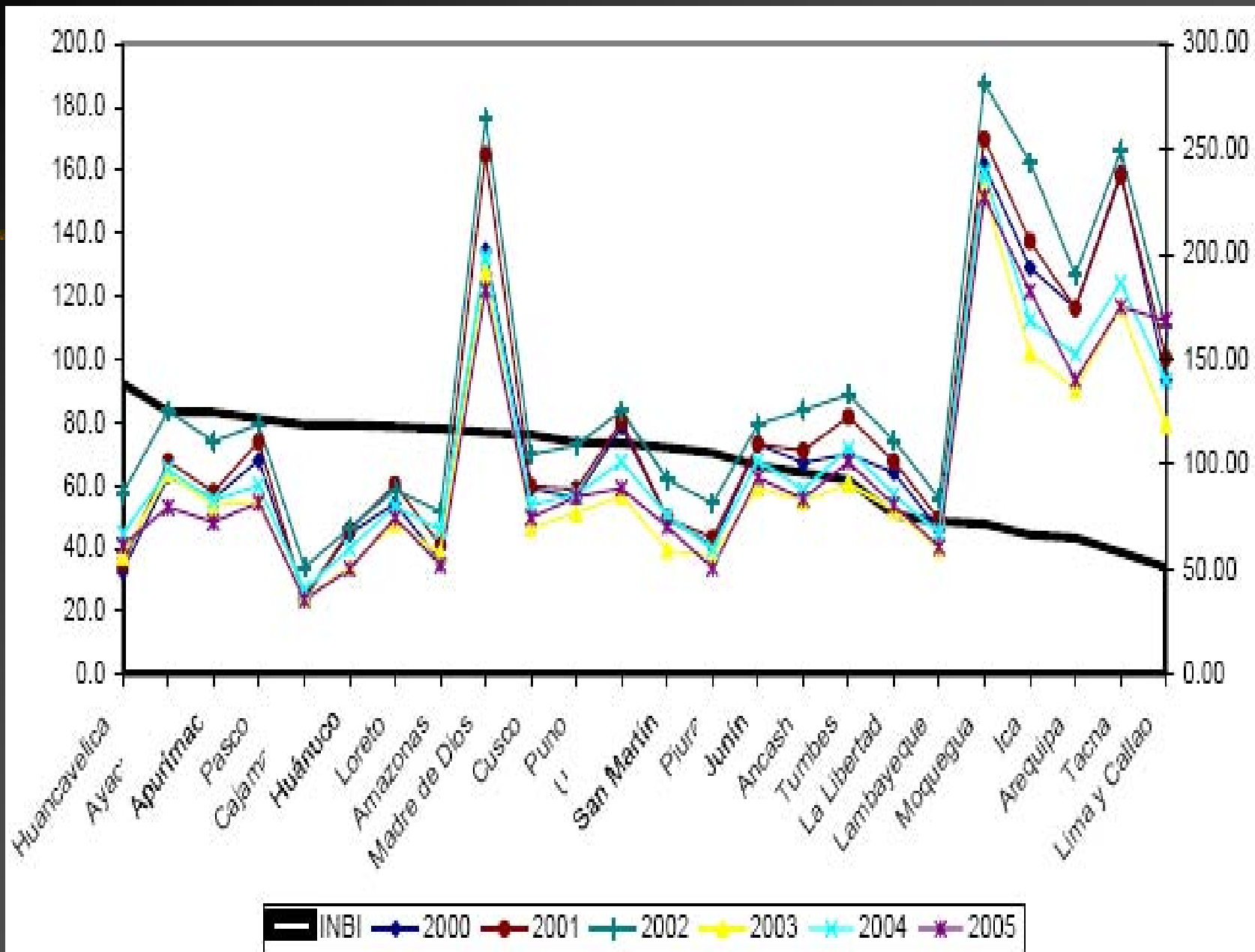
- *UN Guidelines on Monitoring the Use and Availability of Essential Obstetric Services*
(WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA; 1997)

Applying A Human Rights-Based Approach

- Non-retrogression and Adequate Progress
- Non-Discrimination and Equality
- Meaningful Participation
- Accountability
- International Assistance and Cooperation

