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Argentina



Low-cost ventilators being developed in Argentina

National Institute of Industrial Technology – INTI

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Vecino Salud App provides health information to help prevent Covid-19 spread in Cordoba, Argentina

Province of Córdoba

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Public-Private Initiative to Identify and Accelerate Innovative Solutions to Address COVID-19

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Measures to Support SMEs Overcome the Challenges of the Pandemic in Tucumán

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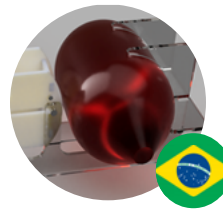
Brazil



Production and Deployment of Fast Diagnostic Covid-19 Tests

Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU) and Brazilian National Institute of Science and Technology on Theranostics and Nanobiotechnology (INCT-TeraNano)

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Quick deployment Ambu-bag ventilators

University of São Paulo

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Checklist of good governance policies for Covid-19 readiness in municipalities

Coronacidades

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Call for Research Proposals to fight Covid-19

Brazilian Innovation Agency – FINEP

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Overview of Inventions, Technologies, and Tools to Address Covid-19's Impact

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Online Platforms and Mobile Apps to Address COVID-19

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Public-Private Partnership to Develop an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

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Disinfectant Created with Nanotechnology that Could Eliminate the COVID-19

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Free Transport Services for Donations to Hospitals and Medical Assistance Initiatives in Brazil

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Tech-Based Medical Devices for Treatment of COVID-19 Patients

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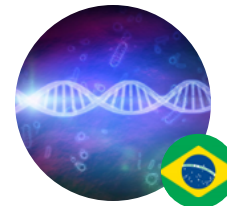
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Quick Test for COVID-19 Diagnosis

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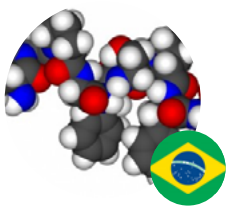
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Identification and Sequencing of COVID-19 Genome

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Support for Research on Medicines to Treat Respiratory Symptoms of COVID-19

The São Paulo Research Foundation – FAPESP

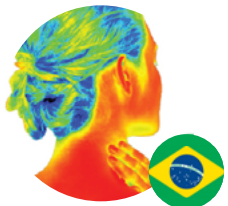
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Partnership to Promote Research Projects and Innovation to Address COVID-19

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Help SMEs Accessing Funding and Technical Assistance for Research to Develop Innovative Solutions to Address Covid-19 Pandemic

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Support College Interns to Work on Research Projects to Rapidly Develop Solutions to Covid-19

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Economic Response Plan to Support Canadians and Businesses Facing Hardship Due to the COVID-19

Government of Canada



Virtual Platform to help Businesses Find Support in Canada

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Chile



Reusable modular mask being developed by Chilean entrepreneurs

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Mobile App that helps identify Covid-19 patients based on Artificial Intelligence

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Covid-19 home diagnosis kit

Genosur

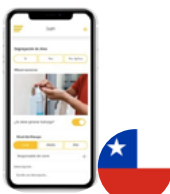
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Free software for hygiene control of health institutions

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Free App for occupational health management to mitigate Covid-19 contagion

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Call for applications to seed funds for technologies and innovations to mitigate Covid-19's health and economic impacts

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Comprehensive emergency economic plan of Chile in response to Covid-19 crisis

Government of Chile

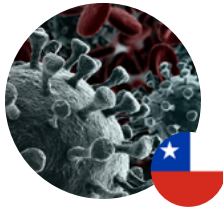
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Mentors network for SMEs and entrepreneurs to adapt to Covid-19 economic impacts in Chile

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Webinars and toolkits to facilitate the digital transformation to promote telecommuting in Chile

ImagineLab and Microsoft Chile

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Mapping initiatives and solutions that mitigate Covid-19 in Chile to help them scale to other markets

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Digital platform to gather information about needs and donations in Chile

Movidos por Chile

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Platform to support SMEs in Chile

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Economic Emergency Plan of Chile

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Solidarity Barter-Trade Network for Chilean Rural Communities

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Strategic Pillars for Economic Recovery in Chile

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Open source low-cost ventilators being developed in Medellín

