

# REDPEVA

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## Strategic Fund's role in antivenoms access

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*An integrative approach to improve the management  
of snakebite envenoming in Latin America*

**Revolving  
Fund** For Access  
to Vaccines

**Strategic  
Fund**

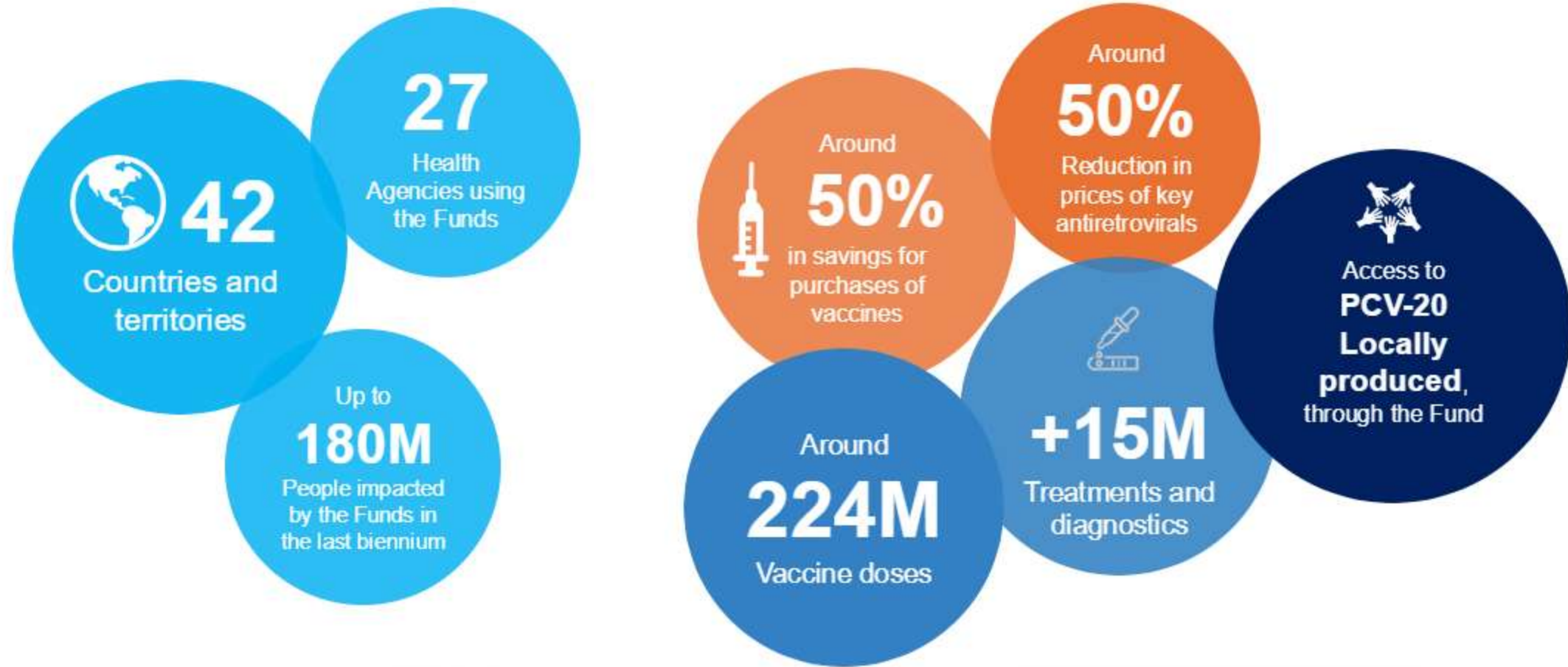
**Regional  
Revolving  
Funds**

The RRFs are **technical cooperation mechanisms** that enable the Americas to **equitable access timely quality vaccines, essential medicines**, and public health supplies.

Through **pooled procurement**, Member States obtain **affordable prices** and **plan their demand together** to obtain benefits for all plus, **a reliable demand predictability**.



## Regional Revolving Funds Achievements in 2024



## Comparative advantages of Regional Revolving Funds



**Single access** for demand consolidation and economies of scale.



**Guaranteed quality** for MS and technical support facilitator beyond the purchase process and throughout the useful life of the supply.



**Timely financing** through its line of credit.



**Serve as process facilitator and provide technical support** for efficient planning, financial projections, shipment monitoring, and market analysis.



