

# Compendium of Legislative and Executive Actions from the Americas and the Caribbean in Response to **COVID-19**





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## INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has created new health and socioeconomic challenges for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean, while exacerbating existing ones. This compendium, developed in collaboration with the National Assembly of Ecuador, describes legislation and executive orders adopted by countries in the region to respond to the crisis. It covers the period following the World Health Organization's declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020 until the end of April 2020, in addition to a few measures adopted prior to this period. The compendium also includes relevant decisions adopted by the Organization of American States and the European Union Parliament, Council, and Commission, to provide a reference for regional initiatives.

The focus of this publication is on measures responding to the health and socioeconomic impacts of the crisis. It identifies key topics addressed in these actions and highlights specific considerations of openness, gender equality, and sustainability. Given its scope, this compendium is not an exhaustive collection of all actions. Although emergency declarations have been included, its focus excludes security measures around public order (e.g., curfews and restrictions on mass gatherings) and border controls, unless they are tied to other health, economic, and social sector responses. Additionally, monetary policy enacted by central banks has not been included.

Recognizing that countries have been impacted and have responded to COVID-19 in varying ways and at different speeds, and that many of the effects of the pandemic will be felt throughout the region over the medium and long term, the compendium is intended as a snapshot of initial responses and a tool for dialogue on possible future actions. As countries think ahead to the recovery and rebuilding process, an analysis of many of the legislative and executive responses to date may be useful to parliaments and parliamentarians in the region looking toward next steps in their respective legislatures.

### How to use this compendium

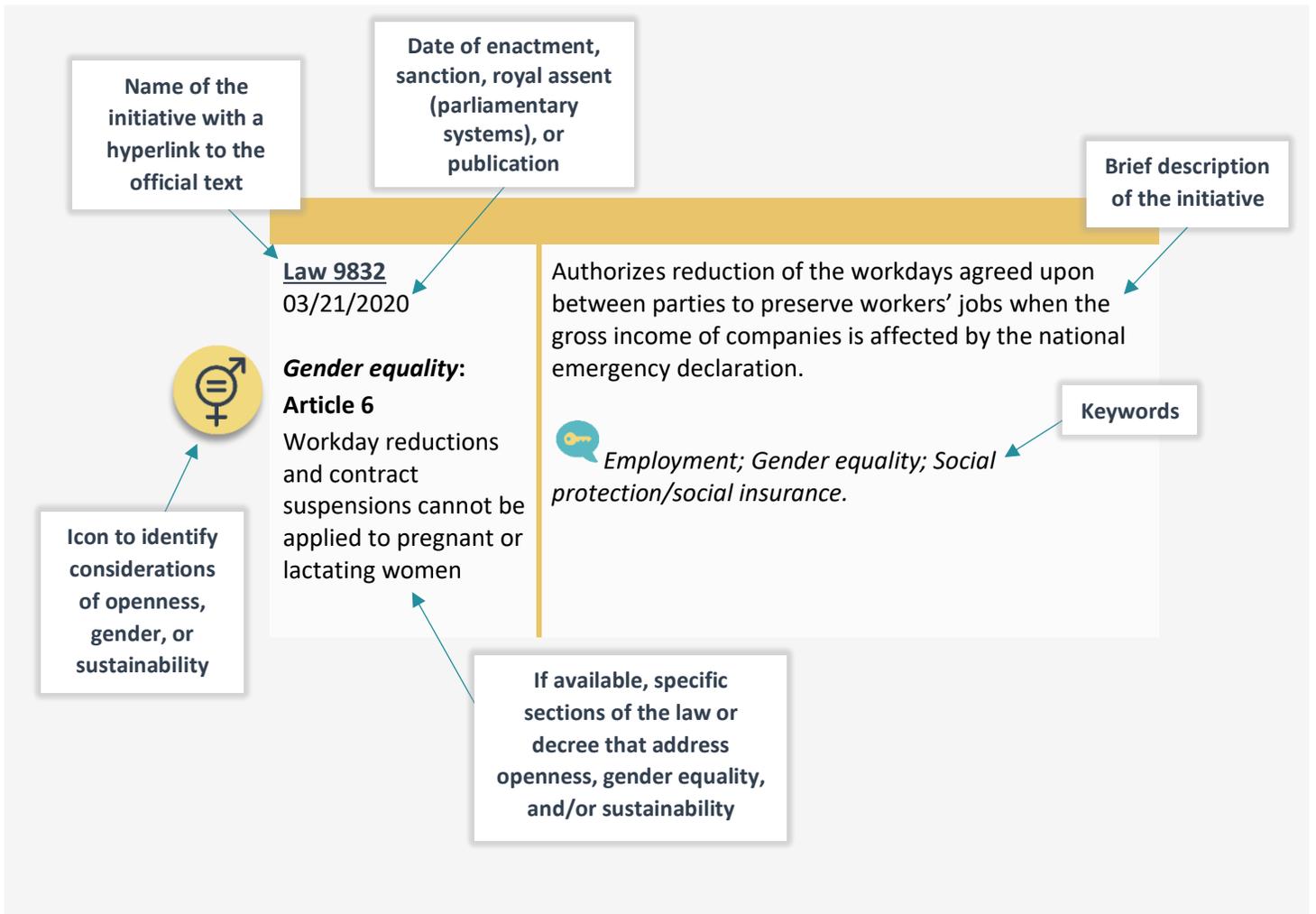
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The compendium is divided by sub-region and country. Each legislative or executive action is identified with a short description, keywords to help readers identify topics of interest, and a link to the official text. The keyword guide ahead outlines the specific topics covered by each keyword.

