

KEY FIGURES

2.4M

**CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES
IN LATIN AMERICA & THE
CARIBBEAN AS OF 28 JUNE**

9.4%

**ECONOMIC CONTRACTION
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN IN 2020**

1.6M

**CASES OF DENGUE IN THE AMERICAS
REGION AS OF JUNE 2020**

Sources:

- IMF, PAHO

REGIONAL: COVID-19

Cases are referenced from PAHO/WHO 28 June COVID-19 Report - <https://bit.ly/3fDCwwK>



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

As of 28 June, PAHO/WHO report **2,442,838 cases** and **110,957 deaths** in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as **1,383,469 recovered cases**.

LAC RECESSION DEEPER THAN EXPECTED

On 24 June, the IMF released its World Economic Update Outlook which forecasts a nearly double-digit recession – a contraction of 9.4 per cent – for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2020. The updated outlook for the region predicts a much deeper recession than the 5.2 per cent contraction originally

anticipated in April, which already would have been the worst performance since 1980. The region's two largest economies, Brazil and Mexico, will witness the worst contractions in the region, as the new forecast sees Mexico's economy plummeting 10.5 per cent and Brazil's declining by 9.1 per cent.

AMERICAS REGION SURPASSES 1 MILLION DENGUE CASES

According to PAHO, in the first five months of 2020, more than 1.6 million cases of dengue have been reported in the Americas, drawing attention to the need to continue eliminating mosquito vectors of disease amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In the Americas, most cases of dengue were registered in Brazil, with over one million cases, representing 65 per cent of total for the region. Other countries with significant numbers include Paraguay (218,798 cases), Bolivia (82,460 cases)

and Colombia (54,192 cases). High dengue incidence rates were also reported in Central American countries such as Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua. PAHO stresses that there is a crucial need to sustain efforts to address dengue in the Americas, urging countries to make the most effective use of available resources, as staff, equipment and supplies continue to be diverted to respond to COVID-19.

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**DEAD FOLLOWING 7.5-MAGNITUDE
EARTHQUAKE IN OAXACA, MEXICO**

212%

**INCREASE IN CASES OF
MALNUTRITION IN GUATEMALA
COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD IN
2019**

Sources:

- Government of Mexico, National Seismic Service of Mexico
- Government of Guatemala

CENTRAL AMERICA: COVID-19

MEXICO

On 23 June, the National Seismic Service of Mexico reported a magnitude 7.5 earthquake 23 km south of the Municipality of Crucecita, Oaxaca, located on the south pacific coast, registering more than 650 aftershocks following the powerful earthquake. It rattled large swathes of Mexico's southern and central states and triggered a tsunami warning along the Pacific coast of Mexico and Central America. According to national authorities, ten people were killed in Oaxaca State, 8,123 buildings and houses were damaged, including a COVID-19 specialized hospital, and more than 2.4 million people temporarily lost power. National capacities have been sufficient to respond to the emergency and international assistance has not been requested.

GUATEMALA

The total number of acute malnutrition cases continue to rise with a total of 15,998 cases as of last week, a 212% increase from the same period in 2019, when 7,542 cases were reported. Despite an ongoing coordinated effort by the Government, with the support of the Humanitarian Country Team, more cases are expected with a potential peak soon approaching. The current COVID-19 crisis may exacerbate the number of food-insecure families, bringing with it an increase in cases of acute malnutrition. Nutritional brigades funded by the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), led by UNICEF, have already started screening of children under five in the western state of Huehuetenango but other states will need to be targeted going forward.

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1.3M

COVID-19 CASES IN BRAZIL AS OF 28 JUNE

11M

ARGENTINES DEPENDENT ON STATE FOR FOOD SECURITY

Sources:

- WHO
- UN Argentina

SOUTH AMERICA: COVID-19

BRAZIL

Brazil is now the second country, after the United States, to surpass a million confirmed cases and 50,000 deaths, as the virus continues to spread. According to WHO, COVID-19 infections could be much higher than is being reported as the lack of testing means many cases are likely going undetected, with some experts saying that the level of testing is 20 times below that needed to capture the real COVID-19 caseload. There is now a growing concern that the health system will be unable to cope with the increasing COVID-19 caseload, especially in poor urban neighborhoods and remote areas, such as indigenous communities, where access to adequate health care is limited.

ARGENTINA

A June 2020 report published by the UN system in Argentina found that while the country's response

to the COVID-19 emergency has been effective, the economic effects of preventative measures to contain the spread of will likely plunge an economy already in recession into crisis, as the gross domestic product is projected to drop by more than eight per cent this year. The report paints a very bleak picture, with 11 million Argentines now dependent on the state for food security and child poverty potentially increasing from 53 to 58.6 per cent. The COVID-19 crisis has greatly exacerbated vulnerability and discrimination towards the least protected in society, highlighting deep economic and social inequalities that require urgent attention as part of response and recovery efforts, including children and adolescents, the elderly, indigenous peoples, refugees and migrants, people in poverty, those living with disabilities and the LGBTIQ+ community.

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\$262M

PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO JAMAICA FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

26.5k

PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM IDB-SUPPORTED COVID-19 UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF PROGRAMME

Sources:

- Government of Jamaica
- IDB
- IMF

CARIBBEAN: COVID-19

JAMAICA

The Government of Jamaica has received approximately US\$262 million in grant aid from the Japanese Economic and Social Development Programme to support the purchase of essential medical equipment and supplies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant will enable the Government to improve its capacity to manage the COVID-19 caseload, as the country transitions from containing the spread of the virus to living it.

BELIZE

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved a \$12 million loan to support the implementation of Belize's COVID-19 Unemployment Relief Programme. The loan will

support cash transfers for 12 weeks to unemployed individuals not covered by existing cash transfer programmes, focusing on those directly impacted by the sudden stop in tourism, which accounts for 37.3 per cent of total employment in the country. The programme will benefit approximately 26,500 individuals and contribute to maintaining the standard of living of vulnerable people whose income has been affected the COVID-19 crisis.