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Program in Ecuador

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Highlights

- By demystifying research practices youths can develop their reflexive and critical skills.
- Youth can explain cultural perceptions that can be key when developing health interventions.
- Developing effective youth leadership skills takes time and a longitudinal commitment.
- Youths as "lighthouses" that can peer train other youths and members of their communities

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