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# PAHO PUBLICATIONS

PAHO is a leading and authoritative source of health information in the Americas and globally. Our reports contribute to evidence-based decisionmaking to improve and promote health as a driver of sustainable development. Norms and standards publications, such as guidelines and operational, clinical, and laboratory guides, are a reference for the Region and the world. We publish on topics such as communicable disease prevention, control, and elimination; noncommunicable diseases and mental health; health systems and services; social and environmental determinants for health equity; comprehensive immunization; evidence and intelligence for action in health; human rights and health; and health emergencies and preparedness.

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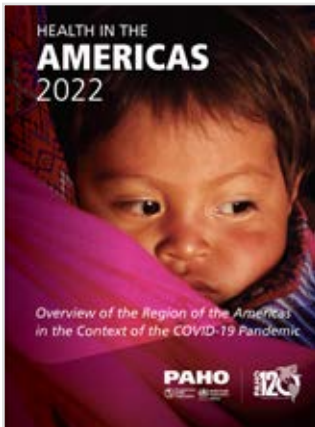
Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, PAHO has published more than 1000 documents on key COVID-19 topics ranging from vaccination to the intersection of health and economy, vulnerable populations, and mental health. PAHO also publishes an ongoing living update of potential COVID-19 therapeutics. Our COVID-19 documents are an invaluable source of guidance for ministries of health, policymakers, researchers, health practitioners, and the public at large. This catalog presents a selection of recent PAHO publications. PAHO is committed to open access and most of our publications are available under a Creative Commons license. Visit our repository at: <https://iris.paho.org/>. Printed copies can be ordered from our distributor's platform and Amazon, or you can write to us at: [publications@paho.org](mailto:publications@paho.org).



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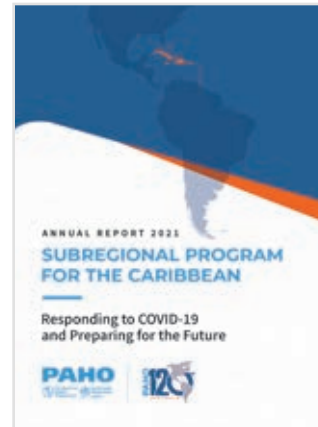
**Health in the Americas 2022: Overview of the Region of the Americas in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
2022

PAHO/EIH/HA/22-0024

46 pp., 8.5 x 11"

Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

The Region of the Americas is one of the most affected by COVID-19. Among the devastating consequences, life expectancy in 2021 fell to levels comparable to those of 2004; the prevalence of depression increased by 27.6% (relative to pre-pandemic levels); and efforts to tackle tuberculosis, HIV, and malaria have suffered major setbacks. This publication presents an overview of COVID-19's impact in the Region and offers a forward-looking vision to build resilient and sustainable health systems in the pandemic's wake.

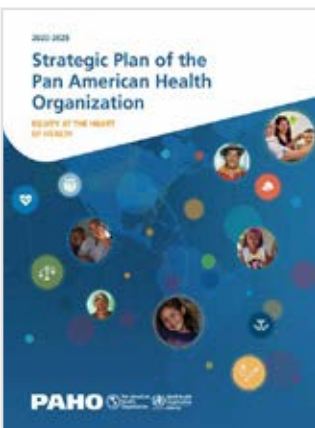


**Annual Reports 2021: PAHO Country and Subregional Offices**

2022

8.5 x 11"

The country annual reports for 2021 present PAHO's technical cooperation in the Region within the framework of PAHO's regional and global mandates and the Sustainable Development Goals. In keeping with the overall theme of "responding to COVID-19 and preparing for the future," these reports highlight PAHO's achievements and continued efforts in priority areas such as health emergencies, health systems, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, health throughout the life course, and health equity.



**Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025: Equity at the Heart of Health**

2020

ISBN 9789275173619

146 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 45.00

Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

Under the theme Equity at the Heart of Health, this Plan seeks to catalyze efforts in Member States to reduce inequities in health within and between countries and territories in order to improve health outcomes. The Plan identifies specific actions to tackle health inequality, including those recommended by the Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas, with guidance from the High-level Commission for Universal Health. Four crosscutting themes are central to this Plan's approach to addressing the determinants of health: equity, gender, ethnicity, and human rights.



**Quinquennial Report 2018-2022 of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau: Championing Health Equity for Sustainable Development. Executive Summary**

2022

PAHO/PUB/D/22-0001

24 pp., 8.5 x 11"

Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

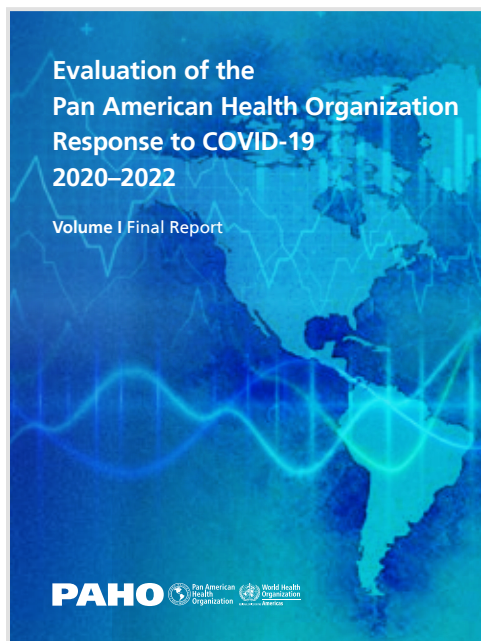
This Executive Summary highlights the achievements of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau during the past 5 years, summarizes the main issues faced, contextualizes significant challenges, and presents conclusions. The summary focuses on two overarching challenges of this period, the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial crisis of the Pan American Health Organization, both of which were exacerbated by the COVID-related "infodemic" and unprecedented delays in the payment of quota contributions.

## PLANNING, BUDGET, AND EVALUATION

The Planning, Budget, and Evaluation Department leads PAHO's strategic planning, budget management, corporate performance monitoring, assessment, and reporting, and the PAHO evaluation function. PBE develops key corporate accountability mechanisms, including the Strategic Plan, the Program Budget, and the End of Biennium performance report, applying a results-based management approach. The Planning, Budget, and Evaluation Department also leads and facilitates operational planning and performance monitoring and assessment to measure progress towards priorities and results in the Strategic Plan and the Program Budget, allocates resources to programs, and monitors financing and implementation levels throughout the biennium.







### **Evaluation of the Pan American Health Organization Response to COVID-19 2020–2022. Volume I. Final Report**

2023

ISBN 9789275127438

116 pp., 8 x 11"

US\$ 45,00

*Also available in Spanish*

The report on the evaluation of PAHO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Region of the Americas reflects the findings that covered the period from January 2020 to August 2022. It provides information on PAHO's support to its Member States in accordance with the World Health Organization, and COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan. The data collected during the evaluation was consolidated and analyzed at strategic, organizational, and operational levels.



### **Evaluation of the Pan American Health Organization Response to COVID-19 2020–2022. Volume II. Annexes**

2023

ISBN 9789275127483

200 pp., 8 x 11"

US\$ 85.00

This document is the companion publication to Evaluation of the Pan American Health Organization Response to COVID-19 2020–2022. Volume I Final Report, which reflects the findings that covered the period from January 2020 to August 2022. It provides information on PAHO's support to its Member States in accordance with the World Health Organization COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan.

A close-up photograph of a young woman with dark hair, smiling warmly. She is lying down, partially covered by a green mosquito net. She is wearing a pink t-shirt with a colorful graphic design. The background is a textured green fabric.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATION

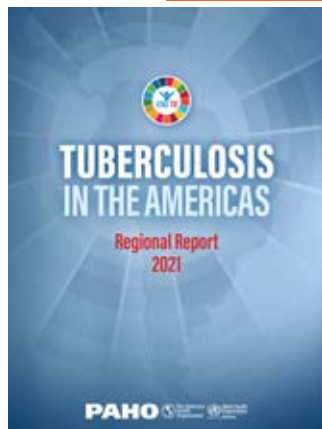
Communicable Disease Prevention, Control, and Elimination promotes, coordinates, and implements technical cooperation activities directed toward the surveillance, prevention, control, elimination and/or reduction of communicable diseases and zoonoses that are technically sound and appropriate for the political and sociocultural context in which they are implemented. It strives to achieve a sustainable impact on health by providing normative guidance, furthering the implementation of evidence-based interventions, fostering alliances that strengthen country capacity, improving the effectiveness of inter-country collaboration, and facilitating policy and decisionmaking processes.

# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATION



## HIV, HEPATITIS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

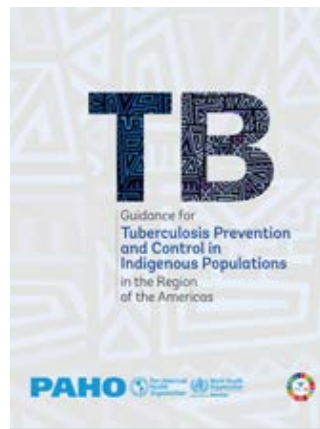
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#### Tuberculosis in the Americas: Regional Report 2021

2023  
ISBN 9789275126509  
48 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 40.00  
Also available in Spanish

This regional report contains information provided by the countries of the Region through the WHO TB data collection system. The report records the Region's achievements and gaps in the work being carried out on the diagnosis, treatment, comorbidities, vulnerable populations, risk factors, and funding of TB control, among other issues.



#### Guidance for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control in Indigenous Populations in the Region of the Americas

2021  
ISBN 9789275122761  
44 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 25.00  
Also available in Spanish

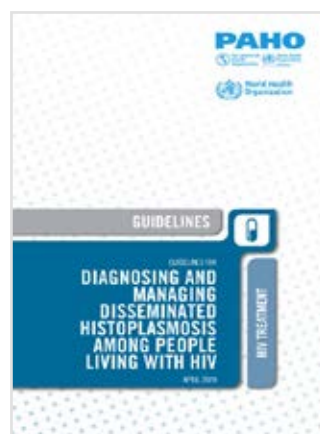
Tuberculosis continues to be a severe public health problem in the Region of the Americas, even more so among Indigenous people. To achieve tuberculosis control in these communities, it is necessary to respond to their diverse needs from an intercultural perspective. PAHO prepared this guidance based on an intercultural approach and in accordance with the priority lines of the current PAHO Policy on Ethnicity and Health and its practical development in the Region's Indigenous populations. The report, which is intended as a support tool for implementing the End TB Strategy, integrates PAHO's accumulated experience, best practices from countries in the Region, and emphasizes innovation and social inclusion.



#### Protocol to Estimate Mortality from Cirrhosis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma Attributable to Viral Hepatitis B and C

2021  
ISBN 9789275123751  
24 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 25.00  
Also available in Spanish

A goal of the Global Health Sector Strategy on Viral Hepatitis 2016–2021 is to reduce mortality from hepatitis viruses B (HBV) and C (HCV) by 2030. Aimed at institutions and/or ministries charged with monitoring progress, the publication presents simple methods to estimate the proportion of patients with cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma who have HBV and HCV infection, and calculate the national mortality due to these sequelae. The publication also provides a framework on how the surveillance system should function, data collection, and ethical considerations.



#### Guidelines for Diagnosing and Managing Disseminated Histoplasmosis among People Living with HIV

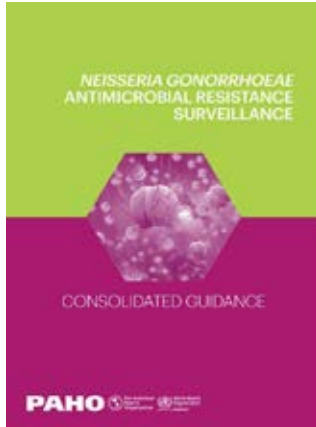
2020  
ISBN 9789275122488  
56 pp., 7 x 10"  
US\$ 25.00  
Also available in Spanish

Histoplasmosis is a disease caused by the fungus *Histoplasma capsulatum*. This disease is highly endemic in some regions of North America, Central America, and South America, and is also reported in certain countries of Africa and Asia. It often affects people with impaired immunity, including people living with HIV, among whom the most frequent clinical presentation is disseminated histoplasmosis. These guidelines aim to provide recommendations for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of disseminated histoplasmosis in persons living with HIV.



## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATION

### NEGLECTED, TROPICAL, AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES



***Neisseria gonorrhoeae*  
Antimicrobial  
Resistance Surveillance:  
Consolidated Guidance**

2020

ISBN 9789275122365

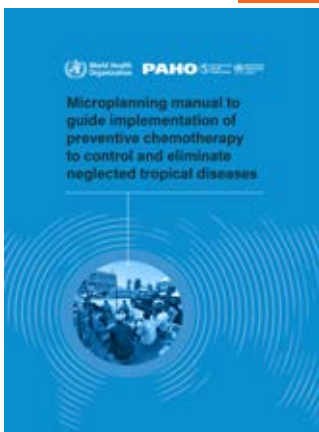
38 pp., 8.5 x 11"

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Spanish

Prevention, early diagnosis, and effective treatment are essential for the control and elimination of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* as a public health problem. Currently, in Latin America and the Caribbean, treatment for gonorrhea infection is largely empiric and based on clinical diagnosis. In the Americas, the high burden of new infections (estimated at 11 million new cases a year), the complexity of the disease epidemiology, and in many countries the limited resources, make it difficult to fully understand the burden of disease and the burden of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in *N. gonorrhoeae*. This document aims to consolidate guidance on AMR surveillance for *N. gonorrhoeae*.

**NEW**



**Microplanning manual to  
guide implementation of  
preventive chemotherapy  
to control and eliminate  
neglected tropical  
diseases**

2022

ISBN 9789240049482

68 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"

Effective administration of preventive chemotherapy relies largely on good operational planning to reach all eligible people and maximize community demand. Local, bottom-up planning, known as "microplanning," has been shown to foster effective implementation and monitoring. Originally developed for use in vaccination campaigns, the approach has since been adopted by numerous public health programs, including those for neglected tropical diseases. This manual describes the basic concepts of microplanning and provides examples of tools for successful implementation in public health contexts.

**SECOND EDITION**



**Guideline for the  
Treatment of  
Leishmaniasis in the  
Americas**

2022

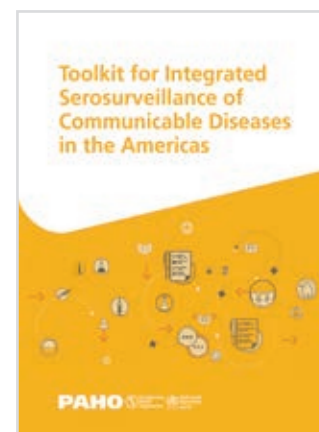
ISBN 9789275125045

160 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 85.00

Also available in  
Portuguese and  
Spanish

In 2013, PAHO developed recommendations for the treatment of leishmaniasis in the Americas using the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluations (GRADE) methodology. New evidence has since accumulated necessitating a revision of these recommendations. The second edition of this publication presents updated therapeutic recommendations for all three major forms of leishmaniasis disease, detailing the schemes, criteria, and indications for treatment in the regional context.



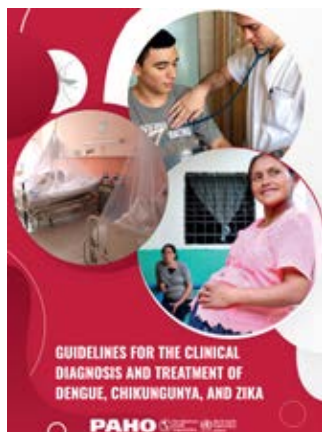
**Toolkit for Integrated  
Serosurveillance of  
Communicable Diseases  
in the Americas**

2022

ISBN 9789275125663

136 pp., 8.5 x 11"

This toolkit was developed to facilitate the design, implementation, analysis, interpretation, and use of results of integrated serosurveys to reinforce countries' capacities toward the elimination of communicable diseases. The first part describes the basic concepts of serosurveillance and its potential to contribute to decisionmaking in public health. Subsequent sections present a stepwise process for the implementation of survey-based integrated serological surveillance in public health programs.



## Guidelines for the Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment of Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika

2022

ISBN 9789275124888

158 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"

US\$ 85.00

Also available in Spanish



## Methodology for Evaluating National Arboviral Disease Prevention and Control Strategies in the Americas

2022

ISBN 9789275124406

52 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 35.00

Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

In the Americas, dengue fever is the most important arbovirus and one of the most frequent reasons for medical visits. Chikungunya fever and Zika fever are also present, but in much smaller case numbers. This document presents evidence-based guidelines for the clinical diagnosis and treatment of dengue, chikungunya, and Zika for the following population groups: children, young people, adults, older adults, and pregnant women. They were developed using the GRADE methodology, with the support of a panel of clinical experts from different countries.

This manual, which should be considered a complement to the Integrated Management Strategy for Arbovirus Disease Prevention and Control in the Americas (IMS-Arbovirus), offers a methodology for standardizing evaluations of national IMS-Arbovirus implementation, describing the phases of evaluation (planning, the evaluation itself, and the preparation and reporting of the results). The main purpose of the IMS-Arbovirus evaluation process is to strengthen national technical response capacity for arboviral disease prevention and control.



## Interactive Atlas of Leishmaniasis in the Americas: Clinical Aspects and Differential Diagnosis

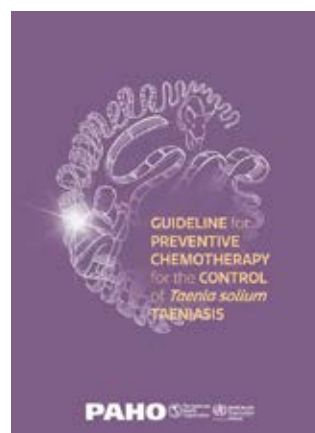
2020

ISBN 9789275121900

582 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 175.00

Also available in Portuguese and Spanish



## Guideline for Preventive Chemotherapy for the Control of *Taenia solium* Taeniasis

2021

ISBN 9789275123713

60 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 35.00

Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

This innovative publication discusses the main concepts and knowledge about leishmaniasis in the Americas, illustrating the clinical situation of this disease in 10 endemic countries, through 1029 photographs and illustrations that can be viewed on smartphones, tablets, and desktop or laptop computers. In this publication, healthcare professionals can interactively search for and study photographs and illustrations that reflect their daily work in the health services.

The larval stage of the parasite *Taenia solium* can encyst in the central nervous system leading to neurocysticercosis, which is the main cause of acquired epilepsy in the countries in which the parasite is endemic. This guideline provides recommendations for preventive chemotherapy in *Taenia solium*-endemic areas using niclosamide, praziquantel, or albendazole. The development of this guideline was done using the latest standard WHO methods for guideline development, including the use of systematic search strategies, synthesis, quality assessment of the available evidence to support the recommendations, and participation of experts and stakeholders in the Guideline Development Group and External Review Group.



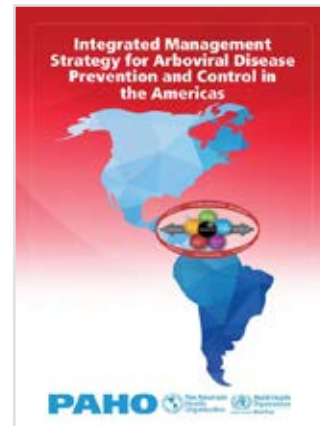
## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATION



**Chronic Care for Neglected Infectious Diseases: Leprosy/Hansen's Disease, Lymphatic Filariasis, Trachoma, and Chagas Disease: A Guide for Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention for Primary Health Care Services**

2021  
ISBN 9789275122518  
196 pp., 6 x 9"  
US\$ 50.00

This manual provides a framework for morbidity management and disability prevention of patients affected by neglected infectious diseases. It also gives specific guidance for the proper care of patients suffering from chronic conditions caused by lymphatic filariasis, leprosy, trachoma, and Chagas disease. It is intended to be used mainly by health care workers at the primary health care level, but health workers at more complex and specialized levels may also find it useful.

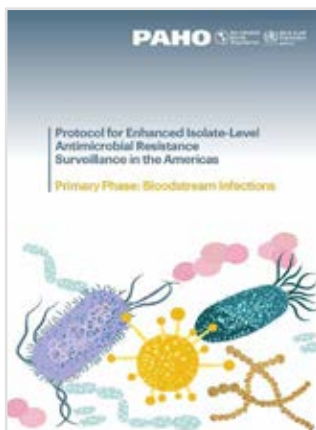


**Integrated Management Strategy for Arboviral Disease Prevention and Control in the Americas**

2020  
ISBN 9789275120491  
95 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

In recent years, conditions in the Region of the Americas have been highly favorable for the introduction and spread of arthropod-borne viral infections (arboviral diseases). Although the dengue virus has been circulating for over 400 years, the number of cases reported since 2000 represents an unprecedented increase. This complex situation can only be addressed with a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach. The development of IMS-arbovirus is part of a history of technical cooperation between PAHO/WHO and the countries and territories of the Americas. It is based on the lessons learned during the development and implementation of national IMS-dengue programs in recent years.

## ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



**Protocol for Enhanced Isolate-Level Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in the Americas. Primary Phase: Bloodstream Infections**

2021  
ISBN 9789275122693  
58 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

This protocol describes the steps and procedures to establish/enhance antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance in Latin America and the Caribbean. It provides technical guidance to integrate patient, laboratory, and epidemiological data to monitor AMR emergence, trends, and effects in the population. It also provides the necessary elements to move from aggregated-data to isolate-level-data surveillance starting with blood isolates. This publication facilitates uniform data collection processes, methods, and tools to ensure data comparability within the Region of the Americas.

The logo features the number '100' in a large, orange, sans-serif font. The second zero is a solid blue circle, and the word 'YEARS' is written in white, uppercase letters inside this circle. The background of the entire page is a blue-toned map of the Americas with a network of white lines connecting various points, suggesting a global or interconnected theme.

## PAN AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS FOR HEALTH EQUITY

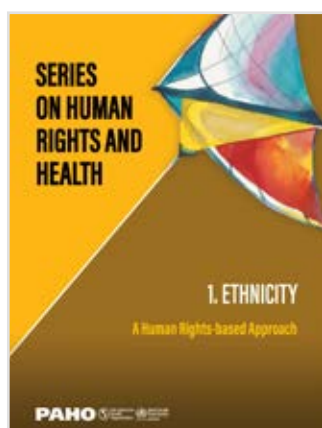
The Department of Social and Environmental Determinants for Health Equity (DHE) promotes technical cooperation and intersectoral and strategic efforts at the regional, national, and local levels to reduce health inequities within and between the countries, with an approach based on human rights that integrates equity, gender equality, and cultural diversity into the public health agenda. The department promotes health and well-being by addressing the social determinants of health, including its economic and political dimensions, and addresses the threats of climate change by promoting the creation of healthy environments and the prevention of diseases through the control of environmental risk factors. It also coordinates PAHO's work to recover and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 agenda with equity.



# SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS FOR HEALTH EQUITY



## HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH



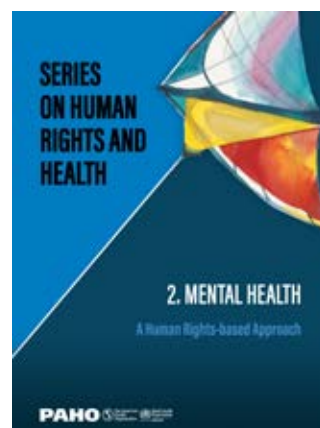
### **Ethnicity: A Human Rights-based Approach**

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Also available in  
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### **Mental Health: A Human Rights-based Approach**

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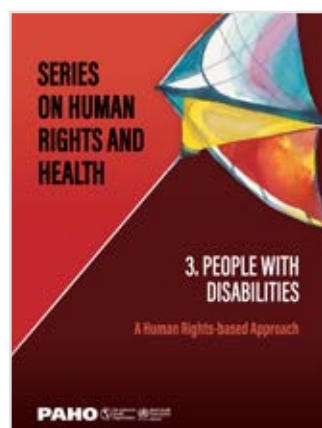
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The Region of the Americas is very culturally diverse, which poses a challenge for recognition and respect for the human rights of members of Indigenous groups, Afro-descendants, Roma populations, and other ethnic groups. However, both the United Nations and the Inter-American System of Human Rights have important legal instruments that recognize and protect the rights and freedoms of all people, irrespective of ethnic origin. This document lists all these legal agreements and discusses how they can be used to improve health care experiences and outcomes for all individuals and population groups in the Region.

