



Emergency Support and Preparedness Program for COVID-19 and Economic Reactivation

What is Coronavirus?



- COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a new virus that has not been detected in humans to date.
- The virus causes a respiratory illness like the flu (influenza) with various symptoms (cough, fever, etc.) that, in severe cases, can cause pneumonia. To protect yourself, you can wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face.

How does it spread?

- The new coronavirus is spread mainly by direct contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with an infected person when they cough or sneeze, or by contact with their respiratory droplets (saliva or nasal secretions).

Management Phases of the COVID-19 Pandemic



1- CONTAINMENT PHASE.

In the epidemiological situation, where there are no confirmed cases, or confirmed cases are isolated, the actions proposed for the containment phase will be applied.

The objectives at this stage are:

1. Timely detect initial cases and your contacts.
2. Minimize the transmission of the disease by avoiding the spread of the virus in the community.
3. Prepare and strengthen the needs of the health system.
4. Contribute to knowledge about the nature of the disease in the context of the region.
5. Provide timely, transparent, and evidence-based information, as well as all new knowledge to support best healthcare practices.
6. Confirm and strengthen effective health governance arrangements in conjunction with all jurisdictions.
7. Ensure a proportionate response and contribute to maintaining quality care.
8. Communicate responsibly and appropriately to build trust in the community.

2- MITIGATION PHASE.

At this stage, actions should be prioritized to avoid serious cases and deaths.

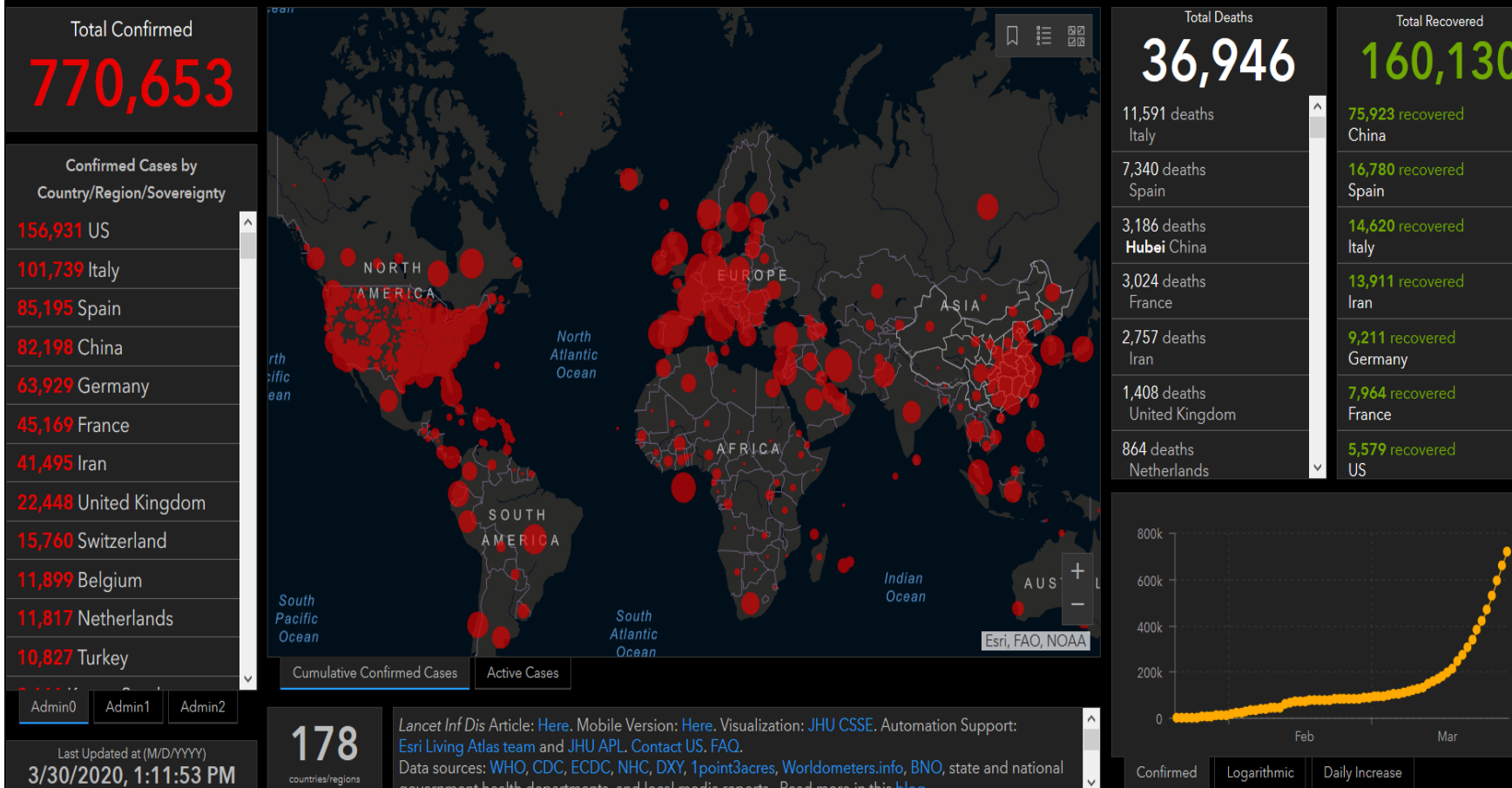
Actions in the contingency phase:

