
An investigation was conducted regarding the health services for the migrant indigenous Panamanian Ngöbe harvesters in Santa María de Dota and San Marcos de Tarrazú in la zona de Los Santos, Costa Rica. To this end, three groups were chosen for interviewees: Community Members, Institutional Functionaries and migrant Ngöbes. Health services for Ngöbes via La Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social were found to be improving, but a greater system of health prevention, promotion and multi-institutional involvement was lacking. Community sentiment regarding migrant Ngöbes was found to be mostly positive with little discrepancy between plantation owners and other community members. Ngöbe participants reported varied use and knowledge of available health services. Educational programs and greater institutional coordination are recommended to facilitate the coexistence of the distinct Ngöbe and local cultures.