**Transparency** in processes and prices.



## Regional Revolving Funds Portfolio



### Treatment

Communicable Diseases

Non-Communicable Diseases

Neglected Diseases

High-Price Medicines

**Antivenoms**



### Diagnostic kits and medical equipment

Rapid tests

Equipment and supplies

Tests for syphilis, Hepatitis, HPV,  
o.i., c.v. y CD4

Telehealth



### Vector Control Supplies

Insecticides

Long-lasting mosquito nets



### Vaccines and related supplies

Vaccines

Syringes and safety boxes

Immunoglobulins

Cold boxes

## Strategic Fund: Demand received in 2025

**Supported:**  
Honduras  
El Salvador  
Nicaragua  
Colombia

**On hold:**  
Argentina  
Ecuador  
Peru  
Paraguay  
Uruguay



Latrodectus SP + Solvent

Centruroides

Latrodectus SP

Loxosceles Reclusa + Laeta + Boneti

Tityus

Bothrops Alternatus + Neuwiedii + Crotalus D

Lonomia Obliqua

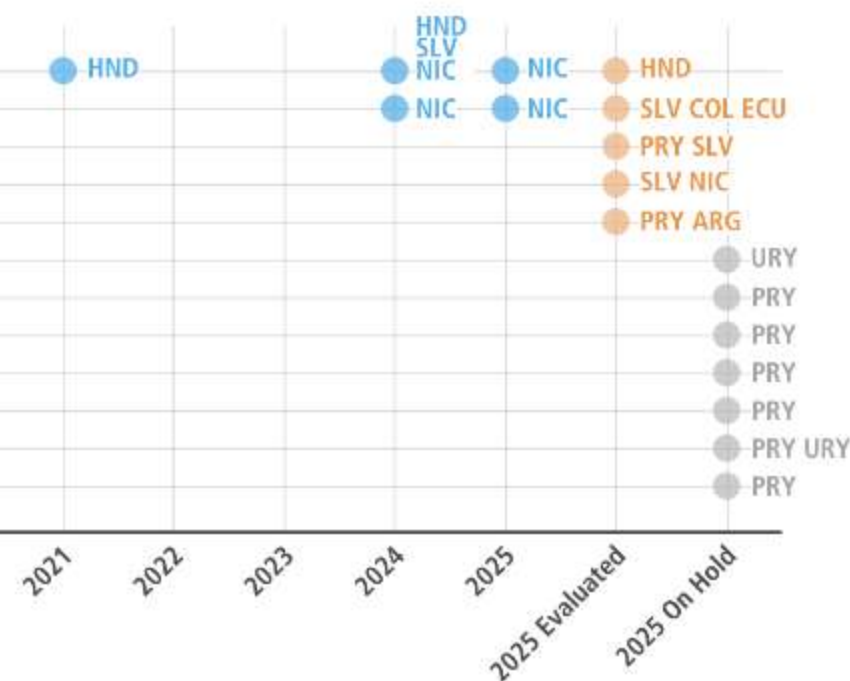
Loxosceles Laeta

Micrurus Frontalis

Phoneutria Nigirventer

Tityus Serrulatus + Phoneutria Nigirventer + Loxosceles Gaucho

Tityus Trivittatus





# Lessons learned from Communicable and Non-Communicable diseases initiatives



Centralized and pooled procurement increases **supply security and reduces costs**