1. Diagnostic confirmation for severe and fatal cases, clinical and epidemiological diagnostic criteria for mild and moderate cases or those that do not require hospitalization.
2. Epidemiological surveillance will be grouped for mild cases, and will be carried out nominally only for severe cases.
3. The health system will be strengthened, in order to respond to the demand for care.
4. Monitoring of critical beds and the referral system for critically ill patients.
5. Ensure adequate supplies for the protection of health personnel.
6. Strengthen the training of health personnel in the proper use of personal protective equipment.
7. Strengthen infection control programs associated with health care.
8. Minimize the risk of transmission in healthcare institutions, particularly those that regularly attend immunocompromised individuals.
9. Prioritize mass dissemination at entry points, stimulating self-report in symptomatic patients.

Current Status of COVID-19 Globally as of March 30th, 2020



Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (...)



Incidence of COVID-19 in the CABEI member countries in Latin America

Country	Confirmed Cases	Death
Panama	989	24
Costa Rica	314	2
Dominican Republic	901	42
Honduras	139	3
Guatemala	36	1
El Salvador	30	0
Nicaragua	4	1
Belize	3	0
Mexico	993	20
Colombia	798	12
Cuba	170	4
Argentina	820	23
Total	5,197	132

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COVID-19 in the SICA Region Countries



Centroamérica unida contra el Coronavirus COVID-19



País Miembro del SICA	Belize	Guatemala	El Salvador	Honduras	Nicaragua	Costa Rica	Panamá	República Dominicana
Alerta Decretada/Acciones Implementadas	No ha emitido Alerta	Estado de Calamidad Pública	Estado de Emergencia Nacional/Régimen de Excepción	Alerta Roja	Alerta Nacional	Alerta Amarilla	Estado de Emergencia	Alerta Nacional
1. Controles epidemiológicos en puntos de ingreso terrestres, aéreos y marítimos.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Implementación de Protocolos de Vigilancia Epidemiológica a nivel nacional	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Cuarentena preventiva para nacionales y extranjeros.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
4. Suspensión de clases.	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
5. Restricción de eventos públicos y aglomeraciones de personas.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
6. Restricción de vuelos provenientes de países con casos confirmados de COVID-19	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
7. Restricción de ingreso al país para extranjeros.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

NOTA: Los Estados miembros del SICA cumplen las medidas sanitarias establecidas en el Reglamento Sanitario Internacional, aprobado por la OMS, para prevenir la propagación del Covid-19.

Fuente: Elaboración de la Secretaría General del SICA con la información de cada uno de los países miembros

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Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of the SICA countries in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- *On March 12, 2020, the Heads of State and Government of the SICA countries, in light of the levels of spread and severity of cases of COVID-19 globally, declared, among other courses of action, the adoption of joint and coordinated measures to protect the citizens of the region and face the aforementioned pandemic.*
- *As part of these measures, they recommended to the Council of Ministers of Finance of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COSEFIN) to specify the necessary joint actions before international financial organizations that guarantee the availability of resources to finance the "Regional Contingency Plan aimed at complement national efforts for the prevention, containment and treatment of COVID-19 and other rapidly spreading diseases " and other necessary national actions in the context of attention to the present pandemic.*
- *Along these lines, they asked to carry out the necessary steps for CABEI to increase the Emergency Fund made available to the region (US\$ 250,000 per country) and to provide financing proposals for programs aimed at addressing the economic impacts generated by the coronavirus pandemic, prioritizing the most affected sectors, including managing the resources necessary for its execution.*

Program Objectives



General Objective:

- Provide financial resources immediately to the countries of the SICA region to finance operations for the prevention, detection and treatment of COVID-19 and mitigation of its economic impact in these countries.

