



Alliance for Primary Health Care in the Americas



The Alliance for Primary Health Care in the Americas was launched in December 2023 by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank (WB) as a collaboration to boost investment, innovation and implementation of policies and initiatives aimed at transforming health systems in the region with a focus on primary health care (PHC).

In two years, the Alliance has aligned technical cooperation, financing, and policy dialogue at the country level in support of national priorities. Key to the Alliance's success is the Ministry of Health's strong leadership in guiding the analysis of national needs and the development of investment plans, based on national health strategies and programs.

Investment

Guide and shape investments in health to ensure sustainable financing for PHC.

Innovation

Leverage innovative approaches and technologies to enhance the delivery and effectiveness of PHC.

Implementation

Accelerate health system transformation by implementing policies and initiatives prioritizing PHC.



are actively participating in the Alliance: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, The Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, and Uruguay.

Aligned financing

During its first two years of operation, the Alliance has facilitated the alignment of investment plans among PAHO, the World Bank, and the IDB, leveraging more than **USD 1 billion** in five countries that already have an operational coordination platform: Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Panama and Paraguay.

Investments are being made to support priority support priority areas such as noncommunicable diseases, digital health, mental health, strengthening human resources, integrated health service networks, and disease elimination—key components of resilient, primary health care-based health systems.

Policy dialogue platforms consolidated

Permanent, functioning Mesas Consultivas established and consolidated across participating countries of the Alliance, reinforcing national stewardship and strategic planning for PHC reforms. Investment plans aligned across the IDB, PAHO, and the World Bank – minimizing duplication and maximizing collective impact.



Regional public goods



Technical consensus: Integrated health service delivery networks

The IDB, PAHO, and the World Bank jointly launched the Alliance's first technical consensus publication on the updated conceptual and operational framework for integrated health service delivery networks. The framework harmonizes the three institutions' strategic perspectives with the shared objective of accelerating the transformation of health systems toward integrated, equitable, and sustainable models capable of addressing structural health system challenges and the diverse barriers to access the health services, especially among populations in vulnerable conditions.



Lancet Commission: "No time to wait"

The World Bank-PAHO Lancet Regional Health Americas Commission on PHC and Resilience (Lancet Commission) released its flagship publication in September 2025, warning that a 25–50% disruption in primary health care delivery over 1–5 years could lead to up to 165 000 preventable deaths and economic losses of from USD 7 billion to USD 37 billion in the region. These deaths could include as many as 11,300 maternal deaths, 10,000 child deaths, and more than 149,000 deaths from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), along with up to 14 million unintended pregnancies.

The Lancet Commission report proposes a five-point action plan to guide countries toward people-centered, shock-resilient health systems.

Looking ahead

The Alliance plans to consolidate the effective functioning of the Mesas Consultivas through annual workplans with concrete deliverables, expand the establishment of permanent coordination mechanisms in additional countries, while facilitating structured dialogue between the health and finance sectors.

