

# Brazil's response to the COVID-19 pandemic



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- The Brazilian National Health System (SUS) ensures integral, universal and free access to more than 200 million inhabitants, including immigrants and refugees.
- In addition to the regular budget of R\$ 140 billion of the Ministry of Health of Brazil (USD 26 billion), more than R\$ 42 billion (USD 7.8 billion) were allocated exclusively to reinforce the fight against COVID-19
- 9.899 ventilators distributed all over Brazil
- R\$ 1.6 billion (USD 297 million) to enable 11,827 ICU beds across the country
- 241 million units of personal protective equipment;
- Invested R\$ 2,8 billion (USD 520 million) for the purchase of emergency health items;
- Extraordinary credit of R\$ 2 billion (USD 371 million) for the purchase and the production of a vaccine against COVID-19



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- Special attention to training and developing our health workforce.
- Registration of 1 million professionals and over 100,000 students interested in working against new coronavirus.
- Brazil invested nearly R\$50 million (USD 9.3 million) in R&D initiatives, especially related to treatments, vaccines, diagnostics, pathogenesis and natural history of the disease, disease burden, healthcare, prevention and control.

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- Brazil's response is taking place in strict compliance with the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005.
- Brazil created the Emergency Operations Center (COE) and immediately notified WHO when the first case in Brazilian territory was confirmed on February 26.
- Brazilian government shares information on a daily basis with other State Members and with WHO.
- All data can be easily accessed on the new interactive online platform, recently launched.
- Brazil reiterates its unequivocal commitment to data transparency on COVID-19.



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- As of August 11th, Brazil had 2.309.477 cases recovered from COVID-19.
- We are among the world leaders with regard to patient recovery, which shows the correctness of the Brazilian government's response to the pandemic.
- Our main goal is to save lives.



# Protecting indigenous peoples during the pandemic

- Brazilian government has dedicated special attention to the protection of indigenous peoples in this pandemic.
- Actions regarding the fight against COVID-19 go back to February, with more than R\$ 70 million (USD 13 million) invested.
- Almost 2 million items were sent, including medicines, personal protective equipment and rapid tests.
- Improving access through the development of a telemedicine program and providing river transport to the population.
- Creation of 156 hospital beds in indigenous areas.
- Delivery of food baskets ensuring indigenous peoples food security.



# Regional Coordination within South America

- Health attention in national borders and cross-border cities
- Joint protocol with Uruguay for twin cities across the border
- Discussing the establishment of a binational health surveillance room on the border with Colombia.

- Brazil's willingness to work in a coordinated manner with South American neighbors to overcome the pandemic.
- Only together we will win this battle against COVID-19.

# Supporting multilateral actions and global solidarity in **COVID-19** response

- In addition to actions taken at national and regional levels, our government has been actively engaged in international efforts.
- Participation in WHO “Solidarity Trial” study.
- Engagement in discussions regarding the Access to Covid-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator initiative, especially its vaccine pillar – “COVAX Facility”.
- 100 million doses agreement with AstraZeneca/Oxford University, which also foresees transfer of technology for production of the vaccine in Brazil.