**The compendium also features icons to identify considerations of openness, gender equality, and sustainability:**



Taken together, each legislative and executive action is displayed as follows:



## Keyword guide

	<i>Keywords</i>	<i>Specific topics</i>
<i>Health Sector</i>	<i>Public health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ disease prevention</li> <li>▪ preparedness measures</li> <li>▪ mitigation of disease spread</li> </ul>
	<i>Health security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ emergency declarations</li> <li>▪ border control</li> <li>▪ quarantine/restrictions on movement</li> </ul>
	<i>Health care system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ health systems financing</li> <li>▪ access to services</li> <li>▪ telemedicine</li> </ul>
	<i>Medical resources</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ medical/diagnostic equipment</li> <li>▪ medical supplies</li> <li>▪ medicine/pharmaceuticals</li> </ul>
	<i>Health workers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ health care professionals</li> </ul>
<i>Economic Sector</i>	<i>Employment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ labour sector</li> <li>▪ employers (private and public sector)</li> <li>▪ workers</li> <li>▪ unemployment</li> <li>▪ labour rights and benefits (e.g., sick leave)</li> <li>▪ working conditions</li> </ul>
	<i>Fiscal affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ taxes</li> <li>▪ government spending/budget</li> <li>▪ national debt</li> <li>▪ procurement of goods and services</li> </ul>
	<i>Financial and monetary sector</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ access to credit/loans</li> <li>▪ interest rates</li> <li>▪ prices</li> </ul>
	<i>Business and industry</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ general business and industry support</li> <li>▪ support to specific industries</li> </ul>
	<i>MSMEs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ microenterprises</li> <li>▪ small enterprises</li> <li>▪ medium-sized enterprises</li> </ul>
	<i>Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ agricultural sector</li> <li>▪ farmers</li> </ul>
	<i>Informal economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ informal sector</li> <li>▪ informal workers</li> </ul>
	<i>Trade</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ imports</li> <li>▪ exports</li> <li>▪ duties and tariffs</li> </ul>
	<i>International cooperation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ bilateral/regional assistance</li> </ul>
	<i>Regional cooperation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ disaster relief</li> </ul>

Social Sector	<i>Social protection/social assistance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ cash transfers*</li> <li>▪ in-kind transfers of basic needs* (e.g., food)</li> <li>▪ subsidies* (e.g., on basic amenities)</li> </ul>
	<i>Social protection/social insurance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ retirement pensions</li> <li>▪ unemployment insurance</li> <li>▪ health insurance</li> <li>▪ disability insurance</li> </ul>
	<i>Justice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ access to justice and protective services</li> </ul>
	<i>Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ education system</li> <li>▪ students</li> <li>▪ student loans</li> </ul>
	<i>Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ right to housing</li> <li>▪ temporary housing</li> <li>▪ rent relief/freeze</li> <li>▪ suspension of evictions/foreclosures</li> </ul>
	<i>Food security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ access to food</li> <li>▪ food assistance programs</li> <li>▪ school feeding programs</li> </ul>
	<i>Basic amenities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ drinking water</li> <li>▪ sanitation</li> <li>▪ electricity</li> <li>▪ gas</li> </ul>
	<i>Telecommunications services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ telephone</li> <li>▪ television</li> <li>▪ internet</li> </ul>
	<i>Rural development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ support to people living in rural areas</li> </ul>
	<i>Migrants</i>	
<i>Prison populations</i>		
Gender Equality	<i>Gender equality</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ non-discrimination</li> </ul>
	<i>Domestic violence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ violence against women</li> <li>▪ violence against children and adolescents</li> </ul>
	<i>Care economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ childcare</li> <li>▪ support to single parent households</li> </ul>
Openness	<i>Transparency</i>	
	<i>Accountability</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ reporting</li> <li>▪ parliamentary oversight</li> <li>▪ audits</li> </ul>
	<i>Public participation</i>	
Sustainability	<i>Sustainability</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ environmental protection</li> <li>▪ conservation of ecosystems</li> <li>▪ flora and fauna welfare</li> <li>▪ contamination</li> </ul>

\* Focused to low-income households and other vulnerable populations, including seniors and persons with disabilities.

## NORTH AMERICA



### Canada

<p><b><u>Interim order respecting the importation and sale of medical devices for use in relation to COVID-19</u></b> 03/18/2020</p>	<p>Allows expedited access to COVID-19-related medical devices for use by health care providers, including diagnostic test kits.</p> <p> <i>Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>COVID-19 Emergency Response Act (S.C. 2020, c. 5)</u></b> 03/25/2020</p>	<p>Implements measures to mitigate the economic and public health impact of COVID-19, including income support payments to workers who have lost income; increases to existing tax credits; measures to prevent shortages of therapeutic products; suspension of interests and payments on student loans; and improvements to employment insurance benefits and leaves of absence regulations.</p> <p> <i>Agriculture; Care economy; Education; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Food security; Housing; Medical resources; Public health; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Order directing Export Development Canada</u></b> 03/30/2020</p>	<p>Provides support for working capital and liquidity for microenterprises in order to cover non-deferrable costs during the economic crisis related to COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 (S.C. 2020, c. 6)</u></b> 04/11/2020</p>	<p>Introduces an emergency wage subsidy, which generally covers 75% of an employee's wages.</p> <p> <i>Business and industry; Employment.</i></p>



### United States

<p><b><u>H.R. 6074: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response</u></b></p>	<p>Provides US\$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, including to the Food and Drug</p>

**Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020**  
03/06/2020



**Accountability:**  
**Division A, Title III, Title IV, Title V**

Oversight provisions including reporting to legislative committees on spending plans

Administration; the Department of Health and Human Services; the Small Business Administration (Disaster Loans Program Account); and the Department of State.



