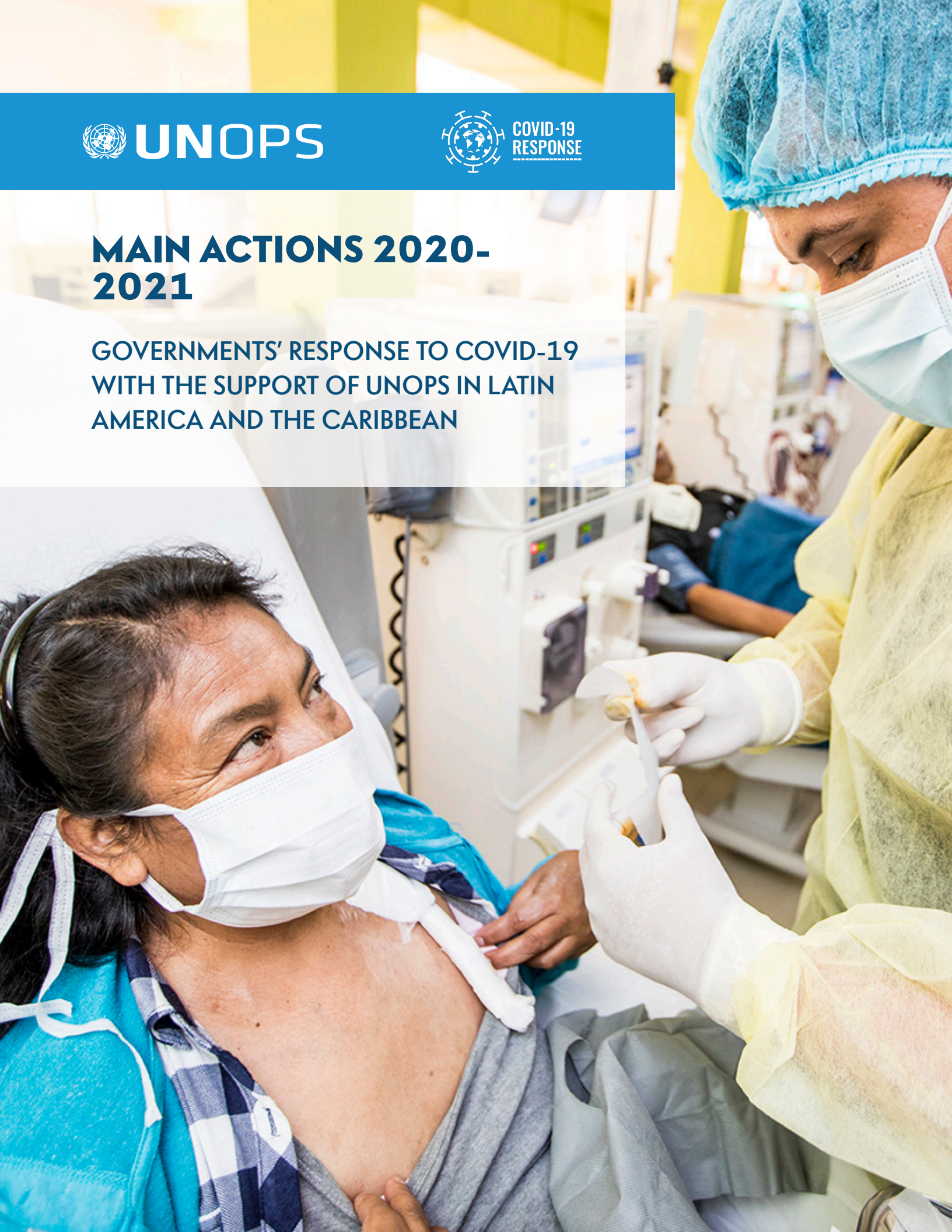


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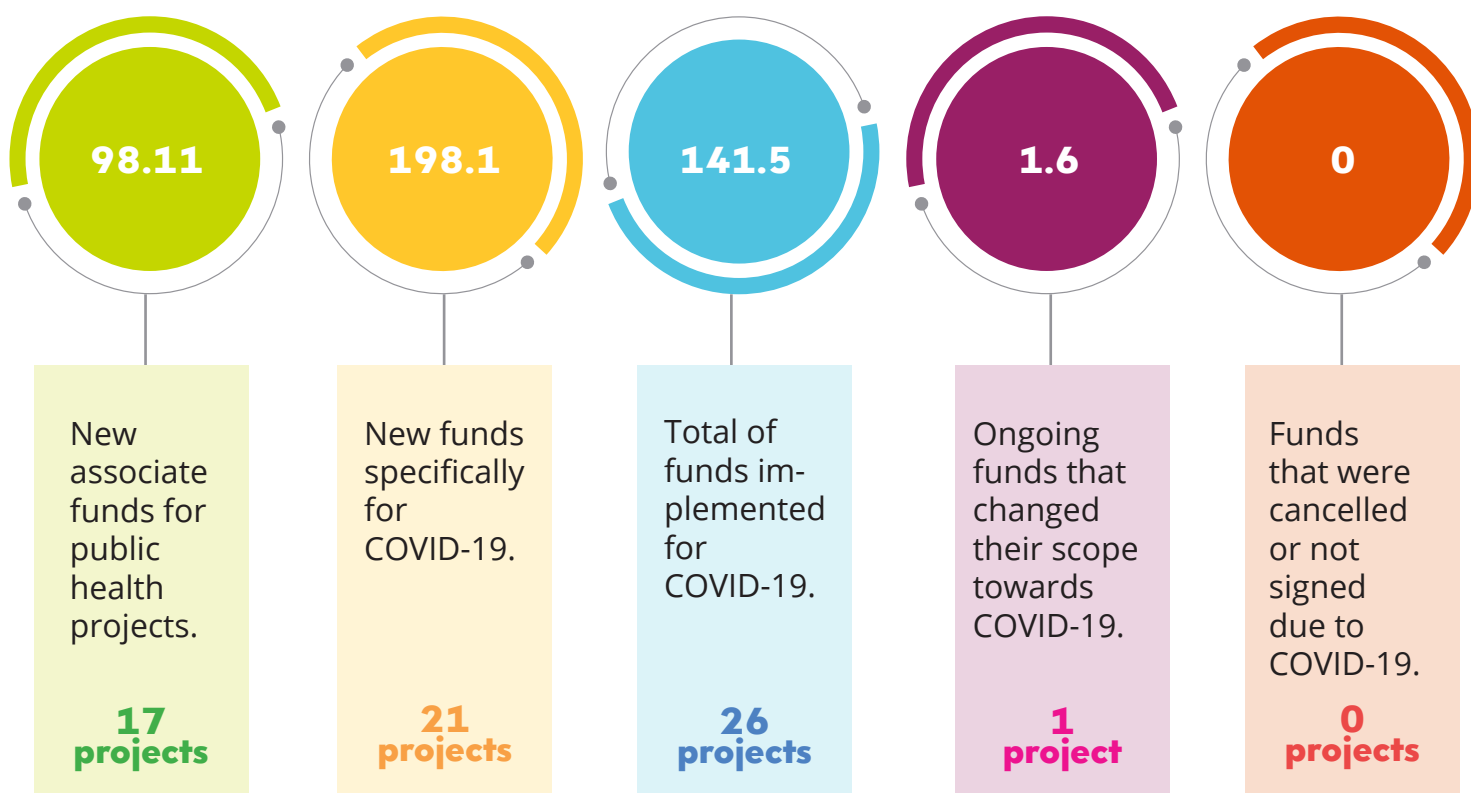


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since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, UNOPS has been helping governments respond to the enormous challenge caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Value of the projects in million USD



The UNOPS response made it possible to complement the capacities of governments to **increase hospital infrastructure; procure medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), ambulances, hospital furniture and kits for coronavirus tests**, and strengthen the national capacities of health systems. Likewise, two COVID-19 prevention campaigns were carried out, and UNOPS actions were coordinated within the framework of the United Nations System response in each country.



CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

USD 250 million, through 25 projects in 14 countries:



Renovation and construction of 2 hospitals in Haiti and El Salvador.



67 modular sanitary units for multiple uses in Argentina and **2 temporary modular units** in Guatemala, equal to **+800 extra beds**.



Procurement of 14.7 M masks in Argentina, Peru, Honduras and Nicaragua **and delivery of 98,000 masks** in Brazil.



Procurement of 116 ambulances in Argentina, Guatemala, Guyana and Peru.



70,000 food kits and 10.175 basic food baskets for vulnerable groups and indigenous families in Brazil and Paraguay.



Procurement of **+4 million units of personal protective equipment** in Argentina, Brazil, Haiti and Guatemala.



Procurement of **+1454 respirators** in Brazil, Haiti, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Peru and Guatemala.



Procurement of **252 monitors** in Brazil, Costa Rica and Paraguay, **14 portable X-ray equipment** in Costa Rica and **19 portable ultrasound equipment** in Guyana and Trinidad.

