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COVID-19 – Latin America and the Caribbean

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September 30, 2022

KEY FIGURES*

77.4

MILLION

Total Number of
Confirmed COVID-19
Cases in Region

1.7

MILLION

Total Number of
Deaths Related to
COVID-19 in Region

69.5

MILLION

Total USG-donated vaccine
doses to the region**

1.3

BILLION

Total Number of Vaccine
Doses Administered in
Region

Sources:

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

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

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

KEY MESSAGES

As the world moves into the next phase of the pandemic, USAID is focused on turning COVID-19 into a manageable respiratory illness, and we must ensure countries remain ready and able to respond to the next wave or pandemic. To do so, USAID is protecting those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 with life-saving vaccines; increasing access to testing, treatment and medical oxygen; and helping countries integrate COVID-19 response mechanisms into their routine health systems.

- USAID has worked in more than 120 countries to fight against COVID-19 by bolstering health systems, 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, introduce lifesaving oral antiviral medicines and expand access to medical oxygen, 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 access to education for millions of students. Guided by the updated [United States COVID-19 Global Response and Recovery Framework](#) in September 2022, USAID's response is working with countries to meet their COVID-19 vaccination targets.
- USAID has provided financial and technical assistance to deliver and administer vaccines to more than 116 countries through the U.S. Government's Initiative for Global Vaccine Access (Global VAX), and builds on existing efforts to increase equitable vaccination by vaccinating priority populations—such as health care workers, the immunocompromised, people living with comorbidities, pregnant women, and those living in hard to reach places—and increase demand. Global VAX is a whole-of-government effort through which the United States has already committed significant resources 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 continues to lead on efforts to reduce COVID-19 morbidity, mitigate transmission, and strengthen healthcare systems by supporting both test-to-treat programs and increasing access to medical oxygen across twenty low- and middle-income countries. Test-to-treat programming prepares health systems, health workers, and communities to make rapid COVID-19 testing broadly accessible for people to get tested as soon as they develop COVID-19 symptoms. Treating sick patients while they are still at home and before they get too sick can reduce severe COVID-19 illness and death and reduce the burden on health systems. As a global leader in supporting increased access to lifesaving oxygen in health facilities that lack this critical medical supply, USAID takes a holistic approach to expanding access to oxygen focused on health systems needs.
- Best practices and lessons learned from test-to-treat programming will help countries scale up their programs at a national level, and investments in medical oxygen include healthcare worker training and bolster the engineering and logistics capacity of in-country health care systems. Along with this work, USAID and its implementing partners are working to leverage the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations as a transformative opportunity to bolster immunization systems and strengthen primary health care delivery systems, specifically in countries experiencing barriers to vaccine uptake. These combined efforts aim to alleviate COVID-19 burdens on health care

systems and increase availability of various forms of COVID-19 care, all the while strengthening these systems for the long-term.

- USAID's pandemic response in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)¹ includes programming to stem the pandemic by supporting vaccine delivery, 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)	\$299,570,386
USAID Bureau for Global Health (GH)	\$138,900,676
USAID Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)	\$130,242,293
	\$568,713,355

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

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Between July and September 2022, the LAC region saw a wave of new COVID-19 cases driven by Omicron lineages BA.2, BA.4, and BA.5. The wave peaked in early August, with cases returning to sustained low levels by the end of September. Despite an increase in cases, most countries did not reinstate preventative measures such as mandatory masking and limitations on the size of gatherings. Though cases and hospitalizations increased, the number of severe cases and deaths remained low compared to other times during the pandemic.
- While many LAC countries have achieved over 70 percent COVID-19 vaccination coverage, five USAID-supported countries (Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent) remain below 40 percent coverage. 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 September 30, 2022, the United States Government had delivered nearly 70 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to 29 countries across the LAC region.
- USAID continues to enable vaccine uptake and access, particularly among communities living in rural or difficult-to-reach areas. In Guatemala, USAID and its partners hired 45 people to implement the "Strategy for Rural Strengthening of the COVID-19 National Vaccination Plan," which aims to bring the vaccine to remote, hard-to-reach areas with low vaccination rates. The team is composed of 25 vaccinators, 5 data entry specialists, and one manager in Alta Verapaz, and ten vaccinators, 3 data entry specialists, and one manager in Quiché. In Guatemala, USAID and its partners also trained staff in charge of vaccine application in two rural departments. A total of 89 people were trained and included mayors, midwives, vaccinators, data entry clerks, and auxiliary nurses. In Colombia, USAID supported a vaccination campaign in the Department of Vaupés, by providing air transportation and fuel, enabling the full vaccination of 70 percent of people living in the department.

