



Response to COVID-19: 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE MARCH - JUNE 2020

Since 2003, the Regional Group on Risks, Emergencies and Disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean (**REDLAC**) has been operating as a regional coordination platform for disaster preparedness and response, organized into sector-based working groups for humanitarian action.

To respond to the impact of COVID-19, REDLAC is operating through the response activities of **nine sectoral** and **three thematic working groups**, facilitating permanent dialogue among the nearly **40 participating humanitarian organizations**.

THESE WORKING GROUPS HAVE SECTOR-BASED APPROACHES COVERING:



ADDITIONALLY, REDLAC WORKS WITH THEMATIC GROUPS FOCUSED ON:

REDLAC also works with external partners such as:

ECLAC

CEPRENAC

CDEMA

Offices of UN Resident Coordinators

UN Development Coordination Office (DCO)



24 REDLAC and intersectoral meetings



1,000 participants

WORKING GROUPS



WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE



- Provided governments of **26 countries** and more than **900 actors** with concrete measures to improve response efforts.
- Direct assistance provided to **18 countries in the English-speaking Caribbean** to support preparedness for the hurricane season.
- **60 leaders/co-leaders** and another **208 actors** from **24 countries** across the region trained.
- Regular monitoring of **public policies** in **26 countries**.



EMERGENCY SHELTER



- **13 agencies** in 31 countries in the region.
- Material developed to support communities in **informal settlements** and the continuity of **emergency housing** operations.
- Advocacy on the situation of families in **marginalized communities** at risk of eviction.
- Formation of a technical group for **hurricane preparedness**.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT



- Four webinars attended by **2,197 people** from **27 countries**.
- Support and guidance provided to **national committees**.
- Communications channels developed nationwide for **translating and disseminating guides and other materials**.
- Supported hurricane **contingency plan** updates.



EDUCATION



- Direct technical support to **36 Ministries of Education** in the region.
- More than **11 million children, adolescents, their families and teachers** benefited from the actions of the 32 organizations working in this sector.
- 18 webinars with **58,816 participants**.



NUTRITION



- **83,000 caregivers of children (0-23 months)** reached by messages on breastfeeding in COVID-19 contexts.
- **Joint statement** on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security and nutrition.



LOGISTICS

- Presentation of the **IMPACCT Working Group**.
- Presentation of platforms and **supply chain** services (together with the health sector).
- Presentation of **WFP Aviation**.



PROTECTION



- Monitoring and analysis of **main protection risks**.
- Mainstreaming Protection in the different **REDLAC working groups**.
- **Advocacy documents** on the risks of expulsions and deportations to countries in Northern Central America and the risks associated with violence.
- **Repository** of documents and guides.



HEALTH

- Compilation of COVID-19 activities, capacities and interventions in the **345W tool** at regional level.
- **In-depth analysis** on topics such as mental health, response in correctional facilities and environmental health, among others.
- **Preparedness activities for the hurricane season:** recommendations for shelters and refuges in the context of COVID-19.



FOOD SECURITY



- Collaboration between **REDLAC** and the **R4V platform** to foster greater coverage in joint strategies.
- **Mapping of national groups** in eight countries in the region.
- Coordination of **assessments on the impact of COVID-19** on food security and livelihoods in Central America.

THEMATIC GROUPS



GENDER

- **17 organizations** participate in the "network of sponsors" that support **seven REDLAC sector-based groups**.
- **Six webinars** in partnership with other sectors and the R4V platform.
- Developed the "**Key Gender Concerns in Health Emergency Response**" brochure (more than **500 downloads**).
- Translation and dissemination of documents such as the **Global Gender Alert**.



CASH TRANSFER

- Joint work with REDLAC and R4V platform.
- Report on operational challenges for responding with CTP amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Five webinars in collaboration with other sectors.
- Coordination with country-level CTP group leaders.
- Translation and dissemination of reference documents.



COMMUNICATIONS

- More than **20 organizations coordinating communications efforts**, including risk communications, to support vulnerable people.
- **Messages, visual materials and good practices** compiled in a dedicated web site.
- REDLAC video on COVID-19: "**From the humanitarian community: we have a message for you**".

REDLAC members are regional or sub-regional organizations with a humanitarian mandate who have an operational presence in Panama or within the LAC region. These organizations include those which belong to the **United Nations System and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as well as international and non-governmental organizations**.

In the event of a disaster, the group provides services for the coordination of humanitarian efforts, as well as support in multi-agency and multi-sector needs assessments, information and humanitarian assistance, where international cooperation is requested.



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:



The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC) acts as the Secretariat of REDLAC, chairing meetings with the aim of reaching the strategic objectives agreed to by all members.



For more information, please visit: <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/es/operations/latin-america-and-caribbean>