1 PROTECTION OF SERVICES AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

1.1. Hospital infrastructure

Argentina

With funds of the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), procurement and delivery of 67 modular health units:

- **11** Modular Hospitals,
- **28** Health isolation centers for federal and provincial prison services,
- **16** Health care centers for international border crossings,
- **12** Modular health care centers for small localities.

El Salvador

Delivery of the **San Miguel Regional Hospital** to the Salvadoran Social Security Institute, , which due to the emergency has been used to care for patients with COVID-19.

Guatemala

Assistance to the Guatemalan Social Security Institute (IGSS) in the procurement of **2 fully equipped Temporary Modular Units**, with **408 beds** for patients with COVID-19.

Haiti

Rehabilitation and equipping of **Delmas 2 Hospital** in Port-au-Prince to be utilized as the primary COVID-19 treatment facility.





1.2. Medical equipment, personal protection and furniture equipment

Brazil, Costa Rica and México



Financing agreements with the Government of Japan for **USD 13.2M** for the procurement of medical aid supplies for public hospitals during 2021.

Argentina



In support of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires, urgent purchase of **10 million** single-use masks, **200.000** N95 masks and **2** rapid diagnostic kits for testing.



With funds from the White Helmets Commission, support for the purchase of personal protection equipment and hygiene items for its volunteers and for the population assisted in its humanitarian work.



In support of the National Ministry of Public Works, purchase of more than 5.000 items of hospital furniture and more than 4.000 items of medical equipment to equip 67 modular sanitary units with different uses, in support of the Federal Sanitary Network COVID-19.

Brazil



Procurement of medicines to treat Covid in hospitals in Rondônia - USD 843.247. Procurement of medicines for the basic health network in Acre (which was affected by the pandemic) - USD 921.972.



Procurement of 85 pulmonary ventilators and 41 multiparameter monitors for the states of Rondônia, Acre and Santa Catarina. Procurement of 60 hospital beds in Santa Catarina. - USD 1.160.757.

Delivery of equipment for virus research to the universities of Amapá and Santa Catarina - USD 224.663.

Delivery of +4 million units of PPE for hospitals in the states of Acre, Santa Catarina, Rondônia and Minas Gerais - over USD 500.000.

Haiti



Procurement and distribution of PPE, mobile oxygen concentrators and pulse oximeters for the treatment of patients throughout the country.

Procurement of hygiene equipment and personal protection equipment for the **3 reference community hospitals** in Port-au-Prince.



Guatemala



Paraguay



Procurement of real time PCR systems in support of the Haitian National Laboratory

Delivery and installation of hospital furniture in the Olympic Park of Canaan to support setting up an alternative COVID-19 treatment center.

Support to IGSS in the procurement of **1.5 million units** of priority Medical-Surgical Material, **47.000 items** of laboratory supplies and **2.973 clinical equipment** and furniture distributed in more than 17 medical units on a national level

Assistance to the IGSS in the procurement of **75.000 tests** and the necessary supplies to apply them.

Management of the donation of **72.000 tests** from the European Virus Archive (EVAg) financed by the European Union for the detection of coronavirus, destined for the Ministry of Health and the IGSS.

Over 27.000 PPE were acquired through the global Cities Alliance program.

With funds from the World Bank, procurement and delivery of 1.000.000 sterile surgical gowns, 60 beds for therapy units, 156 high complexity pulmonary ventilators, 150 multiparametric monitors, 127 high flow machines, 135.000 biological protection suits, 113513 units of midazolam, among other equipment and supplies to **strengthen the health system in the different centers and hospitals** to +20 Ministry of Health hospitals throughout the country.

2.000 people hired for the production of **1.000.000 national surgical gowns** with international quality standards, stimulating and reactivating the local economy.

With funds from ITAIPU Binacional it was made possible to provide a fast response through the procurement medical equipment and medicines like 38.000 ampoules of midazolam, 1,200 units of vancomycin, 3.500 units of Noradrenaline, 1.500 of Enoxaparin, 1.200 of Levofloxacin, 200 of Colistin and 500 of Enoxaparin. The medical equipment delivered included: 5.000 Infusion Pump Sets, 8 portable secretion aspirators, 8 electric beds for adults and 2 crash carts; 8 flowmeters and 8 medical oxygen regulators, 1 electrocardiograph and 8 high-flow generator and CPAP equipment, 5 stethoscopes, 3.000 sets for intravenous administration by drip, 28.500 swabs for Covid-19 tests, among others.

In addition, 100.000 units of VDRL syphilis tests and 64.200 rapid HIV tests were provided to the National HIV/AIDS/STI Control Program (PRONASIDA) in order to **safeguard the living conditions of the population in vulnerable situations.**

Honduras



Support to the Honduran Institute of Social Security (IHSS) in the procurement of **USD 3.4 million** of medical-surgical materials for the **supply of 105 products for affected patients**.