- USAID and its partners are also working to strengthen the systems that enable vaccination and to ensure that partner countries possess the appropriate technology and knowledge to safely administer COVID-19 vaccines. In El Salvador, USAID partners installed temperature sensors in refrigerators and cold rooms and provided software that will allow sensors to send real-time alerts and data to administrators. USAID also trained warehouse guards and employees on the use of a mobile application that tracks temperatures in the facility, further enabling the safe and effective storage of COVID-19 vaccines.
- USAID is working across LAC to increase vaccine confidence and boost demand for vaccinations by promoting reliable and accurate information. In Haiti, USAID partners conducted 90 vaccine awareness meetings attended by 1,350 community leaders and carried out 360 vaccine sensitization sessions at the community level for the general population.

REDUCE MORBIDITY, MITIGATE TRANSMISSION, AND STRENGTHEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

- Across LAC, USAID is building improved risk communication and prevention systems and sharing information on disease prevention and control. In Honduras, USAID and its partners facilitated an annual summit convening nursing professionals and hosted virtual workshops on quality patient safety. The events, which included professionals from 18 hospitals, sought to strengthen surveillance, control, and prevention of health care-associated infections in secondary level care facilities, and successfully trained 91 participants.
- USAID continues to provide lifesaving oxygen to those in need and strengthen oxygen delivery systems, while also leading the development and implementation of a novel COVID-19 oral antiviral “Test-to-Treat” program. At the COVID Global Action Plan Ministerial held on Friday, September 23, 2022, Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield spoke on how USAID is expanding access to bulk liquid oxygen (LOX), improving healthcare systems, and advancing test-to-treat programming in ten pilot countries for populations at high-risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
 - **LOX Activities:** USAID is building off of previously announced funding to expand global access to medical oxygen to improve health care systems to support the use of bulk liquid oxygen in facilities in Jamaica. In Colombia, USAID and its partners delivered more than 300,000 kg of medical liquid oxygen to health care facilities across the country. In Haiti, USAID and its partners conducted facility readiness work to prepare for the delivery of power generators and vacuum swing absorption plants, and also procured and distributed more than 160,000 cubic feet of medical oxygen from two local suppliers. In Paraguay, USAID partners trained 177 doctors and nurses working on oxygen therapy and management of hypoxemia. Finally, in both Panama and Paraguay, USAID supported Oxygen Ecosystem Assessments at 18 hospitals and 41 hospitals, respectively, nationwide. The resulting reports outline major findings and recommendations to ensure a sustainable and adequate provision of oxygen and will enable improved planning and oxygen delivery in the future.
 - **Test-to-Treat Activities:** USAID and its implementing partners will be working with Ministries of Health, civil society, health care workers, and others such as The Global Fund in the ten identified countries to pilot test-to-treat programming. USAID and its partners have selected El Salvador for an initial six-month implementation period during which USAID will evaluate the operational effectiveness of the program. The best practices and lessons learned from these efforts will help countries develop plans to scale up their programs on a national level and can be shared with countries around the world, including the United States.
- USAID is strengthening local health systems by building the capacity of health care workers in case management, service delivery, and rehabilitation. In Ecuador, USAID facilitated a certification training on Advanced Pediatric Life Support, which reached 53 health care workers. In El Salvador, USAID and its partners conducted webinars on post-COVID syndrome and pulmonary rehabilitation, which reached 96 health care workers. In Panama, USAID implemented clinical training for the management of mild and moderate COVID-19 cases in primary health care settings. A total of 212 primary health care personnel from both the ministries of Health and Social Security participated in the training, which reviewed clinical cases, shared new tools for screening COVID-19, and provided trainees with the opportunity to develop new strategies to enhance service delivery at their local facilities. In Paraguay, USAID and its partners trained 147 primary health care workers on management of mild and moderate COVID-19 cases, which included support for screening, diagnosis, treatment, and referral.