For a country to effectively promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of people with mental health issues, it is essential that it adopts policies that specifically protect those rights. While most countries have these policies and plans in place, the limited allocation of human and financial resources to mental health issues restricts their implementation. This document lists all human rights conventions, treaties, declarations, resolutions, and international standards that are relevant to the greater protection of the right to health for people with mental health disorders and discusses how they can be used to improve health care experiences and outcomes.



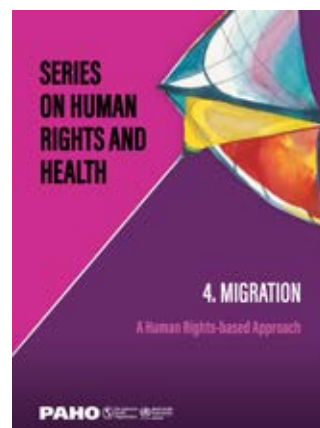
### **People with Disabilities: A Human Rights-based Approach**

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### **Migration: A Human Rights-based Approach**

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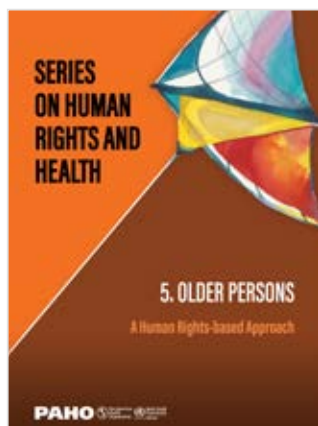
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The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which entered into force in May 2008, was the culmination of 5 years of negotiations by people with disabilities seeking to have disability recognized globally as a human rights issue. To use the Convention to effectively protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of people with disabilities, countries must now adopt measures to implement it through appropriate policies, plans, laws, and programs. This document describes how this process can happen, and discusses how this and other international standards can be used to improve health care experiences and outcomes.

Migrant populations are exposed to psychosocial factors that can deteriorate their health, including difficulties in accessing social benefits and health services in countries of destination or transit. Despite the enormous legal advances made in recent years, serious challenges remain in preventing mistreatment and abuse in migrant health care. This document lists all human rights conventions, treaties, declarations, resolutions, and international standards that are relevant to the greater protection of the right to health for migrants and discusses how they can be used to improve health care experiences and outcomes.



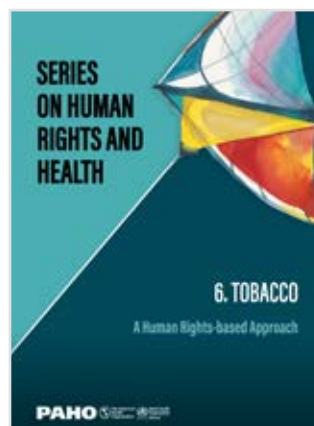
## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS FOR HEALTH EQUITY



### Older Persons: A Human Rights-based Approach

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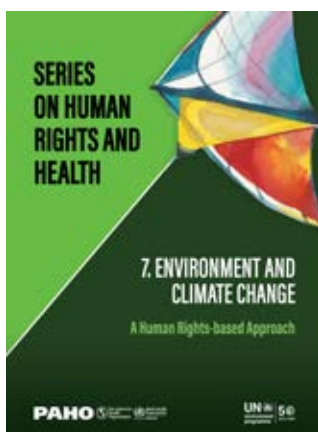
Older people are frequently the object of abuse, discrimination, and mistreatment. Such actions translate into violations of their basic human rights and the absence of adequate health care. Despite enormous regulatory advances in recent years to promote and protect the rights of older people, much remains to be done to prevent neglect, mistreatment, and abuse. This document lists all human rights conventions, treaties, declarations, resolutions, and international standards that are relevant to the greater protection of the right to health for older persons and discusses how they can be used to improve health care experiences and outcomes.



### Tobacco: A Human Rights-based Approach

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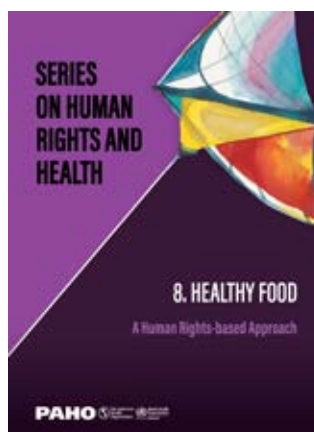
Although significant measures have been taken in the Region to protect people from tobacco smoke, millions of people are still exposed involuntarily to secondhand smoke, which threatens their fundamental right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. This document lists all human rights conventions, treaties, declarations, resolutions, and international standards that are relevant to the greater protection of the right to health for people exposed to tobacco smoke and discusses how they can be used to protect individuals from tobacco-related health risks, especially in the workplace.



### Environment and Climate Change: A Human Rights-based Approach

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34 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in Spanish

Climate-related factors and environmental determinants of health disrupt global physical, biological, and ecological systems, and thereby threaten the human rights of all people in the Americas. To achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, environmental public health programs must assess potential health problems attributable to environmental factors and develop policies to mitigate against hazards. This document lists all human rights agreements and international standards that are relevant to environmental risks to the right to health and discusses how they can be used to protect individuals, communities, and populations.



### Healthy Food: A Human Rights-based Approach

2022  
PAHO/LEG/DH/  
dhs8/21-0001  
29 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in Spanish

The Committee on World Food Security's definition of food and nutrition security requires that "all people, at all times, have physical, social, and economic access to food of sufficient quantity and quality... for an active and healthy life." Currently, one in five territories in Latin America and the Caribbean is struggling with malnutrition, which infringes the right to health of affected populations. This document lists all human rights conventions, treaties, declarations, resolutions, and international standards that are relevant to the protection of the right to food security and discusses how they can be used to improve the regional situation.

# SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS FOR HEALTH EQUITY



## CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS



### Agenda for the Americas on Health, Environment, and Climate Change, 2021–2030

2021  
PAHO/CDE/CE/21-0004  
96 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in French,  
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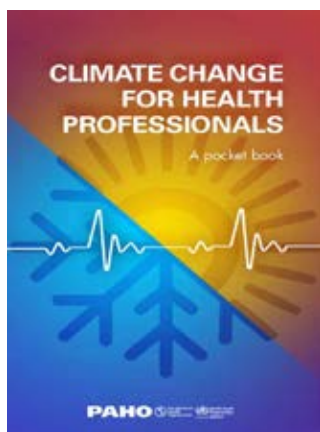
How should the health sector respond to climate change? The Agenda for the Americas on Health, Environment, and Climate Change urges health sector actors to focus their efforts on three strategic lines of action: improving environmental public health programs; fostering sustainable health systems; and promoting environmentally healthy communities. Developed under the umbrella of the WHO Global Strategy on Health, Environment, and Climate Change, the Agenda builds on commitments in the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018–2030 and the PAHO Strategic Plan 2020–2025.



### Heatwaves: A Guide for Health-based Actions

2021  
ISBN 9789275124079  
35 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 25.00

Worldwide increases in the magnitude, duration, and intensity of heatwaves from 2003 to 2018 have made heat-health risks an important priority. This publication presents a comprehensive methodology to support Member States to prepare for, and respond to, these new risks. This publication is part of an effort coordinated by PAHO to boost multi-hazard preparedness and includes recommendations for: early warning system strengthening; threat characterization; activation and deactivation procedure definition; and institutional coordination.



### Climate Change for Health Professionals: A Pocket Book

2020  
ISBN 9789275121849  
129 pp., 7 x 10"  
US\$ 24.00  
Also available in  
Portuguese and  
Spanish

This pocket book, based on empirical data, offers essential information for medical personnel and other health professionals to realize the impacts of climate change on their daily practice. With this quick reference guide, providers can easily recognize diseases and side effects related to climate change, implement appropriate management and provide guidance to exposed populations, provide up-to-date information on the relationship between the adverse effects of certain drugs and the worsening of climate-sensitive health conditions, and determine the possible consequences of climate change for health services.



### 2030 Agenda for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Look from the Human Rights Perspective

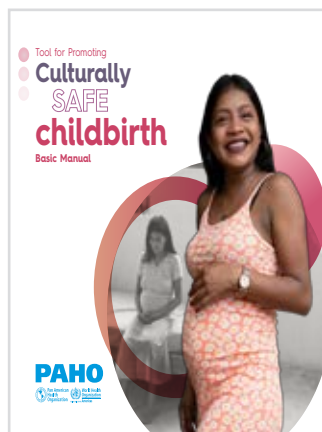
2020  
ISBN 9789275121115  
71 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 40.00  
Also available in  
Portuguese and  
Spanish

This report presents the most current achievements of Targets 6.1 and 6.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals related to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean while emphasizing inequality, human rights, and the areas that require intervention. The results show that a significant proportion of the population lacks adequate access to safely managed water and sanitation services: 65% and 22%, compared with 71% and 39% worldwide, respectively. The publication aims to mobilize initiatives that prioritize and reduce inequalities in access to drinking water and sanitation in the countries.



## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS FOR HEALTH EQUITY

### EQUITY, GENDER, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY



#### **Tool for Promoting Culturally Safe Childbirth: Basic Manual**

2023  
9789275725696  
29 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 25.00  
Also available in Spanish

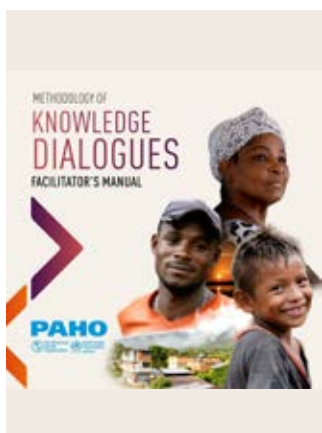
Health workers who care for Indigenous women during pregnancy and birth should be able to address the specific needs associated with cultural differences, as part of an intercultural approach to provision of maternal health services. To assess whether a facility or service has successfully adopted an intercultural approach, PAHO has developed a tool to evaluate childbirth care from multiple perspectives. The resulting data should help program managers identify the extent to which good practices and quality care standards are met for Indigenous mothers.



#### **The Knowledge Dialogues Methodology**

2022  
ISBN 9789275124697  
49 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 40.00  
Also available in Spanish

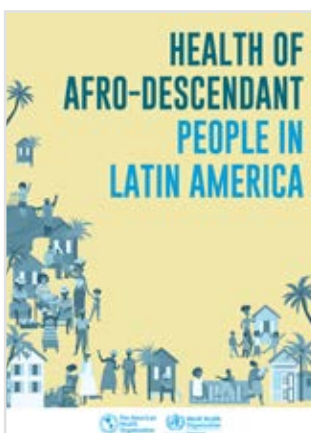
Knowledge dialogues are two-way exchanges between people or groups that come from different backgrounds or cultures to enable both sides to learn from each other. In the health sector, the objective of this method of communication is to identify culturally relevant information that can be used to improve access to health services and build intercultural health. This publication, which is aimed at health personnel, describes a methodology for using knowledge dialogue techniques to resolve problems and address barriers to universal health coverage.



#### **Methodology of Knowledge Dialogues. Facilitator's Manual**

2022  
ISBN 9789275124734  
32 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 25.00  
Also available in Spanish

Knowledge dialogues are processes of communication between people that come from different origins or cultures. In the case of the health sector, exchanges take place between certain groups or individuals and trained health personnel. The objective is to improve access to health services and to build intercultural health, with an emphasis on solving previously raised problems and their causes, mutual understanding, and forging solid ties. This publication is aimed at health workers or those from other areas and sectors who will facilitate knowledge dialogues.

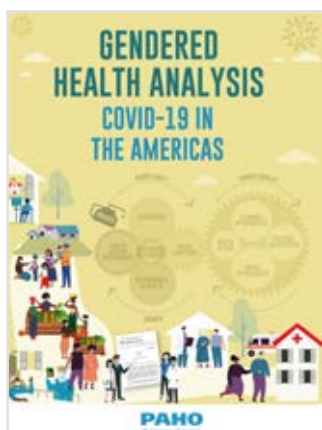


#### **Health of Afro-descendant People in Latin America**

2021  
ISBN 9789275124901  
58 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

This publication reflects PAHO's firm determination to increase knowledge about health inequities and promote the formulation of evidence-based public health policies. It analyzes the available evidence of disparities between living conditions and health of Afro-descendant populations and other population groups, and, in the light of the findings, makes recommendations that should enable health systems to incorporate a cultural approach, including a gender perspective, in addressing these gaps. The overall goal is to provide guidance for countries to offer effective health system responses that are adapted to the specific needs of the Afro-descendant populations in the Region throughout their life course.