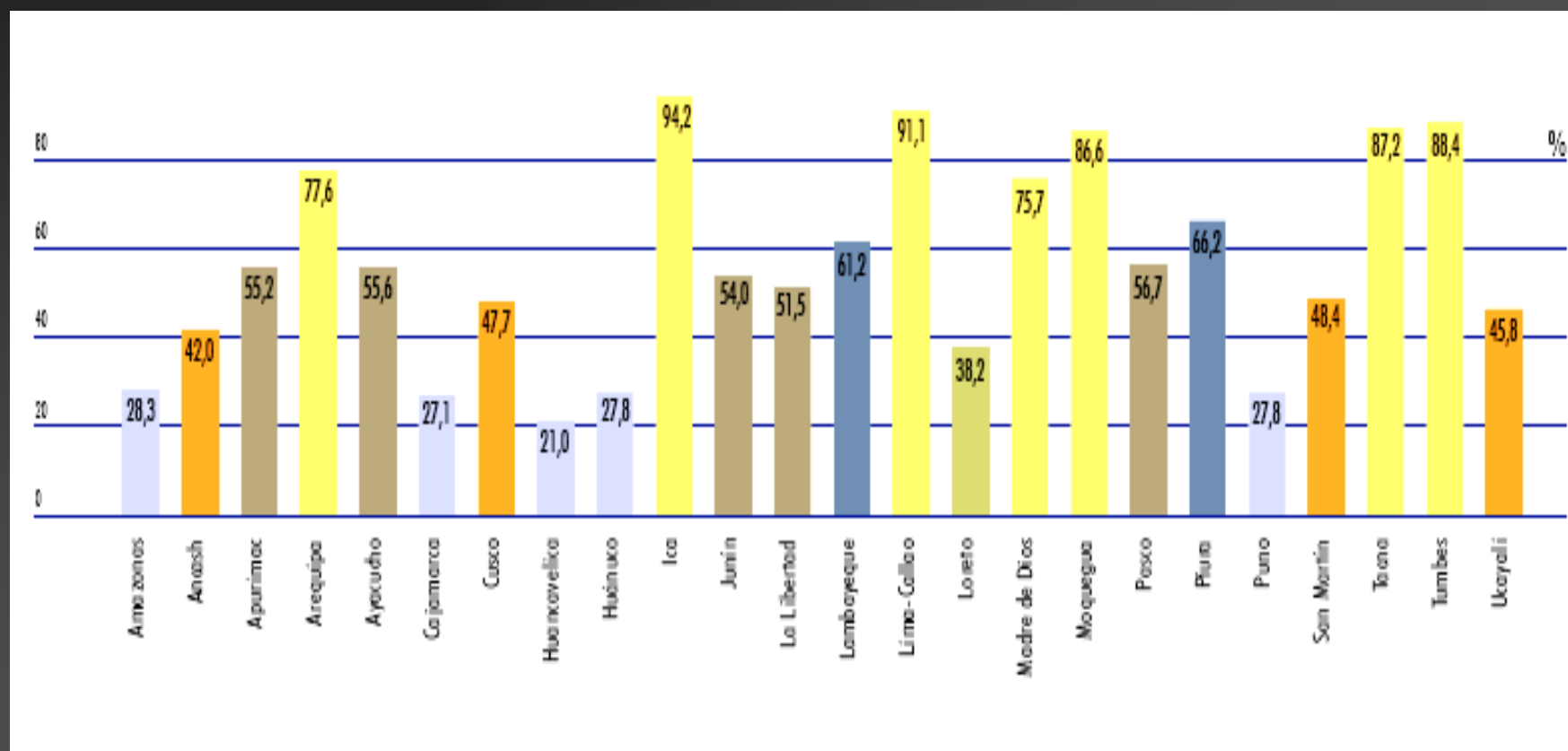
Non-Discrimination and Equality

- Individual
- Institutional
- Systemic/Structural



Source: SIAF-MEF in Portocarrero AG. La Equidad en la Asignación Regional del Financiamiento del Sector Público de Salud. 2000-2005. CIES. p.9

Percentage of births attended to by skilled health professionals according to department, 2000




Source: United Nations Development Group. *Hacia el cumplimiento de los objetivos de desarrollo del milenio en el Perú*. National MDG Reports. 2004:62. Available at: http://www.undg.org/archive_docs/5504-Peru_MDG_Report_-_MDGR.pdf.