Specific Objectives:

1. Strengthen the logistical and technical capacities of the health systems of the SICA countries to prevent entry and reduce the impact of COVID-19 in their countries.
2. Reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the health and lives of the population, as well as the impact on economic growth of the CABEI member countries.
3. Catalyze the flow of financial and technical resources from third parties to SICA countries for the management of COVID-19.
4. Promote and implement initiatives and programs that contribute to mitigating negative effects and reviving economies within the framework of action plans designed by the Ministries of Finance of eligible countries.

Program Components



1. Emergency AID. Amount: Up to US\$8.0 million.

The program will provide each of the SICA countries with up to US\$1.0 million in non-reimbursable resources to finance emergency activities to deal with COVID-19.

2. Aid for the regional purchase and supply of medicines and medical equipment for early detection of COVID-19. Amount: Up to US\$2.1 million.

The Program will facilitate the direct purchase of medical equipment for early detection of COVID-19, which will be distributed to all countries. Currently a direct purchase of 182,000 tests (1820 testing kits) is in process.

3. Credit to finance Public Sector Operations. Amount: Up to US\$ 600.0 million. (US\$400.0 million for SICA countries and US\$200.0 for other extra-regional countries).

The program may finance eligible operations, up to an amount of US\$50.0 million per country, that are required for the management of the different phases of the pandemic according to WHO protocols and which may include the following:

- a. **Infrastructure:** includes rehabilitation and/or construction of shelters, clinics and hospitals.

3. Credit to finance Public Sector Operations. Follow up...

- b. **Equipment:** includes beds, sheets, respirators, diagnostic kits, transport units, suspicious case monitoring systems, any other equipment necessary for the detection and treatment of COVID-19.
- c. **Medication:** includes the purchase of any medication and supplies necessary for COVID-19.
- d. **Temporary medical personnel:** recruitment of temporary support personnel specialized in COVID-19 management to expand the coverage and quality of health systems.
- e. **Capacity development of medical personnel:** training and technical assistance that allows health systems to be up-to-date with the protocols for managing COVID-19.
- f. **Population awareness and education:** includes campaigns focused on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

In addition, the resources may be allocated to finance initiatives, programs and projects related to the reactivation of the economies of the eligible countries within the framework of the provisions of the Declaration of Heads of State and Government of SICA.

4. Credit Program to Support the Liquidity Management of Central Banks: Up to US\$1.0 billion.

Amount of the Program:

- The maximum amount of the program is up to US\$1.0 billion.
- Each founder and regional non-founder member country may be granted a maximum amount of up to US\$200.0 million.
- The destinations defined under the Program are:
 - Support to solve liquidity contingencies of the Central Banks; and
 - Strengthening the liquidity position of the Central Banks.

Allocation Criteria:

- The allocation of resources will be made in accordance with the first five (5) eligible countries that subscribe to the Credit Program.
- In the event that a greater number of countries require to subscribe the Credit Program, the maximum amount of the same must be revised accordingly.

5. Financial Sector Support Facility. Amount: Up to US\$350.0 million.

The Program may finance structured operations for the financial sector of SICA countries, which contribute to the revival of countries' economies through the use of different financial products such as loans, trade finance and guarantees among others.

6. Support for the Trifinio Project. Amount: Up to US\$25,000.00.

The program will be able to finance COVID-19 prevention and contingency campaigns in the in the Trifinio Project influence area.

Program Resources



The Program will be financed with regular CABEI resources of up to **US\$1,960,125,000.00**, without prejudice to resources mobilised from external sources.

Components	Amount (US\$)	Financial Instruments and Institutional Sector
1. Emergency AID	8,000,000.00	Grant to the Public Sector
2. Aid for the regional purchase and supply of medicines and medical equipment for early detection of COVID-19	2,100,000.00	Grant to the Public Sector
3. Credit to finance Public Sector Operations	600,000,000.00	Sovereign and non-sovereign Public Sector Loan
4. Credit Program to Support the Liquidity Management of Central Banks:	1,000,000,000.00	Central Bank Credit Line
5. Financial Sector Support Facility	350,000,000.00	Loans, Trade Finance and Guarantees
6. Support for the Trifinio Project	25,000.00	Grant to the Trifinio Project
Total Program Amount	1,960,125,000.00	

Elegible Countries Program



Guatemala



El Salvador



Costa Rica



Honduras



Panama



Nicaragua



Belize



Dominican Republic



Cuba



Mexico



Colombia



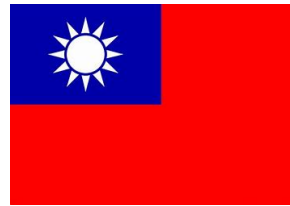
Argentina

- Operations will be approved to the extent that they are requested on a case-by-case basis.

Tentative list of potential Program partners



Cofinancing/Blending of Resources/Alliance for the provision of medicines



Thanks



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