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### Gendered Health Analysis: COVID-19 in the Americas

2021  
PAHO/EGC/  
COVID-19/21-0006  
62 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in Spanish

Gender is an important determinant of health; however, the differential effects of gender on outcomes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic are not fully understood. Accurate sex-disaggregated information on incidence, hospitalization and diagnostic tests, mortality, occupation, and living conditions is necessary to understand the behavior of the disease and its possible effects. This report examines the effects of the pandemic with reference to these variables of interest with the aim of generating a body of knowledge to inform debate and policy design.



### Out-of-Pocket Expenditure in Health: The Need for a Gender Analysis

2021  
ISBN 9789275123539  
51 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

The main purpose of this publication is to advocate for the need to understand the gendered nature of vulnerabilities to poor health. The impact of health-related out-of-pocket expenditure (OPE) on household poverty has been a significant factor driving the move toward universal health coverage across much of Latin America and beyond. However, the gender dimensions of OPE have received little attention. Until policymakers consider the issue through a gender lens, OPE will continue to limit the potential of universal health coverage to effectively address health inequalities.



### Equity in Health Policy Assessment: Region of the Americas

2020  
ISBN 9789275122914  
60 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

Public sector policy is the principal initial lever through which both national and local governments institute and finance actions toward accelerating the achievement of equity in health. This study assessed 32 national health plans to report on whether and how countries in the Region are integrating the achievement of health equity into strategic lines of action in the health sector. It provides a snapshot of approaches and advances, allowing for knowledge sharing among countries on options for attention to equity in health policy.



### Unpaid Health Care Work: A Gender Equality Perspective

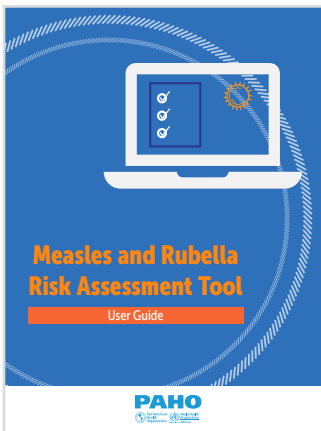
2021  
ISBN 9789275122303  
74 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

In Latin America, care has not been included in a coordinated and specific public health policy agenda but has been advanced through isolated actions—in many cases highly fragmented and heterogeneous—without a clear awareness of the public nature of care and the associated responsibility of the State. This document takes a gender- and rights-based approach. It starts with an analysis of the main definitions of unpaid work in the health sector, and then focuses on initiatives in three Latin American countries (Colombia, Costa Rica, and Uruguay) with regard to measurement, evaluation, integration, and recognition in national health systems or policies, in care models, and in time-use surveys.

## COMPREHENSIVE IMMUNIZATION

The Special Program Comprehensive Immunization seeks to promote and coordinate technical cooperation and partnerships to support Member States' efforts to sustainably and equitably reduce morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) through control and elimination strategies to improve the quality of life and life expectancy of the peoples of the Americas.

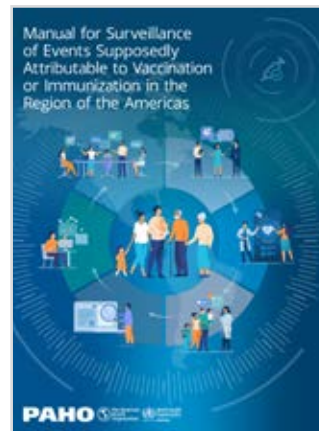




## Measles and Rubella Risk Assessment Tool. User Guide

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81 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
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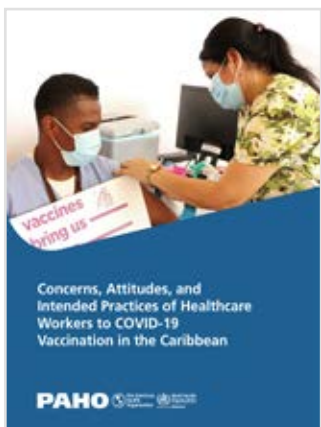
This User Guide describes how to use PAHO's Measles and Rubella Risk Assessment Tool, which is intended to help immunization and surveillance program managers to prioritize resources among municipalities according to the likely risk of outbreaks. Risk is assessed across five categories: population immunity, surveillance quality, program delivery performance, threat probability assessment, and rapid response. It is envisaged that the tool will strengthen use of surveillance data in decisionmaking and thereby help communities sustain hard-won elimination gains.



## Manual for Surveillance of Events Supposedly Attributable to Vaccination or Immunization in the Region of the Americas

2022  
ISBN 9789275123850  
142 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
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Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

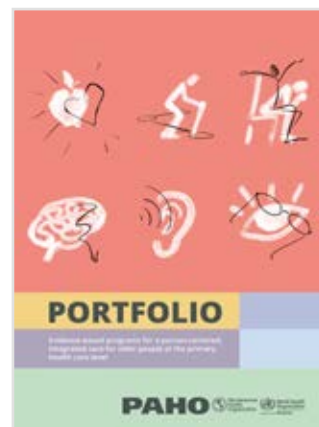
One of the essential components of the safe vaccination system is the surveillance of events supposedly attributable to vaccination or immunization (ESAVI). This manual provides a comprehensive technical review of all processes and procedures for applying and implementing high-quality ESAVI surveillance systems. It is hoped that this document will serve as a guide to help institutions that monitor vaccine safety to apply international standards.



## Concerns, Attitudes, and Intended Practices of Healthcare Workers toward COVID-19 Vaccination in the Caribbean

2021  
PAHO/CPC/  
COVID-19/21-0001  
76 pp., 8.5 x 11"

PAHO set out to understand the attitudes and intents of healthcare workers in 14 Caribbean countries related to routine immunization and COVID-19 vaccination. The objectives of this publication are to present quality data on the behavioral and social drivers of vaccination rates and COVID-19 vaccine uptake among healthcare workers in the Caribbean, with the aim of improving implementation strategies. The information is also important for tailoring communication approaches for promoting acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines in the Caribbean, and ultimately contributing to increased vaccination rates and improved vaccine confidence among the healthcare workforce.



## Portfolio: Evidence-based Programs for a Person-centered, Integrated Care for Older People at the Primary Health-care Level

2022  
ISBN 9789275125823  
74 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 45.00  
Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

This publication presents a number of interventions/ programs that are evidence-based, and offer support for self-management, as defined by the World Health Organization. The objective of the programs is to improve or maintain older adults' intrinsic capacity at the community level. These "tools" have been proven to deliver positive outcomes and therefore should become part of any primary care toolkit designed to promote and improve healthy aging in the community.



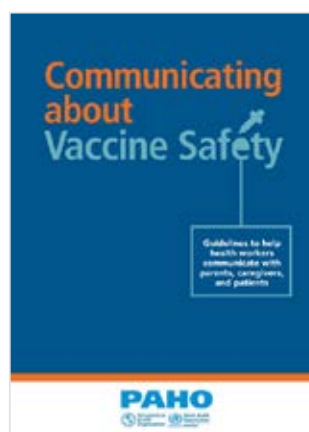
## COMPREHENSIVE IMMUNIZATION



### **Regional Framework for the Monitoring and Re-Verification of Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Elimination in the Americas: Revised edition**

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Also available in Spanish

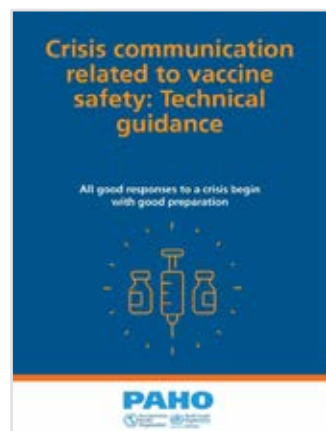
The Americas was the first region in the world to be declared free of measles and rubella in 2015. However, in 2019, it lost its rubella-free status due to a resurgence of transmission in Brazil and Venezuela. This development necessitated a new Plan of Action to regain the Region's rubella-free status. The Regional Framework aims to guide Member States on the requirements and procedures for re-verifying the elimination of measles and rubella. It maintains some elements from the original 2011 Plan of Action, while providing updated guidance adjusted to the new epidemiological scenarios.



### **Communicating about Vaccine Safety: Guidelines to help health workers communicate with parents, caregivers, and patients**

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ISBN 9789275122815  
64 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

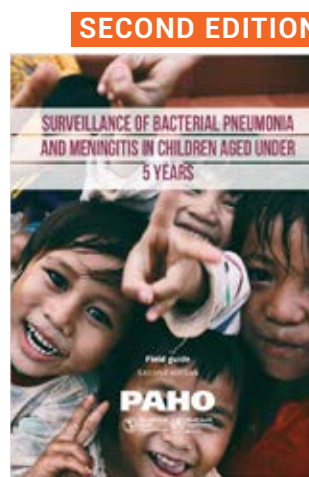
Vaccines save between 2 million and 3 million lives each year and protect the entire population from more than a dozen life-threatening diseases. Given this context, the main objective of these guidelines is to provide tools for staff working in the field of immunization to support effective communication between health personnel and the general population, with the aim of strengthening, maintaining, or recovering trust in vaccines and the immunization programs in the Region of the Americas.



### **Crisis Communication related to vaccine safety: technical guidance**

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ISBN 9789275123133  
76 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

Vaccine- and vaccination-related crises require a communication response that is different from the communication strategies used to promote the benefits and importance of vaccines in general. This publication presents the technical guidance needed to develop a communication plan that is appropriate for managing crises related to vaccine safety. This guidance will help preparedness and response teams working in safety crises to optimize their communication plans to regain, maintain, or strengthen trust in vaccines, vaccination, and immunization programs in general.



### **Surveillance of Bacterial Pneumonia and Meningitis in Children Aged Under 5 Years: Field Guide. Second Edition**

2021  
ISBN 9789275121887  
99 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 40.00

Surveillance of Bacterial Pneumonia and Meningitis in Children Aged Under 5 Years has become an important reference manual for health professionals in the Americas involved in epidemiological surveillance. It provides information on diseases, principal etiologic agents, available vaccines, laboratory procedures, and surveillance activities to detect and monitor cases, as well as data analysis to generate relevant information. This second edition describes some new developments as well as updating procedures to reflect advances in molecular testing for laboratory diagnoses and the availability of new vaccines.





## HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

The primary objective of the Department of Health Systems and Services is to strengthen health systems based on primary health care, support the transformation of national health systems to improve equity and resilience, strengthen primary health care, and address the relevant issues related to human resources as health systems move toward the achievement of universal health.



NEW

### **The Decade of Healthy Aging in the Americas: situation and challenges Series**



#### **The Sociodemographic Situation of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean.**

##### **Analysis in the Context of Aging and COVID-19**

2023, 9789275126486, 42 pp., 8.5 x 11", US\$ 35.00,

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#### **Closing the Gap: The Health Disparities of Older LGBTI People in the Americas**

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#### **Fostering Health Systems' Monitoring to Better Serve Older Populations**

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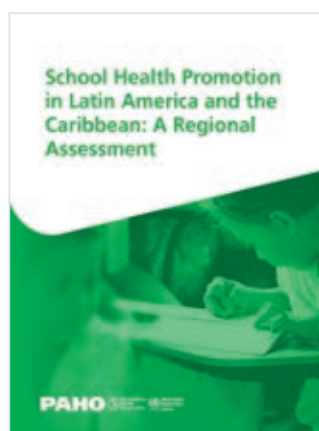
#### **Dementia in Latin America and the Caribbean: Prevalence, Incidence, Impact, and Trends over Time**

2023, 9789275126660, 43 pp., 8.5 x 11", US\$ 35.00,

Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

This series of regional reports is the first to highlight the importance of joint action by multiple sectors, partners, and levels of government to implement the Decade of Healthy Aging (2021–2030). The series, jointly produced by PAHO and various other agencies of the United Nations and the Inter-American System, promotes healthy aging through evidence-based information. Topics cover all issues grouped under the Decade, including demographic implications, health and aging, and a series of special articles related to emerging issues including digital technologies, health disparities among vulnerable groups, and trends in dementia in the Region.