*Accountability; Business and industry; Fiscal affairs; Health care system; International cooperation; Medical resources; MSMEs; Public health.*

**Proclamation of National Emergency**  
03/13/2020

Declares a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak.



*Health care system; Health security; Public health.*

**H.R. 6201: Families First Coronavirus Response Act**  
03/18/2020



**Accountability:**  
**Division A, Title VII; Division B, Title III; Division D**

Reporting to legislative committees

Establishes paid sick leave, tax credits, and free COVID-19 testing; expands food assistance, including by maintaining school lunch programs, and unemployment benefits; and increases Medicaid funding.



*Accountability; Care economy; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Food security; Health care system; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Executive Order 13909**  
03/23/2020

Delegates to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the prioritization and allocation authority under section 101 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 with respect to health and medical resources needed to respond to the spread of COVID-19.



*Medical resources; Public Health.*

**Executive Order 13910**  
03/26/2020

Delegates to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to prevent hoarding of health and medical resources necessary to respond to the spread of COVID-19 within the United States and to implement any restrictions on hoarding.



*Financial and monetary sector; Medical resources.*

**H.R. 748: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**

Implements measures to mitigate the economic and public health impact of COVID-19, including a one-time refundable tax credit to individuals and families; expansion of unemployment benefits;



03/27/2020

**Accountability:**

**Division A, Title IV, sec. 4020**

Establishes a Congressional Oversight Commission on the government's implementation of the Coronavirus Economic Stabilization Act of 2020 (an act within H.R. 748)

temporary suspension of student loan repayment; tax credits to employers; access to loans for businesses, states, and municipalities; grants to the airline industry; additional funding to various government agencies; measures to prevent shortages of drugs and medical devices; requirements of COVID-19 testing coverage by private health insurers; funding to health centres serving underserved populations; and test kits and protective equipment to prisons.



*Accountability; Business and industry; Education; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Food security; Health care system; Housing; International cooperation; Medical resources; MSMEs; Prison populations; Rural development; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Executive Order 13911**

04/01/2020

Takes actions to create, maintain, protect, expand, and restore domestic industrial base capabilities to produce health and medical resources needed to respond to the spread of COVID-19.



*Business and industry; Fiscal affairs; Medical resources.*

**H.R. 266: Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**

04/24/2020

Provides additional funding for small business loans, including to agricultural enterprises; health care providers for health care-related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to COVID-19; and capacity for COVID-19 testing.



*Agriculture; Financial and monetary sector; Health care system; MSMEs; Rural development.*



Mexico

**Executive Decree**

03/24/2020

Approves the agreement that establishes preventive measures that must be implemented to mitigate and control health risks from COVID-19.



*Public health*

**Executive Decree**  
03/27/2020

Declares extraordinary actions to combat the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19), including acquiring all types of goods and services that are needed to face the contingency and carry out the necessary measures to avoid price speculation.



*Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Medical resources; Public health; Trade.*

## CENTRAL AMERICA



Belize

**Statutory Instrument No. 45 of 2020**  
04/01/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*

**Motion Extending the Period of Public Emergency**  
04/28/2020



Costa Rica

**Executive Decree 42227-MP-S**  
03/16/2020

Declares a national state of emergency in the entire territory of the Republic due to the health emergency situation caused by COVID-19.



*Health care system; Health security; Public health; Sustainability.*

**Sustainability:**  
**Article 3**  
Environmental protection



**Law 9830**  
03/19/2020

Provides tax relief in the face of COVID-19 through tax and tariff moratoria.



*Fiscal affairs; Trade.*



**Law 9832**  
03/21/2020

**Gender equality:**  
**Article 6**

Workday reductions and contract suspensions cannot be applied to pregnant or lactating women

Authorizes reduction of the workdays agreed upon between parties to preserve workers' jobs when the gross income of companies is affected by the national emergency declaration.



*Employment; Gender equality; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Law 9839**  
04/21/2020

Allows workers to withdraw resources from the Labour Capitalization Fund in the event of suspension or reduction of working hours and wages.



*Employment; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Law 9840**  
04/22/2020

**Accountability:**  
**Article 3**

Evaluation of the management and delivery of subsidies

Creates a subsidy for dealing with unemployment, temporary suspension of employment contracts, or reduced working hours for people who work in the private sector, informal workers, and self-employed individuals who have seen their income affected as a result of the national state of emergency due to COVID-19.



*Accountability; Employment; Informal economy; Social protection/social insurance.*



El Salvador

**Legislative Decree 593**  
03/14/2020

Decreases the National State of Emergency established by the Law on Civil Protection and Disaster Prevention and Mitigation for a period of thirty days.

**Legislative Decree 634**  
(extension of D.L. 593)  
04/30/2020



*Employment; Health care system; Health security; Public health.*

**Legislative Decree 601**  
03/20/2020

Defers the payment of bills for water, electricity, and telecommunication services (telephone, cable, and internet). Applies to invoices for the months of March, April, and May 2020.



*Basic amenities; Telecommunications services.*



**Legislative Decree 618**  
(reform of D.L. 601)  
04/01/2020

**Legislative Decree 602**  
03/20/2020

Reforms the consumer protection law. Establishes and modifies the maximum prices of essential or necessary products in the event of a national emergency declaration.



