



Alliance for Primary Health Care in the Americas

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The Alliance for Primary Health Care (PHC) in the Americas focuses on country action, strategic dialogue around health systems based on Primary Health Care, and the alignment of joint technical and planning instruments. A decentralized and participative structure has enabled the Alliance to build effective strategic and technical partnerships at the country level. Key to the Alliance's success is the Ministry of Health's strong leadership in guiding the country's policy dialogue for the analysis of national needs and the development of investment plans, based on national health strategies and plans.



6 Countries in Action

1 Joint Initiative: Caribbean Collaborative on Health Financing with 8 countries

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Country results

Six countries steadily advancing towards development and implementation of roadmaps and action plans with the Alliance.

Colombia

The Ministry of Health's (MoH) Transition Plan for the transformation of the health system based on Primary Health Care (PHC) is guided by six projects that form the basis of collaboration with the Alliance.

El Salvador

Development of Alliance's roadmap and action plan underway with MOH leadership, focusing on non-communicable diseases (NCDs), digital health based on a PHC model of care, the Essential Public Health Functions and a maternal and child health major initiative under the leadership of the First Lady.

Guyana

Policy dialogue established to support new investments in the health system, focusing on new infrastructure and the organization of Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks.

Dominican Republic

Under leadership of Ministry of Health, the Alliance aligns new investments with the 2030 National Strategic Health Plan, focusing on PHC and strengthening of the first level of care. Roadmap and action plan developed identifying short and medium-term gaps in PHC.

Led by the MOH, *Mesa de la Alianza para la APS* to be launched in September as a strategic platform convening the Alliance and national authorities, aiming to align financial resources mobilized through the international cooperation and International Financial Institutions (IFIs) to the country objectives.

Honduras

Within the Honduras National Plan for Rebuilding of Health 2024 - 2030, MoH adopted via resolution a National Strategy to Strengthen Health Services Delivery Networks based on PHC, forming the basis of cooperation and joint work of the Alliance. Collaboration of MOH and Alliance towards developing a roadmap addressing short term priority actions in five areas.

Panama

Alliance launched March 2024 focusing on access to health services, indigenous and digital health, and information systems. Alliance's alignment of technical instruments and roadmaps for current and future investments.

Consensus-based action plan focused on Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks at the territorial level, indigenous health, and digital health.

Caribbean Joint Initiative on Health Financing

World Bank and PAHO Joint Caribbean Collaborative on Health Financing with eight Caribbean countries – Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – now part of the Alliance for PHC.



Strategic Dialogues

JUNE 25

Alliance for Primary Health Care and members of PAHO's Executive Committee discuss challenges and opportunities to advance PHC in the Americas

JUNE 19

Strategic Dialogue of Central American Health Authorities and the Alliance for Primary Health Care to Prioritize PHC Investments

JUNE 3-4

PAHO, World Bank, and IDB join forces to strengthen health financing in the Caribbean

JUNE 3

Sustainable Financing for PHC highlighted at the G20 in Brazil

MAY 14

PAHO, IDB, and World Bank co-host virtual seminar on Digital Transformation in Primary Health Care

MAY 10

Increasing public spending on primary health care is the way to strengthen health systems in the Region

APRIL 24

PAHO presents payment mechanisms for PHC and actions to mitigate healthcare workers migration at World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings

MARCH 5

Panama first country in the Americas to join the Alliance for PHC

Regional Technical Public Goods

1. Maturity assessments of Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks

Alliance developing joint technical instrument for the maturity assessment of Integrated Health Services Networks to support future investment planning in health services.

2. Avoidable hospitalizations sensitive to ambulatory care

Policy brief on avoidable hospitalization amenable to ambulatory care in development to make the case for increased investments in Primary Health Care.

3. Policy Brief on the impact of public spending on Primary Health Care

Addressing better ways to evaluate spending in Primary Health Care, addressing efficiencies and effectiveness.

4. Lancet Commission of Commission on PHC and Resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Advancing knowledge of strategies and policies that develop and define key health systems resilience investments in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Leveraging support with priority public health initiatives

Supporting priority initiatives in public health: NCDs for Better Care, Zero Maternal Mortality, Elimination Agenda, Digital Transformation from a PHC perspective.