## HEALTHY LIFE COURSE



#### **School Health Promotion in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Regional Assessment**

2022

ISBN 9789275125946

86 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 45.00

This report presents the results of a regional assessment of the status of school health and the health-promoting schools (HPS) approach conducted jointly by PAHO, UNESCO, UNICEF, and the World Bank during 2018–2019. The results of this assessment are expected to contribute to strengthening the HPS approach in the LAC region on subnational, national, and regional levels, and to help accelerate progress toward achieving the SDGs for all children and adolescents in the region. This assessment was conducted before the COVID-19 pandemic. Its impact has underlined the prominent role and multiple benefits of schools as an environment for equitable protection and promotion of the health and well-being of children and adolescents during the pandemic and in the recovery phase.



## HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

### PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND INTEGRATED SERVICES DELIVERY



#### **Expanding Equitable Access to Health Services: Recommendations for Transforming Health Systems toward Universal Health**

2022  
ISBN 9789275124253  
114 pp., 7 x 10"  
US\$ 45.00  
Also available in Spanish

For people living in conditions of vulnerability, poor health results in substantial income losses and can contribute to a cycle of poverty and disease. Recognizing the crucial role of universal access to health and health coverage in addressing this challenge, PAHO adopted the Strategy for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage in 2014. This report addresses the basic aspects of implementing the Strategy, offering Member States a series of practical recommendations for changes that will strengthen health services.



#### **Hospitals in Integrated Health Service Delivery Networks: Strategic Recommendations**

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ISBN 9789275122099  
80 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
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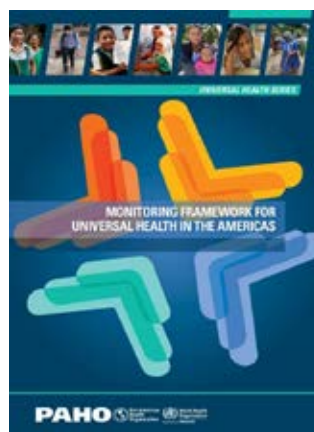
The Integrated Health Service Delivery Network (IHSDN) initiative aims to support universal health through reorganizing health care to offer more and better services to more people. A key step in the process is to re-envisage the role of hospitals: from independent providers of highly specialized care to members of broad health service delivery networks. This publication, drawing on regional discussions, presents a series of proposals for how countries can integrate hospitals into IHSDNs through changes to their infrastructure, governance, models of care, resourcing, management, and organization.



#### **The Essential Public Health Functions in the Americas: A Renewal for the 21st Century. Conceptual Framework and Description**

2020  
ISBN 9789275122648  
118 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 40.00  
Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

This publication presents a renewed conceptual framework for the essential public health functions in the Region of the Americas. It aims to provide greater conceptual clarity and operability to the new scope of action of public health, and to bridge a gap in conceptual proposals on health system strengthening. The proposal culminates in a series of recommendations for the implementation of the integrated essential public health functions approach.



#### **Monitoring Framework for Universal Health in the Americas**

2021  
ISBN 9789275122709  
112 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
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The framework discussed in this publication supports the analysis of the progress and performance of public policies, the generation of evidence, and the decisionmaking to transform or strengthen health systems. The publication offers guidelines for technical units of national health authorities. The activities it proposes could be implemented in an integrated manner with PAHO's technical cooperation work and related tools developed to strengthen capacities for monitoring, evaluation, and analysis of transformation processes of health systems to advance toward universal health in the Region of the Americas.



### **Fiscal Space for Health in Latin America and the Caribbean**

2020

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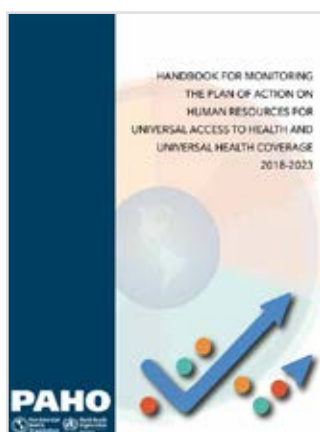
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Countries that have made the most progress toward universal health coverage have public expenditure in health equivalent to at least 6% of their GDP, which is the percentage established in PAHO's universal health strategy as the benchmark for countries. This report compiles and summarizes PAHO's studies on fiscal space for universal health in the Americas. With this document, whose target audience is the technical personnel responsible for policy development, decisionmakers, and authorities, PAHO hopes to contribute to the analysis and discussion of health-financing policies on the path toward universal health.

## HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH



### **Handbook for Monitoring the Plan of Action on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage 2018-2023**

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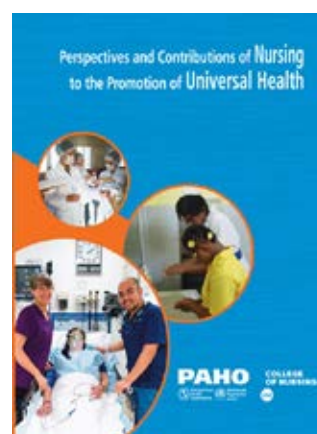
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Also available in Spanish

This handbook presents the methodology for monitoring the Plan of Action. It defines and explains the objectives, indicators, and attributes of the three lines of action contained in the Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage and in the Plan of Action. The methodology will help countries measure and evaluate their progress, and identify the challenges in their specific context. The information obtained will also serve as input for the progress and final reports on the Plan of Action.



### **Perspectives and Contributions of Nursing to the Promotion of Universal Health**

2020

ISBN 9789275122181

166 pp., 8.5 x 10"

US\$ 35.00

Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

To celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, this publication highlights more than 40 projects, activities, stories, and case studies received from the countries of the Region, illustrating the role of nurses and midwives in advancing toward universal health. It also details these essential health workers' rich contribution to health systems, universities, prisons, communities, governments, and schools in all the countries of the Americas. An epilogue includes a powerful story of two American nurses on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is further proof of the vital role these health workers have in advancing health for all.

# VIRTUAL CAMPUS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

## BRINGING KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICE

The Virtual Campus for Public Health (VCPH) is the learning platform of the Pan American Health Organization. The Virtual Campus is a decentralized network of people, institutions, and organizations that share courses and open educational resources about topics related to public health, which are relevant to the countries of the Region, through the use of information and communication technologies. All the courses are free for participants and respond to the strategic lines of actions of PAHO's technical cooperation.

[www.campusvirtualesp.org/en](http://www.campusvirtualesp.org/en)



NEW



**Educational Approach of the Virtual Campus for Public Health. General considerations and pedagogical criteria for preparing virtual education initiatives**

2022

PAHO/HSS/HR/21-0013

40 pp., 8.5 x 11"

Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

The Virtual Campus for Public Health (VCPH) is a strategic tool for PAHO technical cooperation. As such, it is a space for distributing, managing, and updating knowledge in public health and for strengthening the capacities and competencies of the Region's health teams. This document presents the vision, mission, and principles of VCPH, the concept of permanent education and lifelong learning in the field of health, the principles of virtual education, and education based on competences. It also highlights the way the VCPH conceives teaching and learning in the virtual environment and describes the lines of educational innovation that the VCPH is currently studying within the framework of technical cooperation.

NEW



**Virtual Campus for Public Health (VCPH): Bringing knowledge to practice**

2022

PAHO/HSS/HR/22-0016

8 pp., 7 x 10"

Also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish

The Virtual Campus for Public Health (VCPH) is the educational platform of PAHO. Its objective is to lead strategic collaborative efforts among Member States and other partners to promote the training of human resources for health, for all people everywhere. The VCPH is structured in three nodes (regional, subregional, national) and it responds to the Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage. It works in coordination with the technical departments at PAHO, with the PAHO/WHO country offices in the Region, as well as with institutions that work on public health education and training. All VCPH courses are open access for participants and reflect PAHO's technical cooperation areas.

## HOW TO REGISTER

**All students and health workers of the Region can use the Virtual Campus. To do this, users need to open an account with the Virtual Campus and enroll in the available courses.**

- Self-learning courses
- Courses with tutoring
- Countries courses
- Call for applications & upcoming
- Educational materials of courses completed

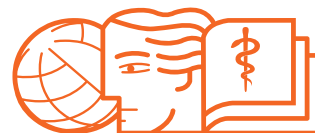
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## INNOVATION, ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

Innovation, Access to Medicines and Health Technologies is responsible for promoting, coordinating, and implementing the Organization's technical cooperation in access and rational use of quality medicines and other health technologies. IMT works across all categories of medicines and health technologies, including medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, medical equipment, blood products, and organs for transplantation.

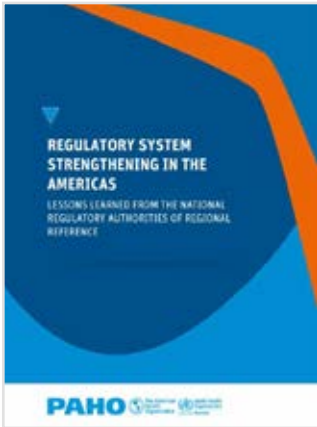




# INNOVATION, ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

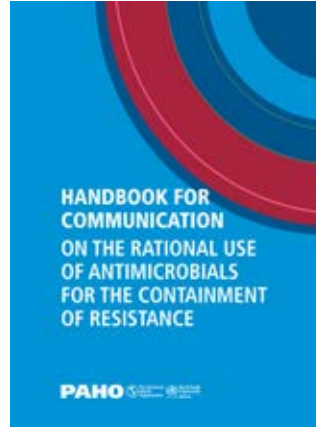


## QUALITY AND REGULATION OF MEDICINES AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES



**Regulatory System Strengthening in the Americas. Lessons Learned from the National Regulatory Authorities of Regional Reference**

2021  
ISBN 9789275123430  
134 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 65.00  
Also available in Spanish



**Handbook for Communication on the Rational Use of Antimicrobials for the Containment of Resistance**

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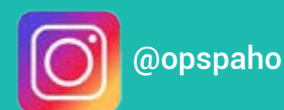
This report aims to improve understanding of national regulatory remit and capacity in the Americas, raise awareness and appreciation of regional regulatory progress and challenges, identify the regulatory issues emerging markets will bring, and highlight opportunities for evidence-based regulatory system strengthening. It includes an overview of the market outlook and economic integration mechanisms in the Americas and their influence on regulatory policy and pharmaceutical trade. In addition, the report includes a supplement to describe salient regulatory emergency responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Americas.

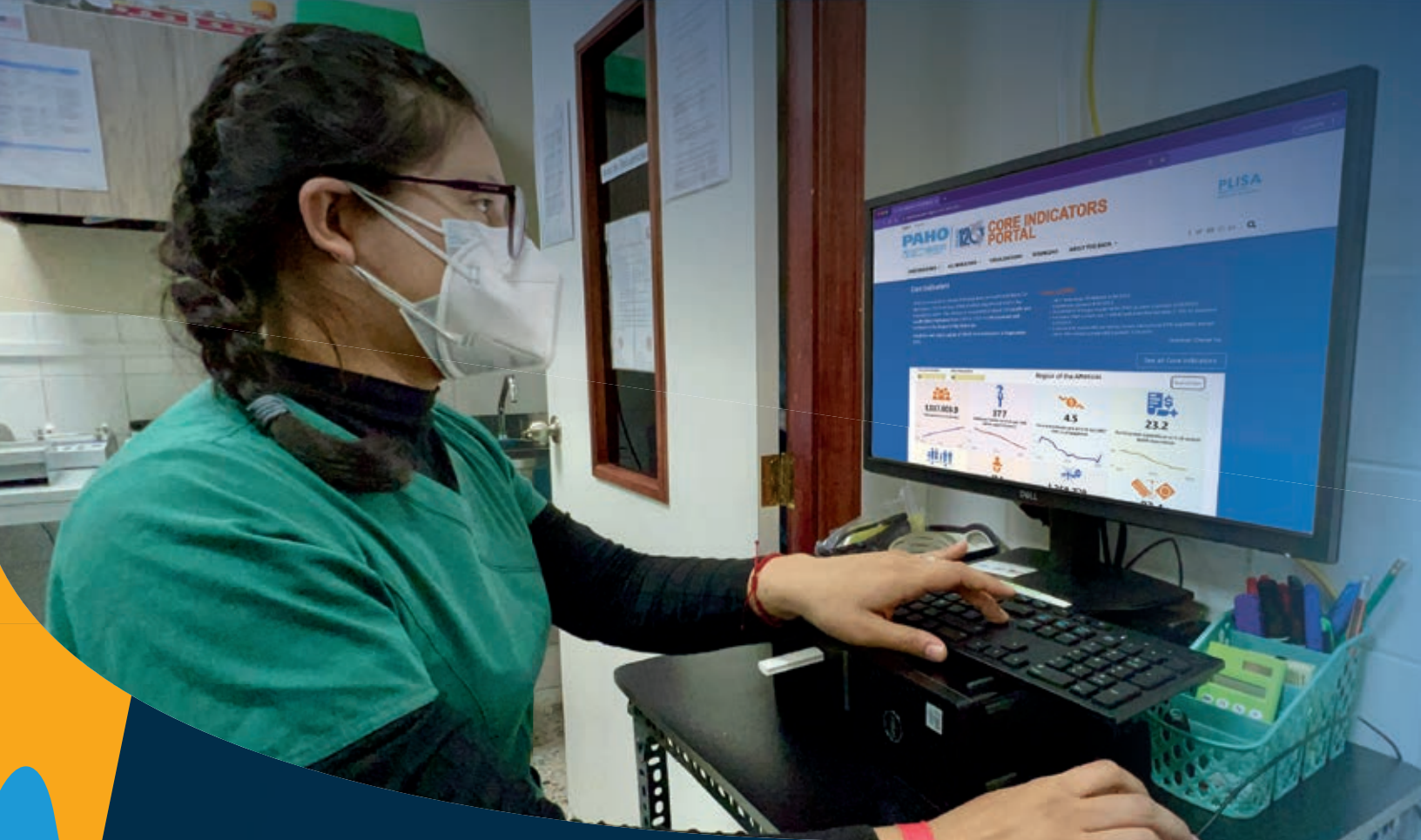
National approaches are required to address the indiscriminate use and overprescription of antimicrobials, and to enforce regulations on prescription and acquisition practices. The objective of this communication handbook is to help communications professionals and health program officials to develop strategies that raise awareness of the problem and promote appropriate use of antimicrobials among different stakeholders; raise public awareness about the importance of obtaining antimicrobials with a prescription; and promote a change in behavior by everyone involved.



