



COVID-19 – Latin America and the Caribbean

FACT SHEET #5, FISCAL YEAR 2022

June 30, 2022

KEY FIGURES*

71.3

MILLION

Total Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Region

1.71

MILLION

Total Number of Deaths Related to COVID-19 in Region

67.7

MILLION

Total USG-donated vaccine doses to the region**

1.2

BILLION

Total Number of Vaccine Doses Administered in Region

Sources:

* Johns Hopkins University and Our World in Data, to date as of June 30, 2022

** U.S. Department of State, as of June 30, 2022.

Figures are subject to change due to periodic adjustment and updating.

KEY MESSAGES

- USAID works in more than 120 countries to fight against COVID-19 by addressing the social and economic effects of the pandemic, mitigating its wide-ranging impacts, and supporting recovery from COVID-19. USAID works with partner governments, multilateral institutions, non-governmental organizations, other donors, and civil society to deliver and distribute vaccines, protect and train health workers, disseminate key public health information, provide emergency food and critical humanitarian services and supplies, provide continuity of basic services, provide social and economic support, and sustain education for millions of students. Guided by the [United States COVID-19 Global Response and Recovery Framework](#), [USAID's response](#) is helping to meet the targets introduced by the September 2021 Global COVID-19 Summit convened by President Biden.
- The White House supports the World Health Organization's goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the global population and pledged that the U.S. will be the world's vaccine arsenal. USAID plays a pivotal role in U.S. contributions to this goal. USAID is advancing the President's commitment to make 1.2 billion U.S.-made doses available for donation to low- and lower-middle-income countries. USAID will also continue to provide financial and technical assistance to deliver and administer vaccines in more than 110 countries through the U.S. Government's Initiative for Global Vaccine Access (Global VAX). Global VAX is a whole-of-government effort, through which the United States has already committed more than \$1.7 billion to support vaccine readiness work. Global VAX includes a wide range of activities to help turn vaccines in vials into vaccinations in arms including investing in cold chain and supply logistics, building mobile vaccination sites, assisting with strategic planning to deploy more health care workers and resources, fighting misinformation and disinformation to increase vaccine confidence and demand, training clinical and non-clinical personnel, and developing health information systems to ensure that vaccines are distributed equitably and safely.
- USAID's pandemic response in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)¹ includes programming to stem the pandemic through support that is delivering vaccines, strengthening country capacity to effectively manage COVID-19, and promoting inclusive economic recovery. Through both existing programs and COVID-19-specific interventions, USAID partners are providing essential medical supplies to health facilities, conducting community-based hygiene promotion campaigns, and delivering emergency food assistance to alleviate food insecurity among populations negatively impacted by the direct and secondary effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

TOTAL USAID FUNDING FOR THE COVID-19 RESPONSE IN LAC

USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)	\$292,840,759
USAID Bureau for Global Health (GH)	\$115,987,292
USAID Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)	\$130,191,833
	\$539,019,884

¹ The LAC region includes Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela

² The figures represent obligations of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; the 2020 Coronavirus Preparedness Act; the 2020 CARES Act; and prior year funding completed by June 30, 2022. They do not include redirections, nor do they include base funds that were used to respond to COVID-19. Amounts may include HIV/AIDS funds appropriated to the Department of State and allowed to USAID.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- During the month of April 2022, the LAC region continued to experience low case numbers, prompting many countries to lift mask mandates and loosen travel restrictions. In early May, cases began to increase across the region, largely driven by Omicron lineage BA.2, which swept the globe earlier in the year. Though cases and hospitalizations increased, the number of severe cases and deaths remained low compared to other points during the pandemic. By June 2022, much of the region was in the midst of a new COVID-19 wave, and cases remained elevated through the end of June. As of June 30, Omicron lineages BA.4 and BA.5 had been sequenced in many LAC countries, but had not yet become the dominant strain.
- While many LAC countries have achieved over 70 percent COVID-19 vaccination coverage, six USAID-supported countries remain below 40 percent coverage, including Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent. Work remains, especially to protect those most at risk, including the elderly, immunocompromised, health professionals, migrants living in temporary settlements, and indigenous communities in the Amazon basin.

