REGIONAL: COVID-19

As of 10 May, PAHO/WHO report 362,810 cases and 20,230 deaths across Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as 152,885 recovered cases.

Please scan QR code to access up-to-date PAHO maps on COVID-19 in the Americas.

HONDURAS
The logistics sector is supporting the delivery of 500,000 Government social bonuses to families across Honduras affected by the economic impact of the pandemic. WFP is coordinating delivery of vouchers and cash transfers to families that are doubly affected by the pandemic and drought conditions in the Dry Corridor. Partners are still identifying their own logistics needs to determine the appropriate financial requirements.

MEXICO
The Government indicated that municipalities with no reported cases may potentially resume economic and school activity as of 17 May. The Government will continue to analyse projections and proposals ahead of the tentative date, with one proposal calling for a tiered risk-based system for municipalities similar to other systems in the region.

SOUTH AMERICA: COVID-19
Indigenous groups from nine countries with Amazon basin territories launched a US$5 million Amazon Emergency Fund to respond to ongoing lack of access to health care, food and medicine. The Coordinating Body of Indigenous People of the Amazon Basin (COICA) says that COVID-19’s impacts pose a serious extinction threat. At least 180 out of 600 Amazon indigenous tribes have confirmed cases.

BOLIVIA
The Government announced a tiered restriction plan based on a municipal risk index for classifying its 339 municipalities according to high risk, medium risk and low risk. Starting from 10 May, 68 high-risk municipalities will remain under strict restrictions, 152-medium risk municipalities will be under more flexible measures and 119-low risk municipalities will have the loosest restrictions. The Government will evaluate conditions each week and adjust restrictions accordingly.

PERU
Officials indicate that they have transferred 20,000 of the 200,000 people in Lima seeking to return to their rural home communities. Following the development of humanitarian transfer protocols, the Government and regional governments have developed standards for organizing and prioritizing the transfer of these vulnerable populations.

KEY FIGURES

362.8K
CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN AS OF 10 MAY

500K
GOVERNMENT SOCIAL BONUSES DELIVERED BY LOGISTICS PARTNERS IN HONDURAS

$5M
EMERGENCY FUND LAUNCHED BY INDIGENOUS GROUPS ACROSS THE AMAZON BASIN

Sources:
- UN Resident Coordinator’s Office - Honduras
- Government of Mexico
- Coordinating Body of Indigenous People of the Amazon Basin (COICA)
- Government of Bolivia
- Government of Peru

The numbers presented are for orientation and not conclusive. Sources are reports from national authorities from public websites.
Creation date: 11 May 2020 Sources: ReliefWeb Feedback: ocha-rolac@un.org | www.unocha.org/rolac | www.reliefweb.int
**CARIBBEAN: COVID-19**

**RESPONSE PLAN**

The UN System in Barbados and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States launched US$29.7 million multi-sectoral response plan to respond to COVID-19 from May to December.

The plan seeks to support the scale-up of national actions to tackle immediate challenges and set conditions for post crisis recovery, prioritizing interventions in health, food and nutrition security, economic recovery, education, social protection, gender-based violence and violence against children, human rights and logistics and supply chain management.

The UN Resident Coordinator, PAHO/WHO and heads of Barbados and OECS UN Sub-Regional Team agencies will coordinate the response plans’ priorities with UN agencies and external development and humanitarian partners and mechanisms.

UN agencies will re-purpose existing programme funding and coordinate response with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Regional Response Mechanism.

**REGIONAL FUNDING**

The European Union (EU) provided a $8.6 million grant to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) to support regional COVID-19 response.

The grant will back purchases of protective gear, testing reagents and laboratory supplies, while also supporting quarantine and isolation procedures and contact tracing. The grant will also support regional coordination through rapid response teams, help scale up surveillance at ports of entry and bolster CARPHA institutional capacity for public health emergency response.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC & HAITI**

The Minister of Health is calling for scaled up screening and security along the Haiti border, citing the heightened threat that Haiti’s challenges in responding to COVID-19 pose for the Dominican Republic.

According to PAHO, Haiti may soon have another humanitarian crisis on their hands, citing low bed counts, limited numbers of health professionals, insufficient protective gear, limited access to clean water and sanitation, households overcrowding during isolation, socio-political volatility and growing food insecurity that may lead to famine.

The pandemic has led to shortages of food, medicine and other essential items in Haitian border communities, prompting an increase in Haitians crossing into the Dominican Republic, where there is confirmed community transmission, a number PAHO expects will reach 55,000 in coming weeks.

Moreover, some 17,000 Haitians have already returned from the Dominican Republic, where there is confirmed community transmission, a number PAHO expects will reach 55,000 in coming weeks.

**KEY FIGURES**

- **$29.7M**
  - Multi-sectoral COVID-19 response plan launched for Barbados and the OECS

- **$8.6M**
  - Grant from the European Union for regional COVID-19 response

- **55K**
  - Haitians expected to return from Dominican Republic

Sources:
- UN Barbados and Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
- European Union
- Government of the Dominican Republic
- PAHO/WHO