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Rosa Elena de Lobo, the first lady of Honduras receives a donation of medical equipment in Washington DC

TEGUCIGALPA. - The Honduran First Lady, Rosa Elena de Lobo, pictured below, is shown receiving a donation of 135 oximeters from the Wise Foundation and the University of Florida. The devices will be used in the various public hospitals throughout the country to support patient monitoring during surgical procedures.



The first lady, Rosa Elena de Lobo, expressed her support of the ongoing exchange of medical students and accompanying experts trained in the use of this critical medical equipment.

The donation stems from a visit by members of these two organizations to Santa Barbara, Ocotepeque, El Progreso, Tela and La Ceiba, between April 20th and the 23rd, and will address the lack of this vital equipment in everyday hospital care.

This donation is the first installment towards a total of 300 oximeters to be delivered to the Ministry of Health. Along with the devices will be supporting technical experts to train Honduran personnel in the use and maintenance of this equipment.

The University of Florida and Wise Foundation hope that this pilot program being implemented in Honduras can become a blueprint for similar projects throughout Latin America.

"Kayser Enneking the head of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Florida said, "We believe that this project will save many lives in Honduras and with the support of the First Lady of Honduras, we will ensure that this program continues to benefit all Hondurans."

Ms. Lobo thanked the Wise Foundation and the University of Florida, for the donation of oximeters, and for the process of training Honduran medical personnel. She explained that the devices will be assigned to every doctor who works in a public health center, subject to verification by audit authorities, in order to get optimum use and foster more direct patient care.