USAID RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

FACILITATE ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

- As of June 30, 2022 the United States government had delivered nearly 67.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to 29 countries in the LAC region.
- USAID continues to expand vaccine access to vulnerable communities, including people living in rural or difficult to reach areas. In Guyana, USAID provided tents to the Ministry of Health to support mobile vaccination clinics in rural areas, increasing vaccine accessibility and availability across the country. In Peru, USAID worked with The Indigenous Task Force and local partners to expand vaccination efforts in the Amazon region of Cusco. Health workers spent 15 days traveling across the Amazon river basin in small wooden boats, with some brigades traveling up to 21 hours by boat to reach the most distant communities. USAID supported the logistical arrangements for vaccination from start to end to ensure the correct storage of vaccines and safe administration. In communities the brigades visited, the number of people receiving both doses of the vaccine more than doubled, rising from 29 percent to 62 percent in people over the age of 12.
- USAID and its partners are also working to strengthen the systems that enable vaccination and ensure that partner countries possess the appropriate technology and knowledge to safely administer COVID-19 vaccines. To ascertain that COVID-19 vaccines are stored at cold temperatures until they can be administered, USAID helped the Government of El Salvador use a remote temperature sensing technology for the national COVID-19 immunization cold-chain system. This smart technology can inform the Ministry of Health of temperature fluctuations as the vaccines are transported from headquarters to rural areas. This is the first time this has been done in a developing country. USAID helped install this technology at headquarters, and it is now being rolled out to five regional vaccine depots before expanding to 162 vaccination centers across the country.
- USAID is also working across LAC to increase vaccine confidence and boost demand for vaccinations by promoting reliable and accurate information. In Guyana, USAID has introduced prevention and vaccination messaging that has reached nearly 70 percent of the population. In Jamaica, USAID is working with private sector partners to raise public awareness that private providers are reliable, trusted, and accessible sources of COVID-19 vaccinations. As part of this effort, USAID also provided operational support to 10 private providers contracted with the Ministry of Health and Wellness to support vaccine administration.

REDUCE MORBIDITY, MITIGATE TRANSMISSION, AND STRENGTHEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

- Across LAC, USAID is working to strengthen health systems by providing countries with critical health commodities, supplies, and medical technology. In Guyana, USAID supported the procurement and distribution of critical hygiene and prevention supplies within indigenous communities. In Costa Rica, USAID worked with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to procure key testing and prevention supplies, including providing equipment and training for

genomic sequencing, procuring 67,000 antigen tests and related supplies for surveillance, and providing hygiene and prevention items.

- USAID and its partners continue to provide lifesaving oxygen to those in need, while also strengthening oxygen delivery systems. In Peru, USAID supported the installation of photovoltaic systems in four health facilities using oxygen concentrators in the cities of Arequipa, Cusco, and Ucayali. Health facilities in small towns and villages in Peru often lack an adequate electrical power supply to operate the oxygen concentrators available. These photovoltaic systems provide enough power to operate the concentrators and to complement power received from the grid to operate the facilities.

ADDRESS ACUTE NEEDS DRIVEN BY COVID-19

- COVID-19 has affected livelihood opportunities and household incomes across LAC, exacerbating food insecurity, including access to and availability of diverse and nutritious foods. As of June 2022, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network projected that up to 2.5 million people in both Haiti and Guatemala, 1.0 million people in Honduras, and up to 500,000 people in El Salvador faced acute food insecurity amid the 2022 lean season, the period between planting and harvesting in the region. In El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, USAID-supported programs aimed to reach 1.2 million people with emergency food; nutrition; protection; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); agriculture; and livelihoods assistance, as well as aid for smallholder farmers to improve food security and build resilience to future shocks. Furthermore, in Haiti, USAID and its partners are providing emergency food assistance and complementary services—including cash and food vouchers; locally, regionally, and internationally procured food; and U.S. in-kind food assistance—as well as nutrition services and agricultural support to vulnerable households countrywide.
- The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant adverse impact on priority populations in Venezuela and Venezuelan migrants and refugees throughout the LAC region. In Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, USAID partnered with the UN World Food Program to provide Venezuelan migrants, refugees, and vulnerable host communities with emergency food assistance in the form of cash-based transfers, food vouchers, food kits, and hot meals in shelters and community kitchens. In Venezuela, a USAID partner continues to provide critical health, protection, and WASH activities to address lingering needs that were heightened by COVID-19. Additionally, nutrition screening and treatment continues for children younger than five years experiencing severe to moderate malnutrition.
- In Haiti, weak infrastructure, high staff turnover in health care facilities, persistent socio-political instability, and damage from the August 2021 earthquake continue to constrain disease surveillance and mitigation activities. To bolster COVID-19 prevention and response capacities in the country, USAID supports PAHO to strengthen disease surveillance systems, expand testing and clinical management capacities, and increase community awareness of transmission risks and preventive measures. These interventions aim to build COVID-19 response capacities among eight medical facilities nationwide and the National Ambulance Center, as well as 1,200 community health workers.
- In response to disproportionate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the most vulnerable groups, particularly women and girls, USAID is supporting partners to provide holistic protection services across the region, including in Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru. This includes deploying social workers and psychologists to address widespread distress and grief; bolstering ongoing efforts by local women's organizations to assist survivors of gender-based violence; amplifying reproductive health services, particularly in light of the increasing number of adolescent pregnancies; and establishing spaces protected from gang activity where children and their caregivers learn coping mechanisms and receive professional support.