*Financial and monetary sector*

**Legislative Decree 607**  
03/26/2020

Suspends application of the Fiscal Responsibility Law for the Sustainability of Public Finances and Social Development temporarily and for the duration of the effects of the national emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Fiscal affairs*

**Legislative Decree 612**  
04/01/2020

***Gender equality:***

**Article 2**

Continuity of maternity benefits

Establishes transitory provisions to guarantee the continued provision of health services of the Salvadoran Social Security Institute to workers who are unemployed or whose work contract has been suspended, or those whose employers have fallen into arrears in the payment of social security contributions.



*Employment; Gender equality; Health care system; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Legislative Decree 614**  
04/01/2020

Establishes conditions for granting credit for productive activities, so that regulatory requirements are not an obstacle to accessing credit in financial institutions.



*Agriculture; Business and industry; Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs; Trade.*

**Legislative Decree 615**  
04/01/2020

Reforms the Budget Law, in the part corresponding to the Fund for Civil Protection and Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, to incorporate US\$42 million in order to meet the different needs arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Fiscal affairs; Public health.*

**Legislative Decree 616**  
04/01/2020

Establishes special and transitory provisions for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and private importers in purchasing operations for corn, beans and rice for human consumption, in the framework of the COVID-19 emergency.



*Agriculture; Food security; Trade.*

**Legislative Decree 620**  
04/01/2020

Declares that the work of health professionals is essential to combating the pandemic and in caring for COVID-19 patients, thereby deeming it a public good that must be protected by the state.



*Health workers; Medical resources; Public health; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Legislative Decree 624**  
04/16/2020

**Accountability:**

**Article 1**

Report on the use of resources

Allows for use of 75% of the allocation corresponding to the months of April and May of the 2020 fiscal year assigned by the Law for the Creation of the Economic and Social Development Fund for Municipalities, to implement cleaning measures for streets, housing developments, and communities and payment of wages in order to prevent the spread of the virus.



*Accountability; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Public health.*

**Legislative Decree 625**  
04/16/2020

**Accountability:**

**Article 3**

Audit of expenditures and investments

Establishes a transitory provision for municipalities to make use of 2% of the Economic and Social Development Fund for Municipalities in order to deal with, prevent, and combat the COVID-19 pandemic in their territories.



*Accountability; Fiscal affairs; Public health.*

**Legislative Decree 629**  
04/16/2020

Authorizes the Finance arm of the Executive Branch to sign a loan contract with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) for US\$ 20,000,000.00 to finance the execution of the El Salvador COVID-19 Emergency Response Project.



*Financial and monetary sector*



**Legislative Decree 630**  
04/16/2020



**Care economy:**  
**Article 7**

Additional wages for health professionals and workers who are single mothers

Guarantees adequate attention for health professionals and workers performing their duties in public institutions, as well as private health professionals and workers who heed the call to provide support during the COVID-19 emergency.



*Care economy; Employment; Health care system; Health workers; Medical resources.*



## Guatemala

**Congressional Decree 8-2020**

03/21/2020

**Congressional Decree 9-2020** (ratifies the reform to D.G. 5-2020)  
04/01/2020

Ratifies Governmental Decree 5-2020 dated March 5, 2020, issued by the President of the Republic in the Council of Ministers, which declares a state of public calamity for a period of thirty days throughout the national territory.



*Fiscal affairs; Health security; Public health; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Congressional Decree 12-2020**

04/01/2020



**Accountability;**  
**Transparency:**  
**Article 15, 1b**

Measures for the Program for Food Support and Prevention of COVID-19, including the presentation of a report to Congress's Transparency and Probity Commission

Creates the initial health, economic, financial, and social measures necessary to respond to the crisis stemming from the measures adopted to contain and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Accountability; Basic amenities; Education; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Food security; Health care system; Medical resources; Migrants; MSMEs; Public health; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance; Transparency.*

**Congressional Decree 13-2020**

04/08/2020



**Care economy:**  
**Article 2**

Establishes mechanisms to compensate for and mitigate the economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including social compensation measures directed toward the inhabitants of the Republic, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable population.

Single mothers and single-parent households among priority groups for the Family Bonus Fund



**Transparency:**

**Article 12:**

Publication of reports on public information portals



*Care economy; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs; Social protection/social assistance; Transparency.*

**Congressional Decree 20-2020**

04/16/2020

Expands the General State Revenue and Expenditure Budget for the 2020 Fiscal Year in order to minimize the consequences of COVID-19.



*Fiscal affairs*



## Honduras

**Executive Decree PCM-005-2020**

02/10/2020

Declares a State of Humanitarian and Health Emergency with the purpose of continuing and strengthening prevention and control actions and guaranteeing care for people who are suffering from dengue; additionally, strengthening surveillance, prevention, and control actions and guaranteeing care for people in the likely event of COVID-19 infections.

**Executive Decree PCM-23-2020** (reforms Exec. Decree PCM-005-2020)

03/21/2020



*Health care system; Health security; Medical resources; Public health.*

**Legislative Decree 29-2020**

03/12/2020

Suspends the payment of the Sales Tax and Production and Consumption Tax on the local purchase and imports of raw materials, supplies, packaging material, and containers necessary for the manufacture of sanitizing products and medicines in order to deal with the health emergency and combat the effects of the probable risk of coronavirus infection.



*Fiscal affairs; Medical resources; Trade.*

**Legislative Decree 31-2020**

03/13/2020

Decreases the Special Law on Economic Acceleration and Social Protection to Deal with the Effects of COVID-19.



**Transparency:**

**Article 5**

Ongoing disclosure of public spending



*Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Health care system; MSMEs; Social protection/social insurance; Transparency.*

**Executive Decree PCM-019-2020**

03/16/2020

Approves the Safety and Hygiene Protocol for Prevention of COVID-19.



