

## **PERU**

The pilot survey in Peru was conducted in May 2002. The geographic regions included in the survey were the capital city Lima, the coastal province of Trujillo, the highland area Ayacucho, and a jungle area called La Merced. Data were collected for 3 sectors. The private for-profit sector survey includes 43 pharmacies and hospitals; two non-governmental organization facilities were surveyed (but the data is not lodged in the database); and, 26 public facilities including different levels of care were surveyed. All data are prices to patients. No procurement price data were available. Note that the definition of "lowest priced generic" used in Peru differs slightly from that used by other pilot country sites. The Peru team identified the name of the lowest priced generic version of each targeted substance prior to the survey, using nation-wide data. If this product was not available in a surveyed facility, price data were collected on the lowest priced alternative generic. Because this definition is close to the definition that has become standard for this methodology (that is, both identifying and collecting price data on the lowest priced generic within each facility), these data have been lodged in the database.