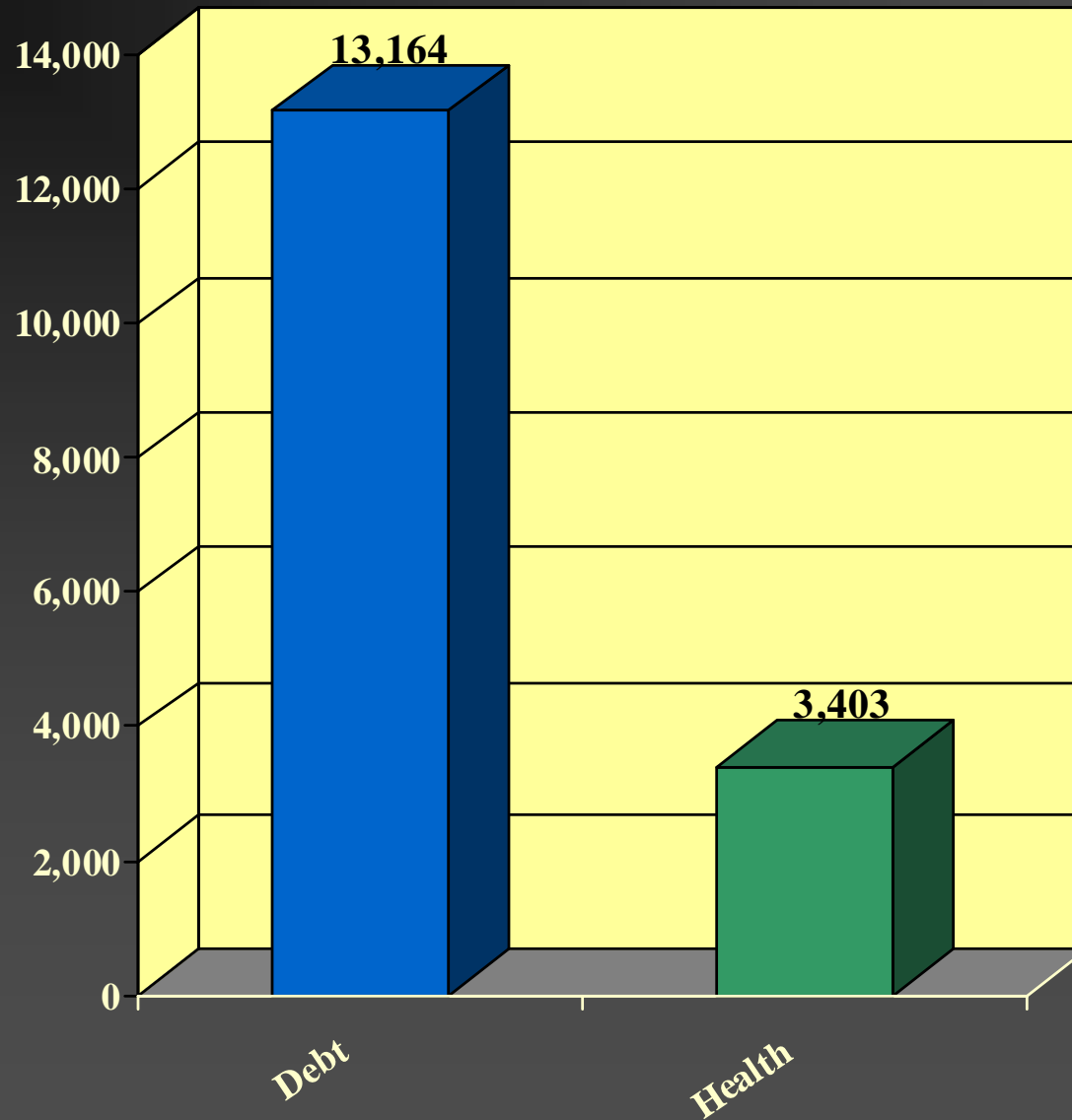
Accountability

- Misdirected punishment
- Beyond individual sanctions
- Political and institutional dimensions;
beyond judicial realm

International Assistance and Cooperation



Government Spending on National Debt versus Health (in millions Nuevos Soles)



Source: Vásquez, E. (2004: 24) Presupuesto público y gasto social: La urgencia del monitoreo y evaluación. Lima: Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico – Save The Children Sweden.

Concluding Reflections