*Employment; Public health; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Executive Decree PCM-025-2020**

03/28/2020

Creates the *Honduras Solidaria* (Solidary Honduras) operation with the objective of supplying basic food needs to at least 800,000 Honduran families affected by the global crisis caused by the threat of the spread of COVID-19.



*Food security; MSMEs; Social protection/social assistance.*

**Executive Decree PCM-030-2020**

03/28/2020

Declares support for the food production sector and agribusiness as a national priority and decrees measures to ensure food sovereignty and security.



*Agriculture; Financial and monetary sector; Food security.*

**Legislative Decree 33-2020**

04/03/2020

Decrees the Law to Aid the Productive Sector and Workers Due to the Effects of the Pandemic Caused by COVID-19.



*Employment; Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Housing; Social protection/social insurance; Trade.*



**Panama**

**Executive Decree 64**

01/28/2020

Adopts necessary measures that are essential and cannot be postponed, contained in the National Plan to Address the Threat of the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (2019-nCoV) defined by the Ministry of Health.



*Health care system; Public health.*

<p><b><u>Cabinet Resolution 11</u></b> 03/13/2020</p>	<p>Declares a national state of emergency and enacts other provisions.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health security; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Executive Decree 114</u></b> 03/13/2020</p>	<p>Decreases the maximum gross profit margin throughout the entire chain of commerce in the Republic of Panama on the sale of essential articles for personal hygiene, cleaning, and consumption, and adopts other provisions for its appropriate implementation.</p> <p> <i>Financial and monetary sector</i></p>
<p><b><u>Executive Decree 78</u></b> 03/16/2020</p>	<p>Establishes labour measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the country's companies. Establishes measures for workers 60 years of age or over, those with chronic diseases, and pregnant women, in addition to other employer obligations in the application of protocols to ensure hygiene and health in the workplace.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Public Health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Executive Decree 81</u></b> 03/20/2020</p> <p><b><u>Executive Decree 95</u></b> (extension of Executive Decree 81) 04/21/2020</p>	<p>Establishes that as part of the preventive measures of government authorities, the contracts of workers at companies whose operations have been closed will be considered suspended for all labour purposes.</p> <p> <i>Employment</i></p>
<p><b><u>Executive Decree 251</u></b> 03/24/2020</p>	<p>Adopts tax measures to alleviate the economic impact resulting from the National State of Emergency.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health security.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Executive Decree 400</u></b> 03/27/2020</p>	<p>Creates the <a href="#"><u>Plan Panamá Solidario</u></a> (Panama Solidarity Plan) with the purpose of mitigating the food, hygiene, and medicine needs of citizens in the national territory. Plan support will be carried out through the delivery of Food Bags, Solidarity Bonuses, and Digital Vouchers, based on the logistics required for the effective delivery and use of the supports.</p> <p> <i>Food security; Rural development; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>

<p><b><u>Executive Decree 520</u></b> 03/31/2020</p>	<p>Establishes a temporary special process for the issuance of the Technical Health Council Suitability Certificate during the COVID-19 health crisis in order to expeditiously hire doctors and related health professionals.</p> <p> <i>Health care system; Health workers.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Executive Decree 86</u></b> 04/02/2020</p>	<p>Temporarily enables digital platforms of the Ministry of Labour and Workforce Development to receive and attend to worker reports or complaints that have arisen as a result of Executive Decree 81 of March 20, 2020, related to the suspension of contracts.</p> <p> <i>Employment</i></p>
<p><b><u>Law 139</u></b> 04/02/2020</p>	<p>Adopts a general law on emergency measures to face the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Fiscal affairs; Food security; Medical resources; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>

CARIBBEAN



Antigua and Barbuda

<p><b><u>Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency</u></b> (Statutory Instrument 2020, No. 19) 03/25/2020</p> <p><b><u>Resolution of the House of Representatives Approving a State of Public Emergency</u></b> (Statutory Instrument 2020, No. 24) 03/31/2020</p>	<p>Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Health security; Public health.</i></p>
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## The Bahamas

**Proclamation of Emergency**  
03/17/2020

**Resolution of Parliament**  
(approval to extend the  
Proclamation of Emergency  
until 05/30/2020)  
04/27/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*



## Barbados

**Statutory Instrument 2020,  
No. 15**  
03/28/2020

**Resolution No. 14/2020**  
(House of Assembly  
approves the extension of  
the proclamation of a public  
emergency)  
04/24/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*



## Dominica

**Proclamation Declaring a  
State of Emergency 2020**  
04/01/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*



**Decree 132-20**

03/19/2020

Confirms the High-Level Commission for the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus, establishes the creation of the Commission to attend to Economic and Employment Affairs and the Commission to attend to Social Affairs in order to respond to the needs of the population in the health, economic, and social spheres.



*Business and industry; Care economy; Education; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Health security; Medical resources; MSMEs; Public health; Social protection/social assistance; Trade.*

**Decree 133-20**

03/19/2020

Declares the emergency purchase and contracting of goods and services essential for the execution of initiatives for prevention, medical attention, and construction of public health infrastructure in relation to COVID-19.

**Decree 144-20** (modification of Decree 133-20)

04/02/2020



*Fiscal affairs; Public health.*

**Decree 134-20**

03/19/2020

Declares a state of emergency throughout the national territory for 25 days by virtue of the authorization granted by the National Congress through Resolution 62-20 of March 19, 2020.



**Accountability:**

**Article 3**

The Executive Power will render periodic reports to the bicameral commission of the National Congress



*Accountability; Employment; Health care system; Health security; Public health.*

**Decree 148-20** (extension of Decree 134-20)

04/14/2020

**Decree 141-20**

04/01/2020

Appoints an Emergency and Health Management Committee to combat COVID-19.



