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US announces \$100 million healthcare training plan at Summit of Americas amid partial boycott by the leaders

The America's Health Force, which is part of the US-led Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas, seeks to aid the territory in preventing, preparing for, and responding to future pandemic threats and other public health emergencies, while also ensuring equal and fair health service delivery to distant, susceptible, and marginalized populations. The action plan emerged in the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic's death toll. This training is expected to cost \$100 million, with the United States footing a portion of the bill.

The America's Health Force's goal is to empower regional health systems and plan for future crisis situations by enhancing transparency, responsibility, and regional coordination with government entities, the private sector, and civil society.

With a current regional shortage of around 600,000 health workers, the majority of whom live in remote and rural areas, training and equipping staff is a critical component of this initiative. There is no resourceful health system, no access to medical care, and no pandemic contingency planning without health personnel.

This new proposal will strengthen PAHO's jobs programs and legislates to fortify essential public health functions, build resilient health systems based on primary health care, and enhance pandemic preparation and response in the Americas. It will use PAHO's Virtual Campus to reach health workers across the region, including in remote and underserved areas.



The (COVID-19) pandemic has demonstrated that we cannot keep ignoring long-standing flaws in our health-care systems. They are now excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the United States to create the next generation of health workers in the Americas. In addition to expanding existing WHO and PAHO training programs, the suggested US implementation plan calls for collaboration with US academic institutions.

It is worth noting that the coronavirus pandemic killed more than 2.7 million people in Latin America and the Caribbean. According to specialists, this number shows more than 40% of all deaths recorded worldwide; however, WHO and PAHO estimates indicate that there could have been many more.