

Initiative featured at the RIAC's Report developed to support countries' efforts to mitigate Covid-19's impact

Open Call for Medical Supplies and Health **Equipment**

AEI – Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation



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AEI launched an innovation challenge for entrepreneurs / innovators / creative minds to provide different medical supplies that are urgently needed in the country to help patients diagnosed with COVID-19.

The purpose of the challenge is to provide with these products immediately to the health system and at the same time give a hand to local small producers who have been hit by the emergency.

is different This initiative supported by organizations, enterprises, public entities and universities that are committed to help in the best way each one can: manufacturing, sanitary certifications, funding, testing, connecting, and delivering.

Up to now, the category of face masks has already a winner and 4,000 face masks will be delivered by next week. Additionally, 3 different types of ventilators are being developed, and by the end of April 2020 the winners should be manufacturing them.

What support does the initiative needs?

Technical support and specialist guidance for the ventilators, international experience on how to test them and make sure they are ready to work in real patients.

Additional information

www.challengecovid-19.com

https://www.facebook.com/AEInnovacion/





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