

SHIPIBO NURSING TECHNICIAN JOINS THE HEALTH POST OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARA DE UCHUNYA

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In a significant step forward for intercultural healthcare services in the Ucayali region, young Shipibo-Konibo nursing technician Alex Soria, from the Native Community of Santa Clara de Uchunya, has officially joined the local Health Post under a contract with the Ucayali Regional Health Directorate (DIRESA Ucayali).

Alex Soria completed his technical nursing studies thanks to a scholarship granted by Ocho Sur, a leading agro-industrial group dedicated to the sustainable production of palm oil in Ucayali. As part of its well-recognized social responsibility and community development programs, Ocho Sur supported his professional training.

“My commitment is to serve my community and provide care that respects our culture and traditions. Thanks to the opportunity offered by Ocho Sur, I was able to pursue my studies and now I can contribute to the well-being of my people through healthcare,” said the young Shipibo nursing technician.

The Apu of the Native Community of Santa Clara de Uchunya, Wilson Barbarán, highlighted that Alex’s return represents an important milestone in strengthening local healthcare services, reaffirming the value of having health professionals who understand their culture, language, and ancestral customs.

For his part, Alfonso Morante, senior executive of Ocho Sur, expressed his satisfaction in seeing the positive results of the company’s scholarship program, emphasizing the importance of private-sector collaboration with native communities to improve the quality of life of Indigenous families.

“Alex’s story is a clear example of how education transforms lives and empowers communities. His work as a nursing technician will directly benefit the families of Santa Clara de Uchunya and neighboring Indigenous communities,” said the Ocho Sur executive.