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The Interconnection of Social and Health Systems

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BACKGROUND

Within the Third Sector, an important role is played by social enterprises, which adopt an entrepreneurial model that goes beyond the welfare intervention typical of the State. Precisely from the development of the third sector arises the need to support a process of change with a view to retraining the person based on value, which implies the strengthening of actions and organizational processes aimed at accompanying families to autonomy through a new welfare system based on economic sustainability parallel to the public system. The objectives are care, guaranteeing levels of assistance to people with disabilities free of charge and work, promoting the employment of people with fragility, who would be unlikely to be included in "market" work contexts, and who work to provide useful services for society.

METHODS

The project arises from the establishment of a Participation Foundation which holds the strategic management of two social enterprises, with operational autonomy which respectively carry out free rehabilitation activities (company A) and productive activities of social utility (company B) in support of the former, and develop an interconnection of actions. Company A carries out a free rehabilitation service for families with visual and multiple disabilities: the individualized rehabilitation programs are structured on a flexible care model tailored to the characteristics and potential of individual children. Company B is engaged in productive activities in the field of socially useful services through the employment of disadvantaged people.

RESULTS

Over a period of four years, an internal system was created capable of achieving a financial return in favor of the health and social area, an inclusive work path, where it is necessary to take the risk of encountering diversity and making it an active part of a common path.

CONCLUSION

The Foundation generates a new ideal of assistance capable of creating rehabilitation contexts, building social infrastructures, designing new economies to reintegrate people into work regardless of disability. An intrinsic investment of value, innovation and the beauty of diversity, to be undertaken to develop a sustainable social economy and inclusive prosperity

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