BOLSTER ECONOMIES AND OTHER CRITICAL SYSTEMS

- USAID continues to support partner country's responses to the second-order impacts of the pandemic including in the economy, education, and political sectors. In Costa Rica, USAID partnered with PAHO to procure hygiene and infection prevention items for 708 public schools, benefitting over 141,000 students. These contributions have enabled a safer return to school.

USAID FUNDING FOR THE LAC COVID-19 RESPONSE³

AGENCY	PARTNERS	AMOUNT
Bahamas		
USAID/GH	International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC)	\$750,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BAHAMAS		\$750,000
Belize		
USAID/GH	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$300,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BELIZE		\$300,000
Bolivia		
USAID/GH	Chemonics, Prosalud, UNICEF	\$6,637,785
USAID/LAC	Family Health International 360 (FHI 360), Prosalud	\$6,150,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BOLIVIA		\$12,787,785
Brazil		
USAID/BHA	Escritorio Nacional, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), UNICEF, World Vision	\$15,600,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, Palladium International	\$23,134,622
USAID/LAC	Palladium International	\$8,450,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BRAZIL		\$47,184,622
Caribbean Regional		
USAID/GH	IFRC, Johns Hopkins University, JSI Research and Training Institute, PAHO, UNICEF	\$4,325,000
USAID/LAC	International Business and Technical Consultants, Inc. (IBTCI), JSI Research and Training, UNICEF	\$2,750,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL		\$7,075,000
Central America Regional		
USAID/BHA	International Rescue Committee (IRC), PAHO	\$3,199,969
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN CENTRAL AMERICA REGIONAL		\$3,199,969
Colombia		
USAID/BHA	Abt Associates (Abt), IFRC, Malteser International, Solidarites International, World Food Program (WFP)	\$72,500,000
USAID/GH	Abt, Chemonics	\$3,847,500
USAID/LAC	Abt, Chemonics, FHI 360	\$13,100,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN COLOMBIA		\$89,447,500
Costa Rica		
USAID/GH	UNICEF	\$800,000
USAID/LAC	PAHO	\$1,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN COSTA RICA		\$1,800,000
Dominican Republic		
USAID/GH	Abt, Chemonics, FHI 360, PACT, PAHO	\$3,498,769
USAID/LAC	Abt, Counterpart International, FHI 360, Fundacion Reddom Rural Economic Development, PACT, PAHO, UNICEF	\$7,125,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		\$10,623,769
Ecuador		
USAID/BHA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), IFRC, UNICEF, WFP, World Vision	\$21,756,142