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# REVEALING PROGRESS IN HEALTH

## A panoramic view with PAHO initiatives

The **Department for Evidence and Intelligence for Action in Health** champions transformative projects aimed at amplifying the health sector's reach and efficiency. Harnessing more than 140 crucial health indicators, the **Regional Core Health Indicators Initiative** provides a detailed landscape of health in the Region. Meanwhile, the **SDG 3 Portal** accelerates collaborative efforts to monitor and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3, of ensuring health and well-being for all. Complementing this, **Health in the Americas+** serves as an expansive repository of analysis on health conditions, determinants, and trends. Together, these initiatives signify PAHO's unwavering commitment to strengthening national information systems for health in the Americas.

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# PAHO INITIATIVES

## Core Indicators



The Core Indicators Portal presents more than 140 health-related indicators with data since 1995, disaggregated by age, sex, urban-rural distribution, and more. It provides crucial information on the health situation and trends at the country, subregional, and regional levels. The Portal is based on the Core Health Indicators Initiative and aims to strengthen the production, generation, and communication of health information for population health monitoring.

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## SDG 3



The SDG 3 Portal is an important tool for monitoring progress toward Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. It is a one-stop shop for data collection, analysis, and evidence, offering valuable support to governments and organizations for informed decisionmaking toward achieving the set targets. Data are disaggregated based on sex and geographic location, providing a comprehensive view of how diverse groups of people are impacted by health issues.

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## Health in the Americas+



Health in the Americas+ provides comprehensive and up-to-date information on health conditions, determinants, and trends in the Americas. The new portal centralizes access to all information published in *Health in the Americas*. It includes interactive tools that allow users to explore data and compare information across countries and subregions. This tool is a valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, health professionals, and the general public who want to achieve better living conditions and make evidence-based health decisions for the population in the Region.

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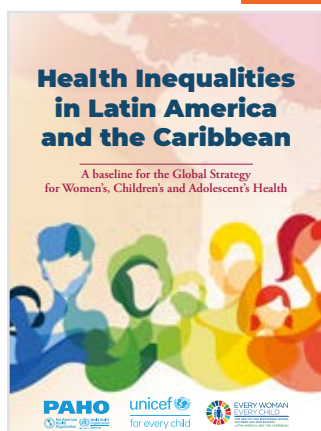


## EVIDENCE AND INTELLIGENCE FOR ACTION IN HEALTH

The Evidence and Intelligence for Action in Health Department works to harness the power of science, evidence, and digital transformation to improve health for all. Its main objectives are: support information systems and digital transformation for health; engage in building health intelligence; strengthen research systems; and knowledge management, translation, and dissemination.

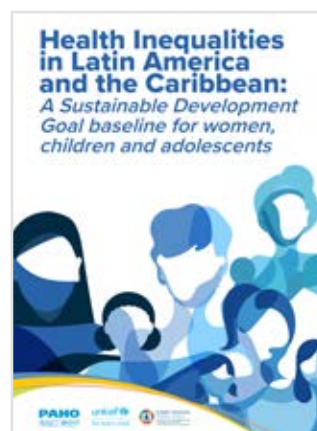


**NEW**



**Health Inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean. A Baseline for the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health**

2023  
9789275126288  
104 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in Spanish



**Health Inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Sustainable Development Goal baseline assessment for women, children and adolescents**

2022  
ISBN 9789275125748  
31 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in Spanish

Health-related indicators that are used to measure progress toward the SDGs usually draw on country-level data, which can mask inequalities. To provide a more nuanced picture of social inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean, this publication provides an overview of several indicators related to the health of women, children, and adolescents, with the aim of providing a baseline for the 2030 Agenda. The analysis identifies widespread inequalities in the Region and suggests that reducing within-country disparities should be a priority.

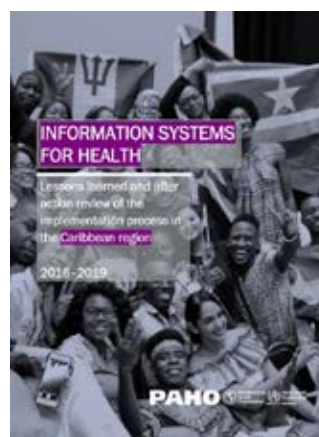
This publication provides an overview of social inequalities in several indicators related to the health of women, children, and adolescents in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), known for its high levels of inequality. With the intention of generating a baseline for the 2030 Agenda, the analysis uses 2014 data to demonstrate that, without disaggregation, national-level figures mask important inequalities and that reducing within-country disparities should be a priority among LAC countries.



**No Time to Lose. Health Challenges for Adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean**

2022  
ISBN 9789275126219  
45 pp., 8.5 x 11"

There are over 100 million adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean, representing about 16% of the regional population. Adolescence is a sensitive period for development in terms of identity, agency, and vulnerability. Decisions made by adolescents in relation to health and education affect the trajectory of the rest of their lives, highlighting the need for timely support. This publication presents an overview of the key health challenges faced by adolescents in the Region with the objective of catalyzing priority actions.



**Information Systems for Health: Lessons Learned and After-Action Review of the Implementation Process in the Caribbean, 2016-2019**

2021  
ISBN 9789275123591  
74 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

The Information Systems for Health (IS4H) initiative was created with the vision of implementing universal access to health and universal health coverage in the Region. In the past 4 years, PAHO has provided support for IS4H strengthening through actions and strategies in collaboration with countries under the IS4H strategic framework. To identify key lessons for the future, this after-action review discusses four questions about the collective work done: What was expected to happen? What really happened? What went well and why? What can be improved and how?



**BIREME**

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## Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information

The Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) is a specialized center of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). The mission of BIREME is to contribute to the development of health in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean through the democratization of access, publication and use of scientific information, knowledge and evidence.

## MAIN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### Virtual Health Library (VHL)



The VHL is the main strategy and model for technical cooperation on scientific and technical health information management in Latin America and the Caribbean. It is a regional public good, built and operated by a network of institutions and professionals from 30 countries that work with production, intermediation, and use of scientific and technical health information.

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### Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Literature (LILACS)



LILACS is the most relevant and comprehensive index on scientific and technical health literature published by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. LILACS brings together over 1 million documents published in the Region of the Americas, indexes articles of 932 journals, theses, monographs and non-conventional literature.

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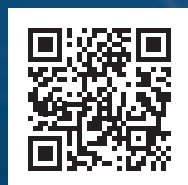
### Health Sciences Descriptors (DeCS/MeSH)



DeCS is a controlled vocabulary that maintains and periodically updates the terminology in health sciences in Spanish, Portuguese, English and French. It includes the translation of the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH/NLM) in Portuguese and Spanish. DeCS is available online in open access, especially for students, researchers, and health professionals.

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## HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND PREPAREDNESS

The objective of the work of PAHO in Health Emergencies is to increase the health sector resilience to emergencies and disasters. Our priority is to deliver rapid, predictable, and comprehensive support to Member States in terms of prevention, risk reduction, preparedness, surveillance, response, and early recovery in case of any threat to human health, including outbreaks or disasters caused by natural phenomena, biological, chemical, or radiological agent, human activities, conflicts, or any other hazard. When national capacities are overwhelmed, PAHO is ready to lead and coordinate the international health response to contain disasters, including outbreaks, and to provide effective relief and recovery to affected populations.

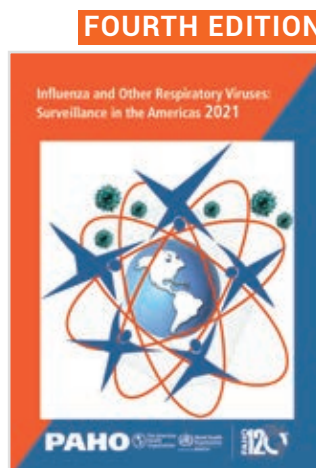




## Recommendations for the adoption and procurement of pressure swing adsorption oxygen generator plants

2022  
PAHO/PHE/IMS/  
COVID-19/22-0006  
52 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
Also available in French,  
Portuguese, and  
Spanish

For any complex piece of equipment, the evaluation process before procurement marks the start of incorporation of any health technology. This publication is intended to provide an overview to professionals who wish to start the process of acquisition of oxygen generating plants by pressure swing adsorption (PSA). It compiles comparative information from technical, administrative, and financial points of view, emphasizing the necessary aspects of an efficient, rational, acquisition procedure.



**FOURTH EDITION**

## Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses: Surveillance in the Americas 2021

2022  
ISBN 9789275125007  
178 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 85.00

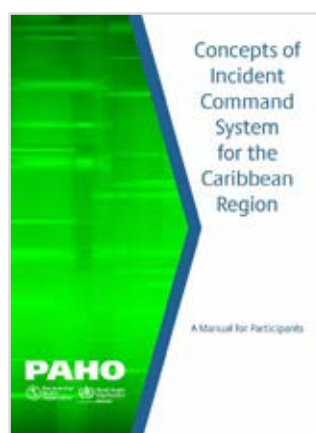
The fourth edition of this publication depicts the latest intricacies of respiratory viruses' surveillance and features differences in countries' capacities and needs for improvement. In addition to regional trends in the first section, SARS-CoV-2 disease (COVID-19) trends data and COVID-19 vaccination indicators are introduced. The subsequent report section provides a variety of country-specific information from sociodemographic indicators to improvements in influenza at the human-animal interface. Understanding current surveillance capacities of respiratory viruses in the Region of the Americas provides a perspective to identify areas for action and guide cooperative efforts to bolster surveillance and impact evaluations.



## Hurricane Resistant Buildings. Building CAT-5 Resistant Timber Roofs, An Illustrated Guide for Builders

2022  
ISBN 9789275125717  
56 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 45.00

PAHO aims to reduce the damage to communities following the impact of major hurricanes with this illustrated, easy-to-follow guide to build Category 5-resistant roofs and external walls. These guidelines are to be used by local builders for the safe design and construction of roofs in hurricane-prone regions. The document provides graphic tools to illustrate the safe and proper way to build and connect timber roofs to help minimize the loss of building infrastructure and mitigate impacts on livelihoods and lost lives.



## Concepts of Incident Command System for the Caribbean Region. A Manual for Participants

2021  
ISBN 9789275123270  
84 pp., 7 x 10"  
US\$ 35.00

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a management tool for coordinating incidents or events that may exceed the daily capacity to respond. Most Caribbean countries have adopted the ICS as their standard for emergency response and operational deployment. It is critical to provide training for all first responders (i.e., law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services personnel) who may be called upon to function in an ICS environment. This manual will also be of interest to nongovernmental organizations.

## NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Department promotes, coordinates, and implements technical cooperation activities directed to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, related risk factors, disabilities, and mental, neurological, and substance use disorders that are sound and appropriate for the culture and society. It raises political and public awareness and understanding of the burden of the most common NCDs, related risk factors, and mental or neurological conditions, and leads multi-sector and multi-stakeholder strategic and collaborative efforts aimed at strengthening Member States' capacity to promote and protect health through public policies, programs, and services. This will reduce risks and disease burden in order to improve the physical, mental, and social well-being of the population.





MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

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**A New Agenda for Mental Health in the Americas: Report of the Pan American Health Organization High-Level Commission on Mental Health and COVID-19**

2023  
9789275127230  
122 pp., 8,5 x 11"  
US\$ 45.00  
Also available in Spanish

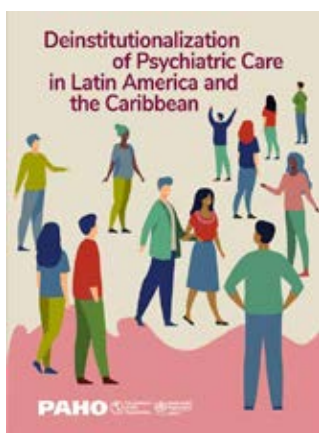


**Suicide Mortality in the Americas. Regional Report 2015–2019**

2021  
ISBN 9789275124758  
80 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 45.00  
Also available in Spanish

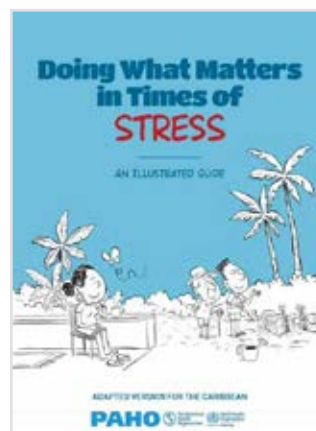
Unmet mental health needs in the Region of the Americas are a leading source of morbidity and mortality, which result in tremendous health, social, and economic consequences. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the mental health crisis in the Region, necessitating urgent action at the highest levels of government and across sectors to build back better mental health now and for the future. This landmark report is the result of the PAHO High-Level Commission on Mental Health and COVID-19. It provides an analysis of the mental health situation in the Region, followed by a series of recommendations and corresponding actions to support countries in the Americas to prioritize and advance mental health using human rights- and equity-based approaches.

This report, which is issued every 5 years, provides updated data on suicide in the Region of the Americas. This is the fourth edition. In addition to extensive country and regional data on suicide according to age, sex, and methods used, this report includes an expanded analysis of risk factors for suicide in the Americas. This additional analysis of trends in the annual age-standardized, gender-specific suicide mortality rate over time by country and subregion identifies points of inflection and evaluates the association of specific risk factors with country-level suicide mortality rates.



**Deinstitutionalization of Psychiatric Care in Latin America and the Caribbean**

2021  
ISBN 9789275223017  
54 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish



**Doing What Matters in Times of Stress: An Illustrated Guide. Adapted Version for the Caribbean**

2021  
ISBN 9789275123928  
53 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

This framework for action aims to guide the psychiatric-care deinstitutionalization process in the context of Latin America and the Caribbean. The publication summarizes the facilitators and barriers that will be encountered in the deinstitutionalization process and identifies useful and proven interventions in Latin American and Caribbean countries. Four areas of work are identified with the respective guidelines or suggestions for action, which should provide an operational guide for countries that are restructuring mental health services and moving toward the deinstitutionalization of psychiatric care.

The Caribbean Development Bank and PAHO have developed this stress management guide to help people cope with adversity. The publication is an adaptation for the Caribbean of Doing What Matters in Times of Stress: An Illustrated Guide, a WHO publication to support implementation of its recommendations for stress management. This guide is for all who experience stress, ranging from parents and other caregivers to health professionals working in difficult situations. It provides information and practical skills to help cope with adversity.



## NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND MENTAL HEALTH



### Care for Mental Health Conditions in Jamaica: The Case for Investment. Evaluating the Return on Investment of Scaling Up Treatment for Depression, Anxiety, and Psychosis

2019  
ISBN 9789275121184  
26 pp., 8.5 x 10"  
US\$ 15.00

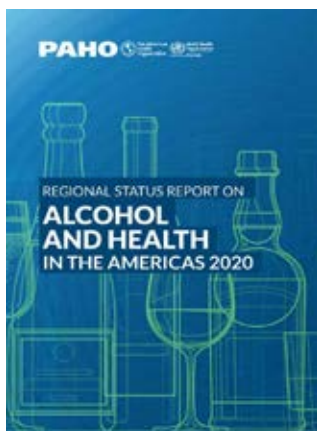
Mental health conditions impose a high burden not only on individuals, families, and society but also on economies. In Jamaica, mental health conditions are highly prevalent and major contributors to morbidity, disability, and premature mortality. This state-of-the-art study estimates the return on investment from scaling up treatment for anxiety, depression, and psychosis. The results show that Jamaica can significantly reduce the burden of mental health conditions by investing in recommended interventions.



### Public Health Policies on Psychoactive Substance Use: A Manual for Health Planners

2021  
ISBN 9789275123492  
74 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
US\$ 35.00  
Also available in Spanish

This manual is based on policy analysis techniques and methods developed to facilitate the application of public health principles for defining responses to problems associated with psychoactive substance use. Its examples and exercises illustrate the phases of the planning process and can be used in workshops and training. It is intended for those formulating, implementing, and evaluating policies, plans, and programs aimed at reducing the consequences of psychoactive substance use on collective health—from government health agencies and other relevant sectors to civil society.



### Regional Status Report on Alcohol and Health in the Americas 2020

2020  
ISBN 9789275122204  
100 pp., 5 x 10"  
US\$ 40.00  
Also available in Spanish

This third regional report dedicated to alcohol and health in the Americas provides an update on alcohol consumption in the Region, trends in consumption over time, alcohol-related harms, and current alcohol policies being implemented. The report discusses gaps and challenges in reducing the harmful use of alcohol and how countries can reverse current trends in a cost-effective and expedited way.



### Assessment of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: A Training Workbook

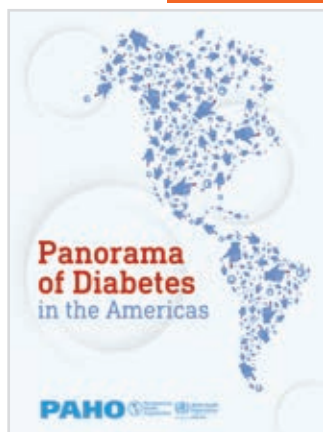
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ISBN 9789275122242  
55 pp., 8.5 x 10"  
US\$ 20.00  
Also available in Spanish

This training workbook provides information regarding the diagnostic process, the tools needed to perform the necessary assessments, and case-based learning modules to enhance learning and retention of critical elements for an FASD diagnosis. There are also components of the interventions provided to balance the training regarding diagnosis with an avenue to move forward that would be beneficial to patients.



NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES, VIOLENCE AND INJURIES PREVENTION

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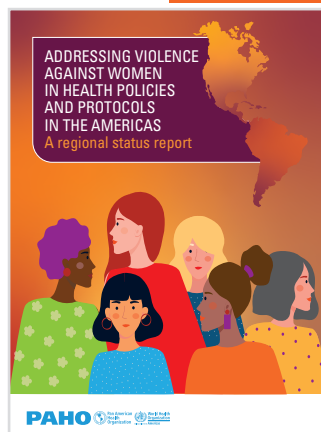


**Panorama of Diabetes in the Americas**

2022  
 ISBN 9789275126349  
 60 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
 US\$ 45.00

It is estimated that 62 million people are living with diabetes in the Region of the Americas and projections show its prevalence will continue to rise. Moreover, the Region has the highest number of years of healthy life lost due to diabetes worldwide. This report shows the latest comparable data on diabetes and its main risk factors by year, country, and sex. It also includes a summary of the countries' health system responses to diabetes, including national plans, targets, surveillance, guidelines, and access to essential drugs and technologies. In addition, information is synthesized about diabetes-related complications and the close relationship between diabetes and other pathologies, such as cardiovascular diseases, tuberculosis, and COVID-19.

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**Addressing violence against women in health policies and protocols in the Americas: A regional status report**

2023  
 9789275126394  
 102 pp., 8,5 x 11"  
 US\$ 45.00  
 Also available in Spanish

Violence against women and girls is widespread in the Region of the Americas, resulting in enormous consequences for health and well-being. However, much of this burden can be prevented through evidence-based action at policy level by the health sector. This report – a major milestone for the Region, published to coincide with the UN's annual campaign of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence – provides an analysis of efforts to prevent violence against women through health policies, clinical protocols, multisectoral plans, and related approaches across the Americas.



**HEARTS in the Americas: Guide and Essentials for Implementation**

2022  
 ISBN 9789275125298  
 53 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
 US\$ 35,00  
 Also available in Spanish

The HEARTS in the Americas Initiative, which is a model for management of cardiovascular disease risk, including hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia, is entering its sixth year of implementation, having expanded from the original cohort of 4 countries to 22. The accumulation of knowledge, practices, and experiences from the field has been compiled in this new Guide and Essentials for Implementation. This manual complements the WHO HEARTS Technical Package Implementation Guide and expands on lessons learned during scale-up in the Americas. Its goal is to advance the institutionalization of the HEARTS model in primary health care in the Region by 2025.



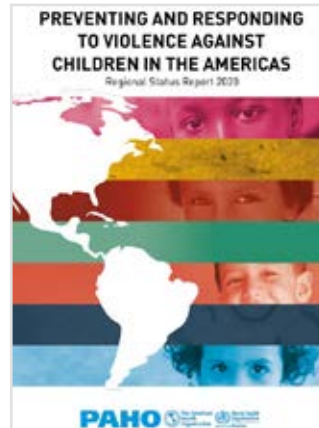
**HEARTS in the Americas: Regulatory Pathway to the Exclusive Use of Validated Blood Pressure Measuring Devices**

2021  
 ISBN 9789275124857  
 34 pp., 11 x 8.5"  
 US\$ 25.00  
 Also available in Spanish

Accurate measurement of blood pressure is critical for appropriately detecting hypertension. The process depends on the use of validated blood pressure measuring devices (BPMDs), proper preparation of the patient, and use of a standardized protocol. This publication provides a practical tool for governments to improve their national regulatory frameworks relating to the accuracy of BPMDs, with the goal of contributing to the exclusive use of validated automated BPMDs in primary health care facilities by 2025.



## NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND MENTAL HEALTH



### **Preventing and Responding to Violence against Children in the Americas: Regional Status Report 2020**

2020

ISBN 9789275122938

108 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"

US\$ 40.00

Also available in Spanish

Violence against children is widespread in the Region of the Americas, and it takes many different but equally unacceptable forms. This report is a major milestone for the Region because it is the first of its kind and comes at an unprecedented time, as the COVID-19 pandemic has created a new urgency for action on violence against children. It offers a baseline of efforts in the Region to prevent and respond to violence against all children everywhere.

## RISK FACTORS AND NUTRITION

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### **Report on Tobacco Control for the Region of the Americas 2022**

2022

ISBN 9789275125908

148 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 55.00

Also available in Spanish

The Report on Tobacco Control for the Region of the Americas 2022 reviews the implementation of the MPOWER technical package during the period 2018–2021. While there has been significant progress, the report highlights important gaps, both at global and regional levels, driven in part by the increasing availability of novel tobacco and nicotine products. Despite these obstacles, the Region of the Americas now ranks second lowest globally on the prevalence of tobacco consumption.

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### **Report on Tobacco Control for the Region of the Americas 2022: Country Profiles**

2022

PAHO/NMH/RF/22-0024

74 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 45.00

Also available in Spanish

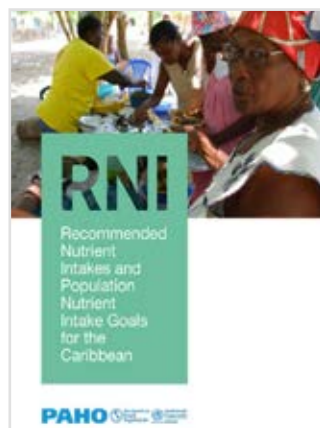
These country profiles document progress toward the implementation of the MPOWER technical package in PAHO's 35 Member States for the period 2018–2021. Together, they form a supplement to the Report on Tobacco Control for the Region of the Americas 2022. The data are presented in two summary sheets: an MPOWER Summary, showing progress made toward the six MPOWER measures; and a Taxes and Prices Summary, showing the pricing and tax structure of the country.



