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Productive municipalities: an alternative that contributes to achieve food safety and nutrition (fsn) at the local level. An alliance between veterinary doctor and the community experiences in cuba

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In the last years poor countries have searched solutions to face “how to live”, overwhelmed by the globalized, asymmetric and exclusive economies. Specific actions, conceived in the new approaches of Local Development (LD) such as equity, sustainability, productivity, cooperation, potentiation and safety, generate new ethical values which translate in dignifying ways of life. In this context of LD that happened in Cuba after the state decentralization process that started in the past decades, the Productive Municipalities project has developed an initiative that contributes to achieve Food Safety and Nutrition from an idea and under the leadership of the Veterinary Medicine Institute (VMI) accompanied by the Pan American Health

Organization (PAHO). The Project Productive Municipalities is a project linked to minor species producers, inside a chain in which the link feeding – health – life quality is established, thus contributing to the Food Safety and Nutrition at local level. The lessons learned as a result of the cooperation PAHO/ VMI in this project are exposed in this paper, such as: Implementation methodology, Capacitation, Increase of local capabilities, Rescue of traditional practices, Transfer of appropriate technologies, Hygienic-health education and a very important product: How to increase the role of veterinarians in the economical and social development at local level.

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