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3D printed masks being developed in Bogotá

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Online platform to connect tech companies with clients

Colombian Federation of the Software and IT Industry - FEDESOFIT

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Call for Development projects on personal protective equipment in Colombia

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

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SMEs Can Create Websites for Free Under the Digitalization Plan

Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications (MinTIC) and the Organization of American States (OAS)



Fast Deployment Ventilators Manufactured in Bogota

University of Sabana and Colombian Military Industry (INDUMIL)

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GeoVisor of Vulnerable Index to Identify High-Risk Population in Colombia

Statistics National Administration (DANE) and National Planning Department (DPN)

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Virtual Platform to Support MSMEs Digitization Process in Colombia

Colombian Chamber of eCommerce (CCCE)

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Costa Rica



Online platforms to facilitate e-commerce

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Open Innovation Project to manufacture medical devices

Ministry of Science, Technologies and Telecommunications (MICITT), National Education Institute (INA), Chamber of Industries of Costa Rica (CICR) and Partners
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Call for research and open innovation projects and technical assistance for SMEs to mitigate Covid-19

Ministry of Science, Technologies and Telecommunications (MICITT) and Innovation and Labor Force for Competitiveness (PINN)
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Interactive digital platform that provides best practices to mitigate Covid-19's economic impacts on SMEs

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Communication Campaign to Promote Coordinated Actions to Support SMEs to Overcome COVID-19 Challenges

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Chat Bot that Facilitates Access to Administrative Procedures in Costa Rica

Distance State University (UNED)
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Covid-19 impact assessment and summary of economic plan proposed by the Government of Costa Rica

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Funding available for SMEs in Costa Rica

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Open innovation hackathon to accelerate technologies and solutions to mitigate Covid-19 in Costa Rica

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Business Assessment to Launch a Virtual Business Accelerator in Costa Rica

TechBA Latam
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Toolkit for Entrepreneurs to Increase Digital Presence

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Proposal for the Presidential Articulation Council for Subnational Development of Costa Rica

Ministry of the Presidency
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Toolkit to Improve the Digital Presence of Startups and SMEs

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Dominican Republic



3D Printed Face Masks and Ventilators Manufactured in Dominican Republic

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Information Technologies and Data Analytics Tools to Support Health Services

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Financial Support Available for Independent Workers

High-Level Commission for the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus

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Informative Guides to Support SMEs Economic Reactivation

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and SMEs and United Nations Development Program

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Ecuador



Expedited Line of Credit for SMEs and Entrepreneurs

Ministry of Economy and Finances

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National Campaign and Digital Marketplace to Stimulate Consumption of Local Goods and Services

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Seed Funds Available for Entrepreneurs

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Interactive Platform that Centralizes Measures Taken Prevent the Dissemination of Coronavirus

Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion

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Crowdsourcing Platform to Connect Communities in Need with Free Solutions and Volunteer Services in Ecuador

Fundación San Francisco Global and United Nations Development Program -UNDP

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Mobil App that notifies users who were in contact with Covid-19 patients in Ecuador

Hypelabs

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Open Call for Medical Supplies and Health Equipment

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Virtual Marketplace for Entrepreneurs in Ecuador

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Low-Cost Disposable Artificial Respirator Developed in Ecuador

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Program to foster economy recovery based on innovation and entrepreneurship

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Technical Assistance and Funding Available for Neighborhood Stores in Ecuador

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Virtual Tools to Support the Digital Transformation of SMEs

United Nations Development Program and the Economic Promotion Agency (ConQuito)

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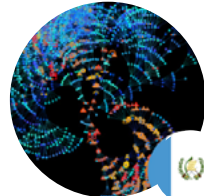
Guatemala



Fundraising to purchase Covid-19 tests

Foundation for the Development of Guatemala – FUNDESA

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Network Simulator to Analyze Infection Patterns

Universidad Francisco Marroquin

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Mobile Apps and Social Media Platforms to Facilitate eCommerce for SMEs

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Assessment of 25 Productive Sectors in Guatemala

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Strategic Development Plans for 5 Productive Sectors in Guatemala

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National Policy for Competitiveness 2018 - 2032 of Guatemala