*Health care system; Health security; Public health.*

**Decree 143-20**

04/02/2020

Creates the Employee Solidarity Assistance Fund to temporarily support formal private sector workers with a cash transfer, with the aim of counteracting the economic effects of the measures adopted to curb the spread of COVID-19.



**Decree 145-20**  
04/05/2020

**Public participation;  
Accountability:  
Entire Decree**



*Employment; Social protection/social assistance.*

Creates the COVID-19 Citizen Oversight Commission as a mechanism to oversee, follow-up on, and monitor the purchasing and contracting processes carried out under the emergency purchasing scheme as provided by the Executive Power.



*Accountability; Fiscal affairs; Public participation.*



Grenada

**Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency**  
03/30/2020

**Resolution by the House of Representatives Approving Declaration of State of Emergency**  
04/17/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*

**COVID-19 Tax Relief Act, 2020**  
04/20/2020

Suspends certain tax obligations imposed by other acts of parliament to alleviate adverse financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Fiscal affairs*



Jamaica

**Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) Order, 2020**  
03/16/2020

Invokes section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act of 2015, declaring Jamaica a disaster area due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Employment; Health security; Public Health.*



## Saint Kitts and Nevis

### **Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency**

(Statutory Rules and Orders No. 6 of 2020)  
03/28/2020

### **Resolution of the National Assembly made under section 19(3) of the Saint Christopher and Nevis 1983 Constitution**

(Statutory Rules and Orders No. 13 of 2020, extension of the State of Emergency for six months)  
04/17/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*



## Saint Lucia

### **Proclamation for Declaration of State of Emergency**

(Statutory Instrument, 2020, No. 39)  
03/23/2020

### **Resolution of Parliament Approving Declaration of State of Emergency**

(Statutory Instrument, 2020, No. 40)  
03/24/2020

### **Extension of Resolution of Parliament Approving Declaration of State of Emergency**

(Statutory Instrument, 2020, No. 60, extension until 05/31/2020)  
04/23/2020

Declares a state of public emergency as a result of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*

**National Insurance Corporation (Economic Relief Programme for COVID-19) Regulations**  
(Statutory Instrument, 2020, No. 64)  
04/24/2020

Provides financial assistance to insured persons who have suffered a loss of income as a result of COVID-19.



*Employment; Social protection/social insurance.*



## Trinidad and Tobago

**Proclamation Declaring COVID-19 a Dangerous Infectious Disease**  
01/31/2020

Declares the 2019 novel coronavirus to be a dangerous infectious disease.



*Public health*

**Miscellaneous Provisions [2019-Novel Coronavirus 2020 (2019-nCoV)] Act, 2020**  
03/20/2020

Amends various acts to extend the validity of licences in certain industries in response to COVID-19.



*Business and industry; Health security.*

**Miscellaneous Provisions (Heritage and Stabilisation 2020 Fund, Government Savings Bonds and Value Added Tax) Act, 2020**  
03/26/2020

Amends the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act to allow withdrawals where a disaster area is declared under the Disaster Measures Act, a dangerous infectious disease is declared under the Public Health Ordinance, or there is a decline in budgeted revenues. It also amends the Government Savings Bonds Act and the Value Added Tax Act.



*Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs;*

## SOUTH AMERICA



### Argentina

**Decree 260/2020**  
03/12/2020

Extends the public health emergency established by Law No. 27.541, due to the pandemic declared by the World Health Organization in relation to COVID-19, for a period of one year.



*Health security; Public health.*

**Decree 309/2020**  
03/23/2020

**Care economy:**  
**Article 4**

Extraordinary subsidy to the Universal Child and Pregnancy Benefits

Provides an extraordinary, one-time subsidy, intended for pension benefits holders, with the aim of enhancing support and protection of the neediest sectors of society in the current situation.



*Care economy; Social protection/social assistance.*

**Decree 310/2020**  
03/23/2020

Creates the Emergency Family Income for the well-being of sectors that will experience a severe disruption to incomes during the quarantine period. It consists of an exceptional payment to be granted to people who are unemployed; work in the informal economy; are simplified social taxpayers; or work in private homes.



*Employment; Informal economy; Social protection/social assistance.*

**Decree 311/2020**  
03/24/2020

**Decree 426/2020** (extension of Decree 311/2020)  
04/30/2020

Establishes that service providers of electricity, running water, piped gas, fixed and mobile telephones, and cable Internet and television, may not suspend such services due to lack of payment (up to three consecutive or alternate bills). The measure will be in place for 180 days.



*Basic amenities; Employment; MSMEs; Telecommunications services.*

**Decree 312/2020**  
03/24/2020

Suspends the application of fines and the obligation to close and disable bank accounts when checks are rejected due to lack of funds. Suspends the obligation for credit institutions to require from