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 September 2022, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) projected that up to 2.5 million people in both Haiti and Guatemala, and as many as 1 million people in Honduras will face acute food insecurity between September 2022 and March 2023. In Guatemala and Honduras, USAID-supported programs aim to reach populations in need with agriculture, emergency food, livelihoods, multipurpose cash, protection, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance. In Haiti, USAID partners are delivering emergency food assistance and complementary services, including cash and food vouchers, as well as nutrition, protection, health, and WASH assistance throughout the country.
- In Venezuela, a USAID partner continues to provide health system strengthening to improve COVID-19 infection prevention, control, and treatment, as well as critical health, protection, and WASH activities to address lingering needs exacerbated by the pandemic. Additionally, the partner is implementing nutrition screening and treatment for children younger than five years experiencing moderate or severe malnutrition.
- In response to disproportionate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the most vulnerable groups—particularly women, children, and LGBTQI+ individuals—USAID is supporting partners to provide holistic protection services across the region, including in Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, and Honduras. 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; expanding access to sexual and 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's regional education programs in LAC adapted to COVID-19 limitations to support continuous learning efforts. For example, Teach for All's local partners in Colombia, Ecuador, and Paraguay aim to improve the quality of education for marginalized and vulnerable children by cultivating and developing leadership across the region's education systems. During the pandemic, the partners shifted teacher recruitment efforts and teacher training from in-person to virtual and hybrid modalities, and created innovative learning approaches to reach students including radio, podcasts, and easily accessible curriculum guides.
- In Guatemala, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, USAID's Lifelong Learning Project developed an online application to support nascent efforts at returning to in-person schooling, trained more than 130,000 officials on back-to-school protocols, and supported two online courses on social-emotional learning to address pandemic-related mental health needs of students and families. The USAID Safe Return to School activity partnered with ten private sector partners to leverage \$500,000 to donate disinfection kits to 17,000 schools; provide 1.5 million masks to students, administrators, and teachers; install hand washing stations; equip delivery vehicles with GPS; distribute publicity materials; and access advertising space and air time across print, radio, and television media outlets in Spanish and Mayan languages. The activity also enhanced technology at ten schools through the provision of tablets, educational applications, and teacher training.

USAID FUNDING FOR THE LAC COVID-19 RESPONSE ³

	AGENCY	PARTNERS	AMOUNT
	The Bahamas		
	USAID/GH	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent	\$750,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BAHAMAS		\$750,000
	Belize		
	USAID/GH	United Nations Children's Fund	\$300,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BELIZE		\$300,000

	Bolivia		
	USAID/GH	Chemonics, Prosalud, United Nations Children's Fund	\$6,637,785
	USAID/LAC	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, Pan American Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund, World Vision Inc.	\$15,599,466
	USAID/GH	Chemonics, Palladium International, LLC	\$23,700,823
	USAID/LAC	Palladium International, LLC	\$8,450,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BRAZIL		\$47,750,289
	Caribbean Regional		
	USAID/GH	JSI Research & Training Inc, IFRC, IBTCI, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, Johns Hopkins University, Pan American Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund	\$6,375,000
	USAID/LAC	IBTCI, IFRC, JSI Research & Training Inc, United Nations Children's Fund, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.	\$3,420,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL		\$9,795,000
	Central America Regional		
	USAID/BHA	International Rescue Committee, Inc., Pan American Health Organization	\$3,199,969
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN CENTRAL AMERICA REGIONAL		\$3,199,969
	Colombia		
	USAID/BHA	Solidarites International, World Food Program, ABT Associates, Inc., International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, Malteser International	\$64,000,000
	USAID/GH	ABT Associates, Inc., Chemonics	\$6,681,826
	USAID/LAC	FHI 360, ABT Associates, Inc., Chemonics, ABT Associates Inc.	\$13,350,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN COLOMBIA		\$84,031,826
	Costa Rica		
	USAID/GH	United Nations Children's Fund	\$800,000
	USAID/LAC	PAHO	\$1,000,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN COSTA RICA		\$1,800,000
	Dominican Republic		
	USAID/GH	Family Health International, ABT Associates, Inc., Chemonics, FHI 360, Pact, Pan American Health Organization	\$3,848,769
	USAID/LAC	ABT Associates, Inc., Pan American Health Organization, FHI 360, Pact, Counterpart International, Inc., Fundación Reddom Rural Economic Development Domini, United Nations Children's Fund	\$7,125,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		\$10,973,769
	Ecuador		
	USAID/BHA	World Food Program, ADRA Intl HQ, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, United Nations Children's Fund, World Vision Inc.	\$30,698,178
	USAID/GH	Chemonics, Jhpiego Corporation, International Federation of Red Cross and	\$8,550,000

