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The MINSA of Nicaragua approved a collaboration between VOSH/International and the Pan-American Ophthalmology Assn. (PAAO) for the purpose of training public health nurses from twelve rural clinics to screen vision problems, treat minor eye infections and refer surgical pathologies to the public health hospitals. Further training will empower nurses to perform simple spherical refractions to prescribe OTC readers and spherical bifocals. VOSH/International donated ten trial lens kits with trial frames, ten W/A ophthalmoscope/retinoscope kits and ten stand projectors for this task. The pilot project will improve the capacity of the public health system.