<p><b><u>Decree 425/2020</u></b> (extension of Decree 312/2020) 04/30/2020</p>	<p>employers—prior to the granting of credit—proof or a sworn statement that they do not have outstanding payments and/or contributions.</p>
<p><b><u>Decree 315/2020</u></b> 03/26/2020</p>	<p>Provides an extraordinary differential payment for the tasks performed in the months of April to July to those who provide services to manage cases related to COVID-19 in health care centres in the public, private, and social security sectors.</p>
<p><b><u>Decree 319/2020</u></b> 03/29/2020</p>	<p>Provides that until September 30 of this year, the monthly mortgage payments for real estate pertaining to occupied single dwellings may not exceed the amount of the March 2020 payment. It also suspends judicial and extrajudicial enforcement of foreclosure orders.</p>
<p><b><u>Decree 320/2020</u></b> 03/29/2020</p>	<p>Suspends eviction from property for lack of payment and establishes an extension of the validity of lease contracts that have expired since March 20. It also provides for the freezing of rental contracts prices, with the amount corresponding to March of this year to be paid prior to September 30.</p>
<p><b><u>Decree 326/2020</u></b> 03/31/2020</p>	<p>Creates a Specific Affectation Fund of 30 billion pesos that the State will transfer to the Argentine Guarantee Fund for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises. The guarantees provided aim to facilitate repayment of working capital loans, including payment of wages.</p>
<p><b><u>Decree 329/2020</u></b> 03/31/2020</p>	<p>Prohibits dismissals without just cause and for the causes of lack or reduction of work and force majeure for a period of 60 days from the date of publication of the decree in the Official Gazette, ensuring that workers do not lose their jobs due to the emergency situation and securing decent living conditions for workers and their families.</p>



*Employment; Financial and monetary sector.*



*Employment; Health care system; Health workers.*



*Financial and monetary sector; Housing.*



*Financial and monetary sector; Housing.*



*Business and industry; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.*

	 <i>Employment</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 346/2020</u></b> 04/05/2020</p>	<p>Provides for the deferral of payments of interest and amortizations of capital of the national public debt instrumented by securities in United States dollars issued under the law of the Argentine Republic until December 31, 2020, or until a prior date to be determined by the Ministry of Economy.</p>
	 <i>Fiscal affairs</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 352 /2020</u></b> 04/08/2020</p>	<p>Financially assists provinces by allocating resources from the National Treasury Contribution Fund and other sources for loans channeled through the Trust Fund for Provincial Development with the aim of sustaining the normal functioning of provincial finances and meeting the needs caused by COVID-19.</p>
	 <i>Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 367/2020</u></b> 04/13/2020</p>	<p>Implements social security policies to maximize the health care of workers who are performing essential work activities. Labour Risk Insurers must adapt their coverage so that the workers affected by COVID-19 immediately receive the corresponding benefits.</p>
	 <i>Employment; Social protection/social insurance.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 376/2020</u></b> 04/19/2020</p>	<p>Creates the Emergency Assistance Program for Work and Production, aimed at both employers and workers, which consists of the postponement or reduction of up to 95% of the payment of employer contributions, a State-paid compensatory wage benefit for workers, and a comprehensive system of unemployment benefits.</p>
	 <i>Employment; MSMEs; Social protection/social insurance.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 387/2020</u></b> 04/20/2020</p>	<p>Approves the model loan agreement between the Argentine Republic and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for the amount of US\$ 35,000,000 to finance the Emergency Project for the Prevention and Management of the Disease caused by COVID-19 in the Argentine Republic.</p>
	 <i>Financial and monetary sector; Health care system; Public health.</i>



<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4174</u></b> 03/05/2020</p>	<p>Exceptionally authorizes the direct contracting of medicines, medical devices, supplies, reagents, medical equipment, and consulting services for health personnel, for the prevention, control, and care of the public health emergency of international importance caused by COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health workers; Medical resources; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4179</u></b> 03/12/2020</p>	<p>Declares a National Emergency Situation due to the COVID-19 outbreak and other adverse phenomena.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health security; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4197</u></b> 03/18/2020</p> <p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4210</u></b> (extends the scope of the Family Bonus) 04/08/2020</p>	<p>Grants a one-time Family Bonus and establishes a temporary reduction on electricity rates in the context of the national health emergency declaration.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Education; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4198</u></b> 03/18/2020</p>	<p>Establishes temporary urgent tax measures during the National Emergency Situation due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including tax deferral and payment facilities with respect to company earnings.</p> <p> <i>Business and industry; Fiscal affairs; Health care system.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4200</u></b> 03/25/2020</p>	<p>Strengthens and reinforces measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 throughout Bolivia and provides a “family basket” aid payment and a temporary reduction in electricity and drinking water rates.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Health security; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4201</u></b> 03/25/2020</p>	<p>Assigns functions to the Central Health Supplies Warehouse and establishes procedures and mechanisms for the acquisition of medicines, medical devices, supplies, reagents, medical equipment, and consulting services for health personnel, for the period of</p>

	<p>epidemiological surveillance, prevention, containment, diagnosis, care, and treatment of coronavirus.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health workers; Medical resources; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4204</u></b> 04/01/2020</p>	<p>Establishes that health professionals and workers can perform functions beyond the established hourly workloads in different health establishments of the National Health System.</p> <p> <i>Health care system; Health workers.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Law 1293</u></b> 04/01/2020</p> <p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4205</u></b> (regulates Law 1293) 04/01/2020</p>	<p>Guarantees free treatment for those ill from COVID-19 and allows the authorities of the transitory government and sub-national governments the extraordinary use of economic resources to deal with the emergency.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Health security; Medical resources; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Law 1294</u></b> 04/01/2020</p> <p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4206</u></b> (regulates Law 1294) 04/01/2020</p>	<p>Defers payment of principal, interest, and other types of charges for credit held at financial entities and reduces monthly bills for basic drinking water, electricity, and household gas services by 50% for the duration of the declaration of emergency.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Financial and monetary sector.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4211</u></b> 04/08/2020</p>	<p>Implements temporary tariff measures through a reduction of the tariff rate on the importation of wheat to 0% in order to protect population health and guarantee food security.</p> <p> <i>Food security; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4215</u></b> 04/14/2020</p>	<p>Grants the Universal Bonus and extends the scope of the Family Bonus to students at Public Educational Institutions and those who fall under the Educational Agreement for Youth and Adults and Students of Private Educational Institutions.</p> <p> <i>Social protection/social assistance</i></p>

