



U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO PERU: COVID-19 RESPONSE

As of December 2021, the U.S. Government has allocated more than \$75.5 million in new resources and two million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines to assist Peru in its emergency response to COVID-19. The aid continues a strong history of investing in Peru's health care systems and long-term development, mainly through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Ongoing U.S. Government-funded programs and partners are also adapting activities to respond to this unprecedented crisis. Over the last 20 years, U.S. assistance to Peru totals more than \$3.5 billion, including \$265 million in the health sector. Emergency assistance comes from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance Program, and the Department of State's Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance fund.

NEW ACTIVITIES - COVID-19 RESPONSE

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE - COVID 19 SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Partners: ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), Save the Children, World Food Programme, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

Total USAID/Washington (BHA) Investment: \$8 million - Duration: July 2021 – March, 2023

Five new grants through the USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance will provide humanitarian assistance aimed at alleviating the impacts of COVID-19 in those communities most affected by the pandemic. This assistance helps alleviate strain on Peru's overburdened health system to ensure continuity of essential health services and includes risk communication activities for infection prevention and control, through engagement with community change agents and via communication campaigns. Protection activities are an important component of these projects, and include psychosocial support services and legal case management for children and victims of gender-based violence. Target communities are those in regions where insecurity, limited health services and poverty combine to accelerate risk for COVID-19 transmission. Awards to ADRA and PAHO work exclusively in the Amazon basin, targeting vulnerable indigenous communities with improved access to health services and accurate information on the risks of COVID-19 and the benefits of vaccination.

ALLIANCE WITH PRISMA

Partner: PRISMA, local NGO

Total USAID investment: \$4,443,010 million Duration: March 2021 - September 2022

Through a \$4,443,010 million grant to local partner PRISMA, USAID is supporting the implementation of the Ministry of Health's "Vaccination Against COVID-19 National Plan." This project supports the Ministry of Health and subnational health authorities (regional and local) in the implementation of the National COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, with an effectiveness approach from the planning stages through the identification and reporting of adverse events post-vaccination for their attention by the health system to ensure that the people of Peru, above all that neglected such as the indigenous, is vaccinated in optimal conditions and in the shortest possible time. Technical assistance and training is being provided in the regions of Ancash, Cusco, Lambayeque, Piura and Ucayali to support the formulation and implementation of regional vaccination plans, strengthen the management of vaccine logistics, improve services at vaccination points, support follow-up of vaccinated persons, strengthen regional communication strategies and the participation of community-based organizations.

ALLIANCE WITH PARTNERS IN HEALTH

Partner: Socios En Salud, local affiliate of Partners in Health

Total USAID Investment: \$8,261,090 million - Duration: April 2020 – November 2022

The Alliance supports the administration of COVID-19 tests (with private funds) for the most vulnerable populations, improves the capacity to provide oxygen therapy at public health facilities, the adequate use of oxygen resources at the domicile, and the follow-up of COVID-19 patients; provides teleconsultations through a medical call center for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients, and activates a community health worker network to safely conduct outreach visits to identify families in need to provide clinical and social support, implemented a system for the home delivery of medicines, and screens COVID-19 patients and their contacts for tuberculosis. Activities are focused on high-risk regions for COVID-19, including Lima and Northern Coast and Amazon jungle regions of Peru, as prioritized by Peru's Ministry of Health.

ALLIANCE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON

Partners: CEDRO (Peruvian NGO) and Rainforest Foundation (U.S.-based NGO and sub-partner).
Total USAID Investment: \$4,164,600 million - Duration: May 2020 – September 2022

This Alliance helps mitigate the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable populations, particularly in indigenous communities and other vulnerable areas in the Amazon. Leveraging local private partners, the activity mobilizes community health promoters, deploys a risk communication and community engagement strategy, and expands community-based psychosocial services. The Alliance also addresses economic recovery by providing business development assistance to micro-, small- and medium-sized entrepreneurs and expanding access to credit for business expansion.

COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Partners: International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Fund for Children (UNICEF), UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)
Total State Department/Population, Refugees and Migration Bureau (PRM) Investment: \$3.925 million (\$3.3 million UNHCR / \$415,000 IOM / \$210,000 UNICEF) - Duration: Ongoing These funds support COVID-19 related needs for refugees, migrant, and host communities in Peru, expanding the ongoing work of international organizations with a longtime partnership in the country.

CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM

Partner: World Food Programme
Total USAID Investment: \$5 million - Duration: July - September 2020
This contribution provided two monthly cash transfer distributions of \$37.20 per individual per month to Venezuelan migrants in Peru, affected by the COVID pandemic. This is roughly equivalent to the GOP's emergency transfer program for vulnerable Peruvians.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE VENEZUELAN

Partner: Acción Contra el Hambre
Total USAID Investment: \$250,000 - Duration: May - June 2020
This short-term project helped mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 quarantine on Venezuelan migrants and refugees in Lima. The grant boosted household budgets through access to basic household items, and provided health information. Through an extensive volunteer network, the project assisted 4,200 Venezuelan families and nearly 16,800 people in one month.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU

TRANSPARENT PUBLIC INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Partner: Chemonics International - Duration: January 2020 – January 2024
This ongoing USAID project supports Peruvian partners to reduce corruption by strengthening internal controls and oversight in public procurement. Responding to a Ministry of Health request to facilitate urgent health procurements, the project embedded a short-term technical expert to accelerate procurements for urgently needed COVID-19 medications, oxygen systems, and protective supplies. The expert facilitated \$132 million in essential purchases for health care workers to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The assistance also included technical recommendations to address procurement challenges, shore up staffing shortages, and streamline protocols for emergency public health purchasing.

USAID/Peru's Transparent Public Investment Activity is providing technical assistance valued at approximately \$250,000 to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers' COVID-19 Implementation Plan Task Force. The COVID-19 Task Force is charged with creating a strategic plan for the mass vaccination of the Peruvian public, including planning for distribution, public communications, data management, and monitoring. The Task Force will not play a role in the purchase of the vaccines nor will it be responsible for ultimate roll-out, which will involve a wide range of Peruvian actors.

SENIOR ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Peru's Ministry of Health requested the support of USAID's Senior Health Advisor to provide infectious disease expertise, technical advice and specialized analytical support to shape Peru's national response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Jaime Chang, a physician and 22-year senior health specialist with USAID, assumed this role to support Peru's formulation of public health guidelines during the current crisis.

Through the State Partnership Program, West Virginia held a virtual workshop with the Peruvian Ministry of Health and other government agencies to discuss the lessons learned from one of the most successful vaccination campaigns in the United States. The 2.5-hour workshop's most engaged participants were the West Virginia National Guard who called from their COVID-19 vaccination Joint Inter-Agency Task Force and the Peruvian Minister of Health and President of the Council of Ministers.

SUPPORT TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - "APRENDO EN CASA"

Partners: Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

Through existing citizen engagement and forest conservation activities, USAID provided civics and environmental education content for Peru's national "Learn at Home" online education program, while schools remain closed during the pandemic. IDEA produced videos and teachers guides for secondary students on democratic values, political reforms, and the importance of civic engagement in a democracy. The USFS developed biodiversity-related material for fifth and sixth graders on the use and conservation of native medicinal plants, the importance of trees in the city, threatened Peruvian wildlife, and the relationship between forests and water. Videos reach students nationwide.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

COVID-19 VACCINES

On June 29, 2021, the U.S. Government delivered a first shipment of one million doses of Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines to the Government of Peru, followed by a similar shipment on July 07, 2021. This donation of two million doses follows the announcement made by the White House on June 21, 2021 regarding the distribution of 14 million doses of America's own vaccines supply to Latin American countries.

ULTRA LOW TEMPERATURE FREEZERS

The Department of Defense is donating to the Government of Peru a total of 300 Ultra Low Temperature freezers valued at \$2,324,537. These will strengthen Peru's cold chain capacity to distribute and use the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, currently the most used in the implementation of its national COVID-19 vaccination plan. To date Peru has received 160 portable units and will soon receive 40 additional portable units and 100 larger capacity stationary units.

PORTABLE VENTILATORS

USAID Investment: 6.4 million USD

On June 23, 2020, the Government of the United States delivered 250 ventilators to the Government of Peru for the MINSA to distribute them among 28 public hospitals in Lima and the regions of Ancash, Arequipa, Cusco, Ica, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Lima, Piura and Tumbes. The donation of ventilators, necessary for patients who require oxygen, increased the Peruvian response by 19%. On October 3, the United States Government delivered another 250 ventilators to the Government of Peru, which the Ministry of Health will distribute to public hospitals in the most affected regions. These portable fans have proven to be versatile and suitable for use in remote regions of Peru.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND FIELD HOSPITALS

Through the SOUTHCOM DOD Humanitarian Assistance Program the MAAG has provided over \$1 million in PPE and two mobile field hospitals, and anticipates an additional \$7 million in field hospitals, PPE, oxygen generators, ventilators, oxygen concentrators, and ultra-low storage containers to assist the GOP.