**Preventing and Managing Conflicts of Interest in Country-level Nutrition Programs: A Roadmap for Implementing the World Health Organization's Draft Approach in the Americas**

2021  
 PAHO/NMH/RF/21-0014  
 25 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
 Also available in Portuguese and Spanish

There is growing evidence to show that industries producing ultra-processed food and drinks deliberately impede the development of policies and programs that promote healthier food systems. To help ministries of health navigate these pressures, WHO produced a series of tools in 2017 to guide individuals and teams to safeguard their work against nutrition-related conflicts of interest. This PAHO publication sets out a road map for implementing WHO's guidance in the Region of the Americas and explains how countries can access support and guidance from PAHO staff.



**Recommended Nutrient Intakes and Population Nutrient Intake Goals for the Caribbean**

2020  
 ISBN 9789275122402  
 68 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
 US\$ 35.00

This publication provides current scientific guidance on the intake of a range of nutrients and the nutrient recommendations for the Caribbean. It also includes the population nutrient intake goals meant to promote healthy dietary consumption patterns that satisfy the nutritional needs of the population while helping to reduce the risk of diet-related NCDs. These serve as a useful adjunct to the RNI in providing food and nutrition guidance at the population level for macronutrients and food groups in healthy, well-nourished populations.



**Research to Support the Development of Front-of-Package Labeling Regulations for Food Products in the Americas: Methods, Tools, and Procedures**

2021  
 ISBN 9789275123966  
 112 pp., 8.5 x 11"  
 US\$ 45.00

Consumption of ultra-processed products, which are nutrient-poor and energy-dense, is driving the global epidemic of obesity and noncommunicable disease (NCDs). Food labeling can affect consumer purchase choices and potentially reduce consumption of products that contribute to poor health. This publication explores how research studies into front-of-package labeling (FOPL) for food products should be planned and carried out, with a view to strengthening the evidence base for food product regulation in the Region of the Americas.



**Mapping Dietary Salt/Sodium Reduction Policies and Initiatives in the Region of the Americas**

2021  
 ISBN 9789275123249  
 112 pp., 8.27 x 11.69"  
 US\$ 45.00  
 Also available in Spanish

There is clear evidence that excessive consumption of salt/sodium adversely affects blood pressure. This publication provides high-level information about salt/sodium reduction initiatives in the Region of the Americas. It maps existing country policies and initiatives addressing population dietary sodium reduction and identifies gaps, with reference to WHO's "Best Buys" recommendations for the most cost-effective interventions to prevent and control diet-related noncommunicable diseases. In addition, the report makes available a repository of policies, laws, and regulations to reduce population salt/sodium intake in the Americas. Last, it uses data on policy gaps to discuss priorities for future work in the Region.



## NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND MENTAL HEALTH



### **Sugar-sweetened beverage taxation in the Region of the Americas**

2020

ISBN 9789275122990

64 pp., 8.5 x 11"

US\$ 35.00

Also available in

Spanish

Sugar-sweetened beverage excise taxes are an effective evidence-based noncommunicable diseases (NCD) prevention policy. This publication provides economic concepts related to the economic rationale for using sugar-sweetened beverage taxes and the costs associated with obesity; key considerations on tax design, including tax types, bases, and rates; and responses to frequent questions about the economic impacts of sugar-sweetened beverage taxation.

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## COVID-19 PUBLICATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

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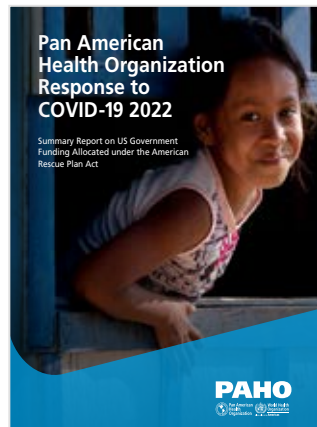
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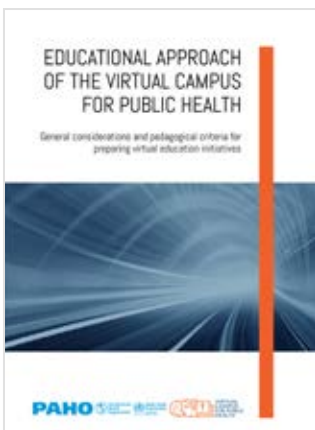
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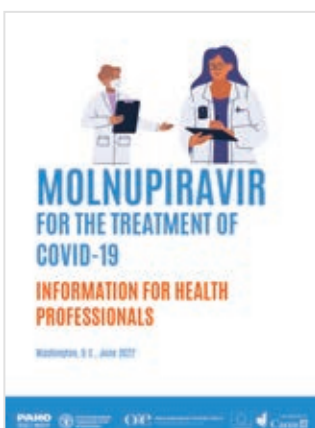
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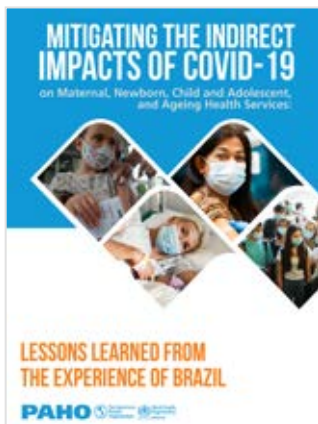
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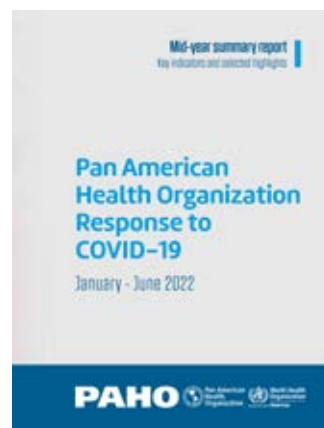
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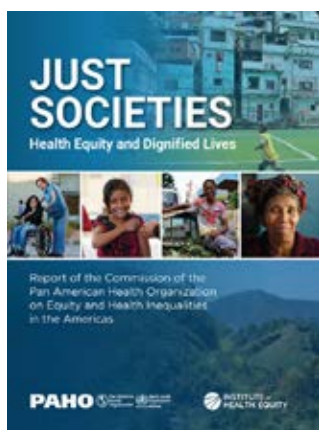


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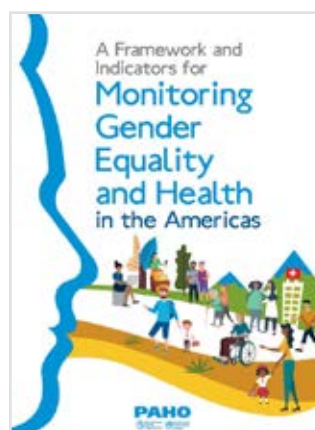
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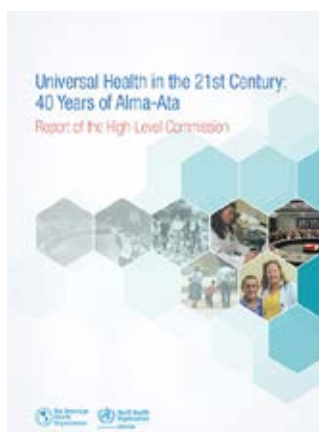
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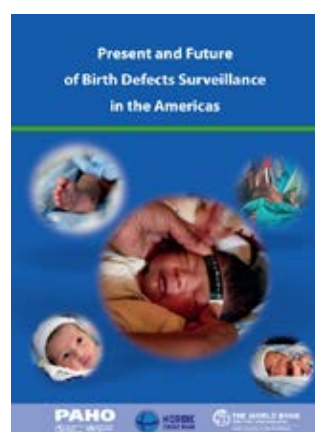
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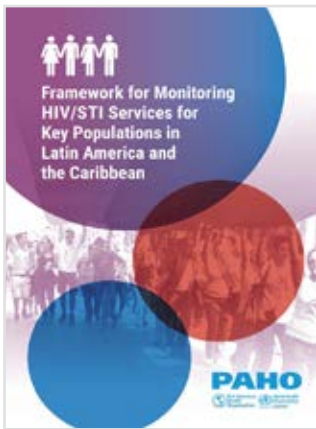


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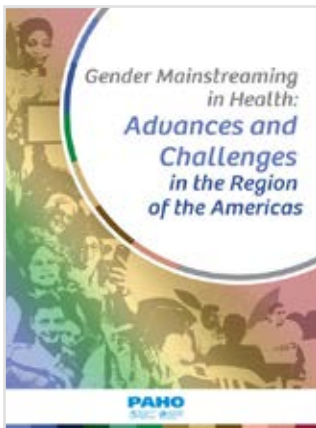
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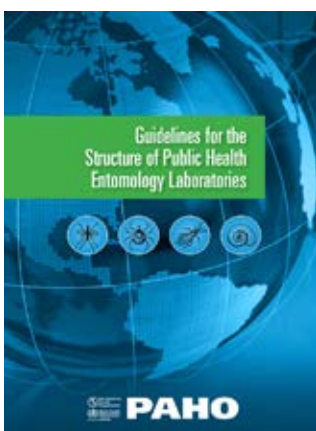
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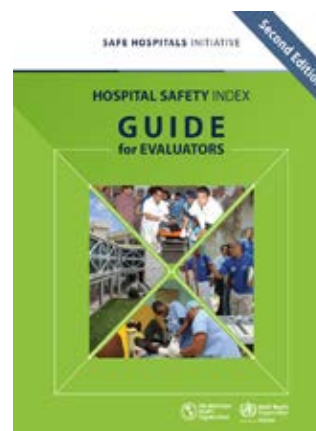
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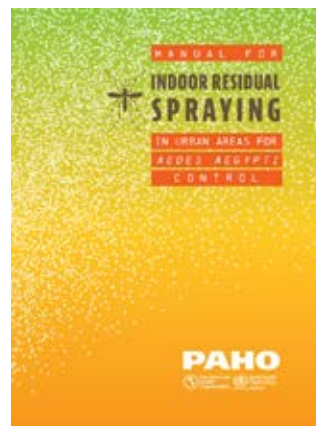
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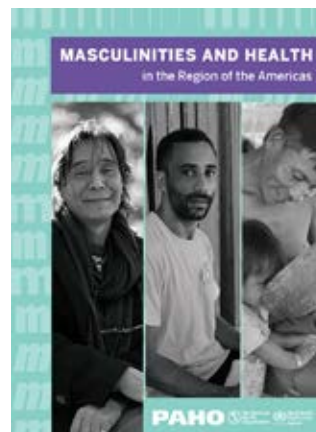
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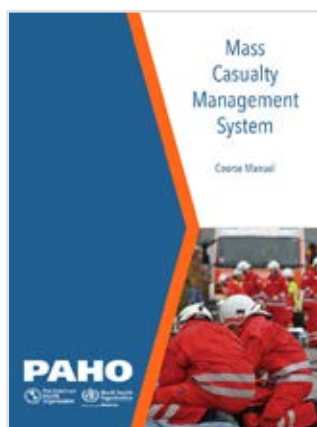
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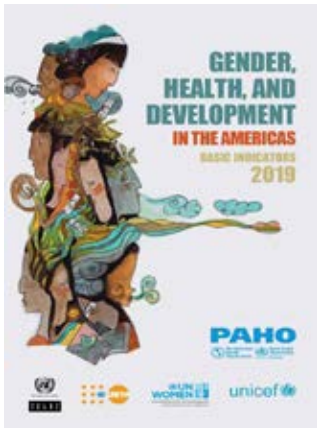
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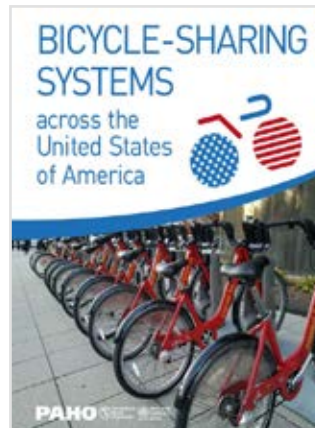
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