National Program for Competitiveness of Guatemala (PRONACOM)

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National Agenda of Urban Development

National Program for Competitiveness of Guatemala (PRONACOM)

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Haiti



3D printed masks developed in Haiti

Alpha Haiti

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Honduras



Virtual Health Clinic platform in Honduras

Central American Technological University - UNITEC

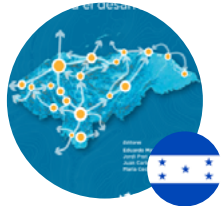
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Open Call for a Latam Hackaton in search for innovative solutions to Covid-19 challenges

Impact Hub Tegucigalpa

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Economic Development Strategy with a Territorial Approach for Honduras

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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Preliminary Options to Gradually Reopen Economic Activities

Government of Honduras

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Preliminary Research on Economic Reactivation

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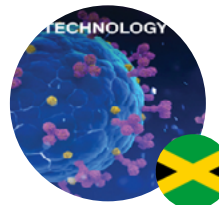
Jamaica



Emergency ventilators and 3D Face Shields manufactured in Jamaica

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Research Project to Assess and Prevent the Spread of Covid-19

National Foundation for Development of Science and Technology – NFDST

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Mexico



Covid-19 quick diagnostic tests and non-invasive ventilators

CIBNOR

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Open call to apply for access to the Swiss Synchrotron to fight the Covid-19 pandemic

Council of Science, Technology and Innovation in Hidalgo State – CITNOVA

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Strategies to mitigate Covid-19's impact on SMEs and entrepreneurs

Entrepreneur Association of Mexico – ASEM

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Open innovation platform to address Covid-19 impacts

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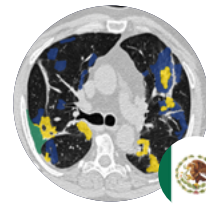
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Digital Platforms That Centralize Information About Medical Devices to Treat COVID-19 Patients in Mexico

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Artificial Intelligence Platform and X Rays to Facilitate Diagnose COVID-19

Klusteria

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Online Talks with Experts to Promote Entrepreneurship

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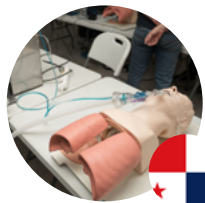


State and Regional Innovation Plans in Mexico

National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)

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Fast Deployment Locally Developed Ventilators

Ventilators for Panama Initiative by Multiple Entities

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Paraguay



National Development Plan 2023 of Paraguay

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Regional Business Platform of Paraguay

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Economic Measures to Overcome Challenges Created by the Pandemic in Paraguay

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Economic Recovery Plan

Government of Paraguay

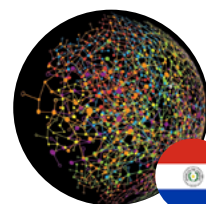
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Low Interest Loans for MSMEs in Paraguay

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Overview of Strategies to Address de Pandemic in Paraguay

Deloitte

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Peru



Telemedicine Services Through Video Call to Optimize the Triage Process of Potential COVID-19 Patients in Peru

Ministry of Health and Smart Doctor

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COVID-19 Test Taken at Home in Peru

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Saint Lucia



Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan

Government of Saint Lucia

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Suriname



Open Source Low-Cost Ventilators Kit That Can Be Assembled

FreeBreathing

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The Bahamas



Economic Recovery Plan for Reopening the Tourism Sector in The Bahamas

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and the Tourism Readiness and Recovery Committee

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Second Draft of the National Development Plan 2040 of The Bahamas NDP Secretariat

NDP Secretariat

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Economic Recovery Strategy of The Bahamas (Executive Summary)

Government of The Bahamas

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Trinidad and Tobago



Online training to implement copper coating

Caribbean Industrial Research Institute

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Policy Roadmap for Economic Recovery of Trinidad and Tobago

Roadmap to Recovery from the National Committee

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Tobago Tourist Sector Relief Grants

Tobago Tourism Agency

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Agricultural Incentives Available

Tobago House of Assembly

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United States



Experimental system designed to detect signs of Covid-19 infections in the voice using artificial intelligence