USAID/GH	Chemonics, Fundación Esquel Ecuador, IFRC, JHPIEGO	\$8,550,000
USAID/LAC	Fundación Esquel Ecuador, JHPIEGO	\$8,500,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ECUADOR		\$38,806,142
El Salvador		
USAID/BHA	Americares Foundation, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Save the Children, World Vision	\$7,409,500
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, Palladium International	\$10,349,334
USAID/LAC	Chemonics, Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI), FHI 360, IBTCI, Palladium International, PAHO	\$4,450,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN EL SALVADOR		\$22,208,834
Guatemala		
USAID/BHA	Accion contra el Hambre (ACH), CARE, CRS, Global Communities, IFRC, Medical Teams International, Project Concern, Plan International, Save the Children, WFP, World Vision	\$53,713,824
USAID/GH	Chemonics, Johns Hopkins University, Palladium International	\$7,502,039
USAID/LAC	Chemonics, IBTCI, Johns Hopkins University, Palladium International, Pan American Social Marketing Organization (PASMO)	\$8,900,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN GUATEMALA		\$70,115,863
Haiti		
USAID/BHA	CRS, Doctors of the World, IFRC, IOM, Management Sciences for Health (MSH), PAHO, Save the Children, UNICEF, WFP	\$18,989,984
USAID/GH	Caris Foundation, Chemonics, FHI 360, Health Equity International, Institut pour la Santé la Population et le Développement, PAHO, Public Health Institute (PHI), UNICEF	\$7,775,478
USAID/LAC	Caris Foundation, FHI 360, Foundation Serovie, Health Equity International, Health Through Walls, IMA World Health, Institut PANOS, Institut pour la Santé la Population et le Développement, JSI Research and Training Institute, PAHO	\$22,525,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN HAITI		\$49,290,462
Honduras		
USAID/BHA	CRS, Global Communities, GOAL, Save the Children, UNICEF, WFP	\$30,671,340
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, IOM, Palladium International, PAHO	\$12,400,333
USAID/LAC	Chemonics, Palladium International, PAHO	\$7,150,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN HONDURAS		\$50,221,673
Jamaica		
USAID/GH	Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, PAHO	\$1,000,000
USAID/LAC	Abt, FHI 360, Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, Palladium International, PAHO	\$9,445,581
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN JAMAICA		\$10,445,581
Latin America and Caribbean Regional		
USAID/LAC	PAHO	\$1,980,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL		\$1,980,000
Nicaragua		
USAID/BHA	Save the Children	\$2,000,000
USAID/GH	University Research Co. (URC)	\$750,000
USAID/LAC	Centro Para la Educacion y Prevencion del Sida	\$1,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NICARAGUA		\$3,750,000

Panama		
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360	\$2,524,478
USAID/LAC	Chemonics, FHI 360	\$2,250,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PANAMA		\$4,774,478
Paraguay		
USAID/GH	Chemonics, FHI 360, PAHO, UNICEF	\$6,313,738
USAID/LAC	Centro de Información y Recursos Para El Desarrollo, FHI 360	\$6,300,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PARAGUAY		\$12,613,738
Peru		
USAID/BHA	ADRA, Americares Foundation, Partners in Health, RET International, Save the Children, WFP	\$26,250,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, PRISMA, PHI, Socios en Salud Sucursal Peru	\$14,302,564
USAID/LAC	Abt, Centro de Información y Educación para la Prevención del Abuso de Drogas, FHI 360, PAHO, PRISMA, Socios en Salud Sucursal Peru	\$17,866,252
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PERU		\$58,418,816
South America Regional		
USAID/BHA	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	\$750,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN SOUTH AMERICA REGIONAL		\$750,000
St. Kitts and Nevis		
USAID/GH	Chemonics	\$506,956
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		\$506,956
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago		
USAID/GH	Chemonics	\$218,696
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		\$218,696
Uruguay		
USAID/GH	IFRC	\$500,000
USAID/LAC	PAHO	\$500,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN URUGUAY		\$1,000,000
Venezuela		
USAID/BHA	Implementing Partners	\$40,000,000
USAID/LAC	Implementing Partners	\$750,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN VENEZUELA		\$40,750,000
TOTAL USAID FUNDING FOR THE LAC COVID-19 RESPONSE ⁴		\$539,019,884

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⁴ This total does not include funding for USAID operating expenses (OE). Of the \$95 million in CARES Act appropriated for COVID-19-related OE, approximately \$66 million had been obligated as of June 30, 2022. In addition, USAID transferred \$7 million in ESF-COVID-19 funding (Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act) to the USAID OE Account, of which \$6.9 million is obligated to date. Of the \$41 million appropriated in ARPA OE, USAID has obligated \$19.8 million.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to organizations that are conducting relief operations. USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed; can be

transferred quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance. More information can be found at USAID Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org.

- USAID has established an inbox (covid-pse@usaid.gov) to coordinate private sector engagement around the COVID-19 response. In addition, the UN supports an initiative for businesses seeking to donate money, goods or services. Please visit connectingbusiness.org for more information.
- Finally, USAID reminds the public that it may accept unsolicited applications and proposals. The Agency has set up a COVID-19 Concepts portal at: <https://www.usaid.gov/coronavirus/funding-requests-unsolicited-proposal>