**Standardized** treatment guidelines and product specifications are **essential**

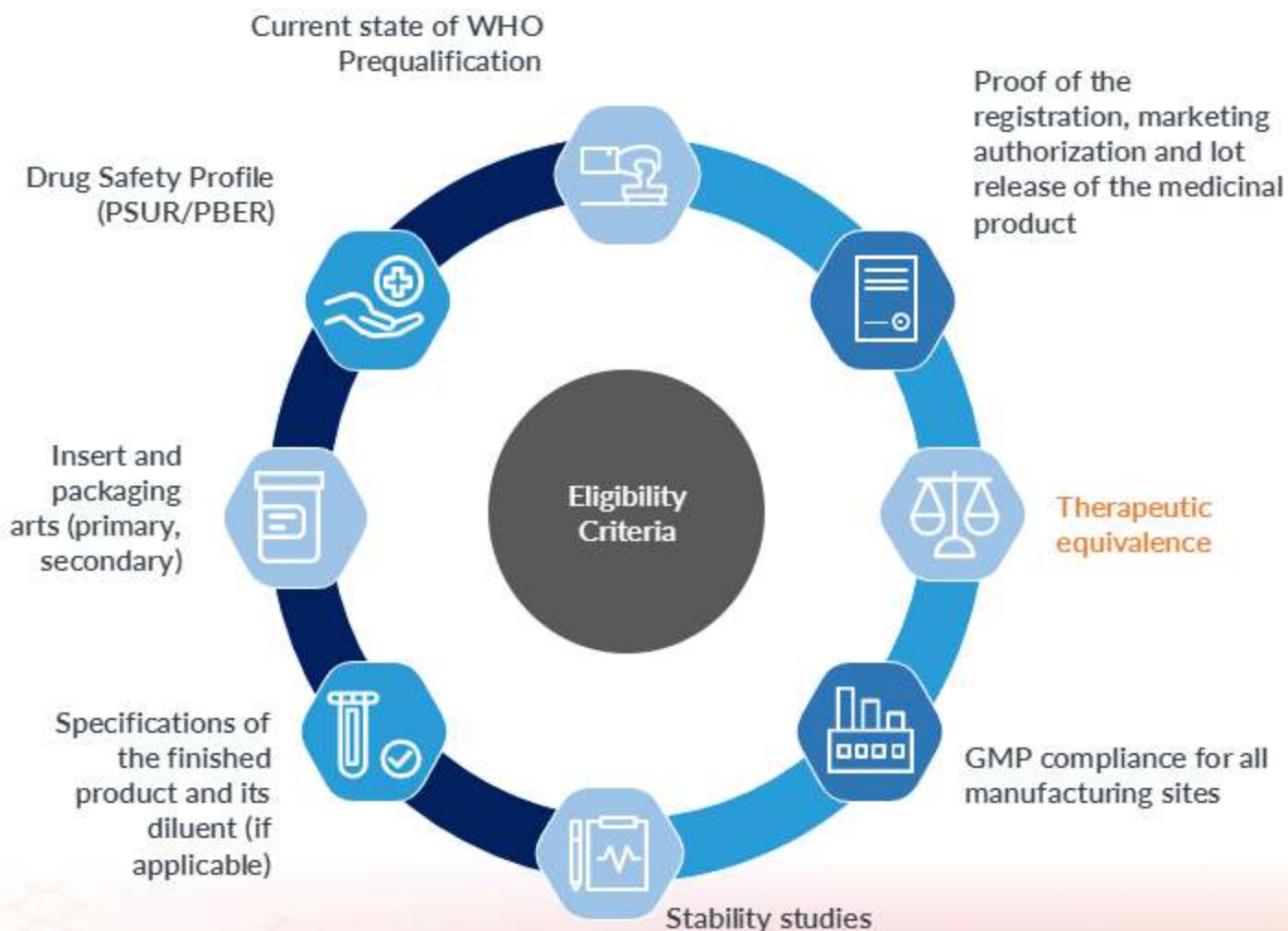


Demand and Supply Chain **planning and visibility**



**Regional regulatory pathways**, harmonization, and reliance

# Quality assurance through the Strategic Fund



## WHO-prequalified products



Eligible if products have been prequalified by WHO before opening bids.

## Non-prequalified products by WHO

Authorized by:

1. Stringent Regulatory Authorities (SRAs)\*\* recognized by WHO

2. PAHO/WHO's National Regulatory Authorities of Regional Reference\*





# Challenges for access and availability of antivenoms

1

**Irregular supply of antivenoms /  
Lack of a strategic minimum stock**

2

**Suppliers that do not meet the  
eligibility criteria for inclusion in  
the SF portfolio**

3

**Long production lead time of 6-8  
months**

4

**Lack of visibility of regional demand**

5

**Supply depends on donations from  
PAHO in emergency situations and/or  
producing countries.**

## Interprogrammatic actions developed

- **List of antivenoms required** to be included in the Strategic Fund List
- Definition of **pharmaceutical presentations of the 32 requested antivenoms**
- **Evaluation of the antivenoms** to be included in the Strategic Fund
- **Classification by species and products** required by country/subregion
- **Identification and mapping of products** and private and public producers in the region





## Our call to action



### Short term

- **Identify the demand for antivenoms by subregion** and collaborate with potential laboratories.
- **Define users** within the **Member States Portal**.
- **Develop international tender processes**
- Promote joint **regional procurement**



### Medium term

- **Strengthen local production and logistics capabilities.**

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