Carnegie Mellon University

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3D Printed Face Shields and Masks for Health Professionals

Florida Institute of Technology – Florida Tech

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Search Engine for SMEs to Find Actionable Funds, Grants, Loans and Services

Grants.World and Parallel 18

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Face Shields and Intubation Chambers Under Development in the United States

Georgia Institute of Technology

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Business Support Services for SMEs Manufacturers in Arizona

Arizona Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Arizona MEP)

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Uruguay



Open Call for proposals of low-cost fast-manufacturing ventilators

Research and Innovating Agency of Uruguay – ANII

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Low-cost sequencing equipment for Covid-19 routine diagnosis (under development)

Ithaka Innovation Center, Catholic University

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Impact Report of Innovation Programs to Overcome the Challenges of the Pandemic

National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII)

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Germany



Measures Implemented in Germany to Restore Liquidity and Next Steps

Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy – BMWI

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Israel



Open-Source Automatically Controlled Medical Ventilator

AmboVent

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European Union



The European Union Covid-19 Response Plan

European Parliament

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The European Union Support to Partner Countries

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Multilateral institutions' initiatives and funding opportunities

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- ▶ **IDB** - Inter-American Development Bank - <https://www.iadb.org/>
- ▶ **IMF** - International Monetary Fund - <https://www.imf.org/>
- ▶ **ECLAC** - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - <https://www.cepal.org/en>
- ▶ **WEF** - The World Economic Forum - <https://www.weforum.org/>
- ▶ **EU** - European Union - <http://europa.eu/>
- ▶ **UN Habitat** - <https://unhabitat.org/>
- ▶ **OAS** - Organization of American States - <http://www.oas.org/>

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Rolling Updates on Covid-19

World Health Organization – WHO

<https://bit.ly/39xkbNu>



Interactive map that tracks Covid-19 cases

Center for Systems Science and Engineering at John Hopkins University

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>



Online report on Covid-19 global cases

Worldometer

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries>

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Grants for organizations mitigating Covid-19's impact and loans for organizations affected by Covid-19

<https://openroadalliance.org/covid-19/>

Open Road Alliance



Online platform to track Covid-19 global cases

Students at Carnegie Mellon University

<https://www.covidvisualizer.com>

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Non-profit organizations have free access to Microsoft Office 365

Microsoft

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Online Latin American platform promoting wellness during quarantine

<https://inti.tv>

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Open Source Low-Cost Ventilators Kit That Can Be Assembled

FreeBreathing

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Socioeconomic Impact Assessment of Covid-19's Impact on Africa

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Business Development Fair for Women-led Companies in the Creative Industry in Puerto Rico

Women Economic Forum of the Caribbean

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About the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC) and the Covid-19 Campaign

Under SEDI's Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC), the Organization of American States (OAS) launched the RIAC COVID-19 Ideas Accelerator to identify and share solution-driven innovative products and services to address some of the most pressing needs generated by the COVID-19.

The purpose of the platform is to share good practices to support government authorities, local leaders, academic experts, innovators, and entrepreneurs from the Americas and beyond engaged in efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Facilitating collaboration opportunities with timely information, contact points, and new technologies can provide valuable resources for leaders and policymakers.

We are looking to inform, inspire each other, and spur partnerships among countries.

Let's join forces and leverage our expertise to think creatively on effective ways that can help address COVID-19's impact! You are invited to share initiatives, technologies, economic development strategies, and other mechanisms to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. If you would like to contribute, please take a few minutes to fill out the following form: <https://www.questionpro.com/t/APtncZgxLO>

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The Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC) is a regional initiative led by the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the Organization of American States (OAS) that connects high-level authorities, top decision-makers, and key stakeholders from the public, private, and academic sectors from the Americas and beyond to promote policy dialogue and collaboration opportunities on competitiveness, innovation and technology, and economic development.

The RIAC is grateful for the valuable information received from its Members, Partners, and Contributors from its various initiatives, including the Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF), the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE), the Group of Experts on Subnational Competitiveness (GTECS), and the HUB of Technology Transfer and Commercialization for the Americas.



At a Glance: Information gathered at the RIAC Covid-19 Ideas Accelerator



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