Peru



Procurement of **1.160 mechanical ventilators** for EsSalud, reinforcing the response capacity of the Intensive Care Units (ICUs).



Procurement of **3 million masks** to support the National Center for Strategic Health Resources Supply (CENARES) of the Ministry of Health and **1.5 million masks and 1.1 million antigen tests** for EsSalud.

Mexico



Within the framework of COVID19, the Government of Japan made a donation to the Government of Mexico to support health services through the **acquisition of specialized medical equipment**.



The project will reach **1.8 million** Mexicans affiliated to ISSSTE and 14 localities in Oaxaca.

It will benefit people affiliated with the Institute of Security and Social Services for State Workers (ISSSTE) in the cities where beneficiary hospitals from 8 Mexican states are located, which together will receive 494 pieces of medical equipment: Baja California, Chihuahua, Mexico City, Coahuila, Mexico State, Jalisco, Guerrero and Tamaulipas.

Fourteen ambulances will be provided to the Secretaría de Salud del Estado de Oaxaca, which will benefit the population of 14 localities in the region.

Nicaragua



With funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the following have been delivered to the Ministry of Health: **500.000 KN95 masks**; 222.150 items of hospital clothing; 1.368 hospital-grade mattresses; 87.920 liters of liquid alcohol; 74.560 liters of alcohol gel; and 60.960 units for hygiene and cleaning. In addition, liquid oxygen and other medical gases, imaging consumables, medicines, disposables, reagents and laboratory supplies for the detection and treatment of patients with COVID-19.



With funds from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), **53 medical ventilators**, 4 biosafety cabinets and 3 ultra-low temperature (-80°C) freezers have been delivered to the Ministry of Health.

With funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), **50 all-terrain vehicles** for multiple uses have been delivered to the Ministry of Health.

Costa Rica



Support to the Caja del Seguro Social in the **acquisition of medical equipment for 29 hospitals** in the country with funds from the Government of Japan managed by UNOPS: 44 hospital beds, 61 vital signs monitors and 14 portable x-ray machines.



**Belize, Guyana,
Trinidad and
Tobago, Surinam**



Support to the Ministry of Public Education in the **acquisition of more than 18 thousand cloth masks** to ensure that students in high-risk educational centers have basic equipment to protect themselves while they gradually resume their on-site classes in conjunction with UNESCO.

Support to the health authorities of Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Belize for the **acquisition of critical medical equipment** required for the care of patients affected by COVID-19 in the amount of **USD 4.8 million** with funds donated by the Government of Japan and managed by UNOPS.

Reception in Guyana of **4 ambulances** as part of the second delivery of medical equipment for the Health System Improvement through the Provision of Medical Equipment Project signed between UNOPS, the Government of Japan and the Ministries of Health of Belize, Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. These ambulances will **benefit more than 9 thousand people** and will be distributed to **4 hospitals**: Mabaruma Regional, Pakera District, Moruca Kumaka District and Diamond Smart.



1.3. Fair Public Management: Strengthening National Health Capacities



Regional Impact: Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Observatory for Medicine Prices, which provides updated information and allows for the regulation of criteria for procurement at the best market prices, reducing the risk of cartelization of suppliers and corruption in health entities, avoiding overpricing.

Catalog of products, tests, goods and equipment to attend COVID-19, under long term contracts (LTA) to speed up the process of procurement of items for the health response.



Haiti

Maintenance of a production system to provide medical oxygen for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. Staff were trained in its use and safe handling, and **350 medical oxygen cylinders** were procured for use in intensive care units.

Support in the technical evaluation, proposal and updating of **5 potential sites** in Port-au-Prince to receive patients with COVID-19.



Guatemala

Strengthening national capacities and responders to COVID-19, through the health cluster led by the Ministry of Health and Social Assistance (MSPAS) and the national authorities in charge of the response to the coronavirus.



Honduras

List of priority medical devices and supply levels needed to care for patients suspected or infected with COVID-19.



Brazil

Support to the state government of Rondônia, in the north of the country, for the operation of **modular hospital facilities**, through the hiring of laundry and cleaning services, amongst others - USD 2.161.952



1.4. Procurement of ambulances



Ministerio de
Obras Públicas
Argentina



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

>> Guatemala

Procurement of **46 ambulances** to strengthen the Social Security emergency response network nationwide.

>> Perú

30 ambulances acquired for EsSalud, equipped with leading edge technology and delivered in early March, were used to transport critical patients.