TRANSPORT SHUTTLES, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND PASSPORT SCANNERS

State Department/International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) \$1,400,000 - INL facilitated the delivery of two isolation and transport cabins (“epishuttles”) to the Peruvian National Police Aviation Bureau (DIRAVPOL) to improve safe transfer and infection control. INL donated PPE and 40 passport readers to assist Peru to reopen borders and aid Peru’s migration agency to safely process international travelers. INL donated \$1 million in PPE for 2,000 Peruvian eradicators (CORAH) and police to safely uproot coca in top growing regions. Eradication operations in 2020 ended without any COVID-19 outbreaks in the field. In a public ceremony with the Interior Minister on March 23, the Ambassador donated INL-purchased personal protective equipment (PPE) for 30,000 police securing the polls for Peru’s national election. More than 700 police have died of COVID-19 and nearly half the force nationwide has been infected.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND TEST KITS

U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit 6 (NAMRU-6) has assisted the Peruvian Naval Hospital in Callao to monitor healthcare workers on the front lines and performed COVID-19 testing for at-risk members of the Callao fire department after an outbreak among firefighters. NAMRU-6 donated rapid test kits to the military and health department in Iquitos and PPE and laboratory materials to the Peruvian National Institute of Health. NAMRU has also assisted the Peruvian Army and Ministry of Health in evaluating COVID-19 treatments and testing.

TEST KITS

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) made an international donation of test kits to countries worldwide, including two tranches of 2,000 test kits for Peru, valued at \$200,000.

USAID ACTIVITIES WITH COVID-19 INITIATIVES

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT FOR TRANSPARENCY

Partner: Asociación Civil Transparencia - Duration: April 2018 - October 2021

With USAID technical and financial support, leading Peruvian civil organization Transparencia has helped Peru's Office of the Prime Minister to develop a smartphone app and web platform for citizens to denounce public sector corruption. This platform quickly added a special module to report potential misuse of public funds distributed for the COVID emergency at national, regional and municipal level. With \$70 million in cash transfers distributed to vulnerable populations from the pandemic, chances for graft have increased, making the app more important to avert misuse of public resources.

AMAZONIAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABILITY

Partner: Center for Amazonian Scientific Innovation (CINCIA) - Duration: March 2016 - February 2021

This activity combats environmental degradation and improves human well-being in the Amazonian region of Madre de Dios, among the most biodiverse and environmentally threatened areas in Peru. With the advance of COVID-19, CINCIA with Peru's Native Federation of the Madre de Dios River and Tributaries (FENAMAD) developed a local radio campaign in indigenous languages – Machiguenga, Yine and Harakmbut – to promote healthy practices in indigenous communities.

COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN PERU

Partner: Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS) - Duration: July 2014 - June 2020

During Peru's COVID-19 state of emergency, leading anti-trafficking civil organization CHS implemented a short-term social media communication campaign to prevent human trafficking, sexual exploitation of children, and other forms of gender-based violence. The campaign reached more than 900,000 people in its first month. As cases of gender-based violence increased during Peru's quarantine period, the campaign also provided telephone consultations and advice to potential victims of violence.

SECURING A SUSTAINABLE, PROFITABLE, AND INCLUSIVE FOREST SECTOR IN PERU - PRO-BOSQUES ACTIVITY

Partner: Tetra Tech ARD - Duration: September 2018 – September 2023

This activity strengthens capacity to sustainably manage Peru's forest resources to conserve biodiversity, reduce carbon emissions, increase competitiveness, and combat illegal logging.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pro-Bosques provided technical assistance to national and subnational counterparts to prepare biosecurity guidelines for safe forest harvesting and provided guidance to beneficiaries on accessing public funding for forest sector activities, through Peru's economic reactivation initiative. The activity also has helped indigenous organizations and regional and local authorities to utilize biosecurity measures during the implementation of indigenous community life plans, community control and oversight functions, and forest management activities.

INTEGRATED ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Multiple Programs/Partners: DEVIDA Multiyear Plan; Alliance For Digital and Financial Services; Peru Cacao Alliance; Coffee Alliance for Excellence (CAFE) -- September 2017 - December 2022

The COVID-19 crisis affects remote farming communities uniquely. USAID partners with the Government of Peru to help farmers end coca cultivation and begin licit livelihoods. During the pandemic, USAID has adapted activities to increase farm families' understanding of health safety measures and secure livelihoods during harvest seasons. Farmer alliances promote hygiene campaigns and health protocols to help improve biosecurity when transferring agricultural goods to market. Other activities provide farmers one-on-one technical advice by phone to maintain crops and incomes. Partners share information through mobile app-based groups, webinars, radio theater, and online advertising to reduce and avert cases of gender-based violence. Target regions include, but are not limited to, Huánuco, San Martín and Ucayali.