



EU AND THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

From the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Union (EU) has taken resolute action to tackle the sanitary crisis and to mitigate its socio-economic impact. A global pandemic requires global solutions. That is why the EU has been at the forefront of the multilateral and cooperative response to fight the virus and its consequences.

NO ONE IS SAFE UNTIL EVERYONE IS SAFE.

COVID-19 VACCINES

The EU has played **a leading role in supporting and financing research** to ensure universal access to coronavirus treatments, tests and vaccines. **What normally takes ten years, was done in less than one.**

The EU is a leading financial contributor to the **COVAX Facility –€3.2 billion-** which ensures global equitable access to vaccines. COVAX has already delivered **more than 50 million vaccines to Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries.** 31 out of 33 LAC countries have received vaccines via COVAX and another 10 countries are included in the COVAX Advance Market Commitment, which subsidises vaccine doses purchase.

More than half of the COVID vaccines produced in the EU have been exported. **LAC countries** have already received **more than 130 million doses exported** from the EU.

Furthermore, the EU, acting as **'Team Europe'**, has committed to share at least **500 million doses** of vaccines. **EU Member States** have already **donated 10 million doses** to almost half of **the countries in the LAC region.**



The European Investment Bank (EIB)

is providing **€600 million** of financing to support the participation of **low and middle-income countries in COVAX**

will provide an investment loan of up to **USD100 million** to **Argentina**, focusing on the **purchase of vaccines** and the deployment of **vaccination campaigns**



The European Union (INTPA)

has supported the Caribbean countries through the **Caribbean Public Health Agency** with a **€8 million** grant, including for **treatment and vaccines purchase**

SHORT-TERM RESPONSE

Through the “**Team Europe**” approach, the EU has mobilised **over €3 billion to Latin American and Caribbean** countries to support the most vulnerable groups, addressing **immediate humanitarian and socioeconomic needs**.



The European Investment Bank (EIB)

is partnering with **Barbados** to provide **€50 million** for COVID-related **emergency healthcare**

has partnered with the **Caribbean Development Bank** to provide **€30 million** for **health-related emergency**

is providing loans to financial institutions in **Brazil, El Salvador, Mexico and Peru** to support **companies** affected by the pandemic



The European Union (INTPA)

provided grants for the purchase of **protective and medical equipment, medicine and capacity building** to support local production of personal protective equipment (PPE) in **Cuba (€2 million)**, and to strengthen **healthcare systems** in **Haiti (€1.3 million)**



The European Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)

nearly **€72 million** allocated for operations targeting health services, **prevention and control** of COVID-19, support to social protection, sanitation and hygiene

€5.5 million funding to **UNICEF** to support **Venezuelan refugee children** through epidemiological surveillances, distribution of PPEs and hygienic tools

€2.6 million funding to humanitarian partners working in **Colombia's Amazonas area** to reduce contagions, enhance response capacity and reach indigenous communities

€900,000 funding to **Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)** to strengthen local health systems, detection of cases and treatments in the **Northern Amazon basin in Brazil**

LONG-TERM RESPONSE

The **EU's cooperation programmes under NDICI-Global Europe 2021-2027** will support a **sustainable recovery** in Latin America and the Caribbean, building greener, digital and more inclusive societies. The EU will channel **over €3.4 billion to LAC countries**.



The European Investment Bank (EIB)

is financing the development of **drinking water and sanitation** networks in **Ecuador**, providing lasting access and improving the resilience to pandemics



The European Union (INTPA)

is working to support **Colombia** to extend general **social security insurance** coverage to more than **345,000 Venezuelan migrants**

has supported the **Central American Integration System (SICA)** on their negotiations for the **purchase of medical supplies**

is supporting **health reform** in **Peru** through budget support and blending, improving treatment to vulnerable persons and the vaccination of migrants

provides **loans and grants** to **Jamaica (€10 million)** and **Dominican Republic (€8.5 million)** to respond to the pandemic and strengthen their health care systems