

Communicable Diseases

PAHO Foundation works to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases by driving cross-sector engagement to aid countries in reducing disease burden.

Rationale



Latin America and the Caribbean's (LAC) ongoing change in environmental diversity, paired with the vast population development, has worked as a catalyst for the spread and re-emergence of diseases. Populations that are most affected by the increase in disease often live in poor socioeconomic conditions with low-income and poor education and lack access to basic services, like clean drinking water, proper sanitation, and health services. Through an integrated, multi-sector approach, PAHO Foundation collaborates with partners to address these health issues.

Current Areas of Focus



The Foundation believes that decreasing the burden and spread of communicable diseases in LAC will help improve the quality of life and increase the number of years lived of affected populations. Our current focuses in communicable diseases are:

- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Cholera
- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Meningococcal

Goal

The overall goal is to decrease the health burdens caused from communicable diseases by increasing access to services, improving water and sanitation systems, and leveraging resources to expand capacity.

PAHO Foundation Approach

The Foundation's approach asserts that optimum public health exists within the interactions of complex systems that create conditions conducive to healthy and productive lives. Our framework highlights the existence of these systems and the intractability of challenges within sectors ranging from family/community practices, culture, nutrition, and the environment to policies and responsive capacities. Each sector contributes to the complexity and challenges that constrain the development of effective and sustainable solutions. Below is an example for the Foundation's approach to AMR.



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