		Red Crescent, Fundación Esquel Ecuador	
	USAID/LAC	Jhpiego Corporation, Fundación Esquel Ecuador	\$8,500,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ECUADOR			\$47,748,178
El Salvador			
	USAID/BHA	Americares Foundation, Inc., CRS - USCCB, World Vision Inc., Save the Children	\$7,409,500
	USAID/GH	FHI 360, Palladium International, LLC, Chemonics	\$19,147,620
	USAID/LAC	Chemonics, FHI 360, IBTCI, Pan American Health Organization, Palladium International, LLC, DAI	\$4,450,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN EL SALVADOR			\$31,007,120
Guatemala			
	USAID/BHA	Accion Contra El Hambre Acf International Network, Care USA, CRS - USCCB, Global Communities, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, Plan International USA, Inc., Save the Children, World Food Program, World Vision Inc., Medical Teams International, Inc., Pci	\$53,713,824
	USAID/GH	Chemonics, Johns Hopkins University, Palladium International, LLC	\$7,502,039
	USAID/LAC	FHI 360, IBTCI, Chemonics, Johns Hopkins University, Palladium International, LLC, Pasmó	\$9,500,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN GUATEMALA			\$70,715,863
Haiti			
	USAID/BHA	World Food Program, Doctors of the World - USA, Inc., Pan American Health Organization, CRS - USCCB, International Organization for Migration, Management Sciences for Health, Inc., Red Cross, Save the Children, United Nations Children's Fund	\$18,979,155
	USAID/GH	JSI Research & Training Inc, Chemonics, Health Equity International, Institut Pour La Santé La Population Et Le Dévelop, FHI 360, Public Health Institute, Caris Foundation International, Pan American Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund	\$9,585,478
	USAID/LAC	FHI 360, Fondation Serovie, Hassane Yaradou, Health Equity International, Health Through Walls, Inc., I.M.A., Institut Panos, Institut Pour La Santé La Population Et Le Dévelop, JSI Research & Training Inc, Caris Foundation International, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc., Pan American Health Organization	\$22,701,712
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN HAITI			\$51,266,344
Honduras			
	USAID/BHA	CRS - USCCB, Global Communities, Goal, United Nations Children's Fund, World Food Program, Save the Children	\$30,671,340
	USAID/GH	Chemonics, Palladium International, LLC, International Organization for Migration, Pan American Health Organization, FHI 360	\$17,804,904
	USAID/LAC	Palladium International, LLC, Chemonics, Pan American Health Organization	\$7,150,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN HONDURAS			\$55,626,244
Jamaica			
	USAID/GH	Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, Pan American Health Organization	\$2,100,000

	USAID/LAC	FHI 360, Pan American Health Organization, ABT Associates, Inc., Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, Palladium International, LLC	\$9,545,581
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN JAMAICA		\$11,645,581
	Nicaragua		
	USAID/BHA	Save the Children	\$2,000,000
	USAID/GH	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, Pan American Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund	\$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	Save the Children, World Food Program, ADRA Intl HQ, Américas Foundation, Inc., Partners In Health, Ret International, PAHO	\$33,298,954
	USAID/GH	Prisma, Socios En Salud Sucursal Peru, Chemonics, Public Health Institute	\$14,302,564
	USAID/LAC	FHI 360, ABT Associates Inc., ABT Associates, Inc., Centro De Informacion Y Educacion Para La Prevención, Pan American Health Organization, Prisma, Socios En Salud Sucursal Peru	\$18,100,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN PERU		\$65,701,518
	St. Kitts and Nevis		
	USAID/GH	Chemonics	\$506,956
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		\$506,956
	Uruguay		
	USAID/GH	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent	\$500,000
	USAID/LAC	Pan American Health Organization	\$500,000
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN URUGUAY		\$1,000,000
	Trinidad and Tobago		
	USAID/GH	Chemonics	\$218,696
	USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN Trinidad and Tobago		\$218,696
	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		\$568,713,355

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⁴This 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 September 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.