>> Argentina

Procurement of **36 UTI** (Intensive Therapy Unit) **ambulances** to be destined to health units in Argentina

>> Guyana

4 ambulances received as part of the Health System Improvement Project, benefiting more than 9 thousand people.

1.5. Public Prevention Campaigns

>> Regional Impact

Together with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), a [Guide for COVID-19 Preventive Measures on Construction Sites](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in construction and infrastructure sites. The guide is available in Spanish, English, Portuguese and French, and has been widely disseminated, reaching **77.000 direct downloads**.



In Argentina, we built 11 modular hospitals in 11 locations in 4 provinces, close to existing hospitals or UPAs (Early Attention Units), in order to increase the capacity of care for the population affected by COVID-19.

At the regional level, we created the Regional Observatory for Medicine Prices, which provides updated information and allows us to regulate criteria for purchasing at the best market prices, reducing the risk of supplier cartelization and corruption in health entities, thus avoiding overpricing.



Also at the regional level, together with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), we created a Prevention Guide for Construction Sites to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at construction and infrastructure sites.

2 PROTECCIÓN SOCIAL, SERVICIOS BÁSICOS Y RECUPERACIÓN ECONÓMICA

2.1. Attention to the most vulnerable groups and communities

>> Paraguay



Along with Itaipú Binacional, support for the nourishment of some **230.000 people per day for 7 months** through the procurement and distribution of **21.5 million food rations** (equivalent to 3.900 tons of food) that have been distributed to families in vulnerable situations and indigenous communities.

Along with Itaipú Binacional, **delivery of food kits to 53.000 families in vulnerable indigenous communities**, equivalent to 1.192.500 kilos. Distributed in conjunction with the Paraguayan Indigenous Institute (INDI) in 2020.

Delivery with Itaipú Binacional of **7.500 food kits**, 33.330 zinc sheets, 4.330 mattresses and 1.000 blankets to serve families between April and August 2021.

Through the financing of Itaipú Binacional, UNOPS supported the National Government in the implementation of the logistics necessary to accommodate **3.500 people who carried out the mandatory quarantine in 10 shelters** at the country's borders, as well as the distribution of sanitary equipment (masks, hand washers) to the local governments of Alto Paraná for the prevention of the coronavirus.



>> Peru

Provision of drinking water and sewerage to vulnerable people in the south of Lima, jointly with SEDAPAL, which will benefit approximately **800.000 people**.



>> Brazil

Delivery of more than **10.175 basic food security baskets** to indigenous families and other vulnerable groups, with the Public Ministry of Labor - USD 175.494,53.



2.2. Response and economic recovery



Ministerio de
**DESARROLLO
SOCIAL**



Ministerio de
**AGRICULTURA
Y GANADERÍA**



PERÚ

Ministerio de Cultura

>> Paraguay

With Itaipú Binacional funding and the support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cattle Raising, procurement of tractors, seeders, sub-soilers, liming machines and sprayers to strengthen the modernization of **family agriculture**

+5.400 producing families benefited with inputs and training for family gardens, jointly with the Social Development Ministry, to contribute to **economic recovery** and ensure **food security** for them and their families.

Jointly with Itaipú Binacional and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cattle Raising, training for **+20 rural MSMEs**, achieving the formalization of 18 of them, to promote the production and commercialization of food. 50% of these organizations are led by women.

>> Peru

Support to the Ministry of Culture in the procurement of **167.608 digital and physical copies of books** for public libraries, to promote education and reading for thousands of students nationwide and mitigate the socio-economic effects in the publishing/cultural sector.





MINISTERIO
DE EDUCACIÓN

>> El Salvador

Support to the Ministry of Education (MINED) in the procurement of **66.800 laptops** for children, teenagers and teachers of public sector schools.

We were able to procure **robust equipment, with international certifications and optimal performance** in accordance with educational needs.

As part of the sustainability criteria, an **institutional strengthening** component was included, where two diagnoses, a review of procedures and two training courses, with a total of **110 hours of training**, were prepared for the improvement of MINED's technological services.

Together with MINED, an **educational campaign with 14 materials** was developed with messages for the responsible use of computers and the prevention of cybercrime, in association with UNICEF.



>> Nicaragua

Technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (MHCP) of the Government of Nicaragua, contributing to the **NIC-SOLIDARIA Multisectoral Program**, which is based on supporting the health security of the population in the face of COVID-19, assisting people in vulnerable situations and strengthening Nicaragua's economic reactivation.

The NIC-SOLIDARIA program is being implemented with a loan granted to the Government of Nicaragua by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI).

UNOPS provides **technical assistance** to the MHCP **by supervising procurement and acquisitions for 41 projects** being implemented in the country by different government entities.



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