<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4216</u></b> 04/14/2020</p>	<p>Establishes the Special Program to Support Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises, and the Emergency Plan to Support Employment and Labour Stability for legally constituted companies.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4217</u></b> 04/14/2020</p>	<p>Authorizes the purchase of insurance to cover health workers providing services to COVID-19 patients.</p> <p> <i>Health workers; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 4227</u></b> 04/28/2020</p>	<p>Reduces the tariff rate to 0% on imports of purchased or donated supplies, medicines, medical devices, and equipment for the care of those suffering from COVID-19, type I and II diabetes, kidney diseases, cardiovascular diseases, neurological diseases, and oncological diseases.</p> <p> <i>Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4226</u></b> 05/04/2020</p> <p> <b>Care economy:</b> <b>Article 2</b> Includes pregnant women and persons with sole custody of girls and boys under the age of six</p>	<p>Establishes the granting of amnesty or pardon for humanitarian reasons in the context of the national health emergency to fight the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Care economy; Prison populations; Public health.</i></p>



## Brazil

<p><b><u>Law 13.982</u></b> 04/02/2020</p> <p> <b>Care economy:</b> <b>Article 2, paragraph 3</b> Additional support for women heading single-parent households</p>	<p>Amends Law 8.742 (1993) to establish additional parameters for characterizing social vulnerability to determine eligibility for the continuous provision benefit and establishes exceptional social protection measures for the period dealing with COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Care economy; Informal economy; MSMEs; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
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**Decree 10.311**  
04/03/2020

**Public participation:**  
**Article 8**

Representatives of public or private entities and civil society organizations may be invited to participate in Council meetings

Institutes the Solidarity Council to Combat COVID-19 and its Social and Economic Effects.



*Business and industry; Care economy; Education; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Health care system; Health security; Public participation; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance; Trade.*

**Law 13.987**  
04/07/2020

Authorizes, during the suspension of classes in emergency or public calamity situations, that food purchased for the National School Food Program be distributed to parents and guardians of public-school students.



*Care economy; Education; Food security.*

**Law 13.989**  
04/15/2020

Authorizes the use of telemedicine during the crisis caused by COVID-19.



*Health care system; Public health.*

**Law 13.993**  
04/23/2020

Prohibits the export of medical, hospital, and hygiene products required to combat the coronavirus epidemic in Brazil, for the duration of the Public Health Emergency of National Importance.



*Medical resources; Trade.*



## Chile

**Decree 4**  
02/05/2020

Decreases a health alert and grants extraordinary powers due to the public health emergency of international importance caused by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

**Decree 6** (modifies Decree 4)  
03/06/2020



*Fiscal affairs; Health security; Medical resources; Public health.*

**Decree 10** (modifies Decree 4)

03/24/2020

**Supreme Decree 420**

03/30/2020

**Supreme Decree 553**

(modifies Supreme Decree 420)

04/09/2020

Establishes tax measures to support families, workers, and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, in dealing with the difficulties created by the spread of the COVID-19 disease in Chile.



*Employment; Fiscal affairs; MSMEs.*

**Law 21.225**

03/30/2020

***Care economy:***

**Article 3**

Mothers are the preferred beneficiaries

**Exempt Decree 101**

(requirements for Law 21.225)

04/09/2020

Adopts economic measures to support families and micro, small, and medium-sized companies. The measures include an extraordinary family income support bonus, authorization of an extraordinary capital contribution to the Bank of the State of Chile, and the temporary reduction of the Stamp Tax, among other economic measures.



*Care economy; Employment; Fiscal affairs; MSMEs; Social protection/social assistance.*

**Law 21.226**

04/01/2020

Establishes a special legal regime for judicial processes, hearings, actions, and deadlines that may be affected by the state of constitutional exception for catastrophe derived from the COVID-19 pandemic for as long as the regulation declaring the state of exception is in force (Supreme Decree 104, of March 18, 2020) or its subsequent extension is provided.



*Justice*

**Law 21.227**

04/01/2020

Establishes access to unemployment insurance benefits for dependent workers whose employers have stopped their activities due to COVID-19, either by mutual agreement or as a result of an act or declaration of authority, or who have agreed to the continuity of the provision of services in the period covered.



*Employment; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Decree 4; Decree 4 T**

04/07/2020

Establishes that the productive sectors have greater flexibility to carry out their economic activities at different periods of the day, while also aiming to avoid crowds of people in carrying out these activities.





**Law 21.228**  
04/16/2020

**Care economy:**  
**Article 3**

Includes pregnant women and/or women with children under 2 years of age

*Basic amenities; Financial and monetary sector.*

*Care economy; Prison populations.*

**Law 21.229**  
04/21/2020

**Exempt Decree 130**  
(approves FOGAPE administration regulations)  
04/24/2020

Increases the capital of the Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (FOGAPE) and temporarily relaxes its requirements until April 30, 2021.

*Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.*



## Colombia

**Decree 397**  
03/13/2020

Establishes a benefit in the filing and payment of tax-related employer contributions for the promotion of tourism in order to mitigate the economic effects of COVID-19 in the national territory.

*Business and industry*

**Decree 417**  
03/17/2020

Declares a State of Economic, Social, and Ecological Emergency throughout the country for 30 days.

*Employment; Health care system; Health security; Public health; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Decree 438**  
03/19/2020

**Decree 551** (extends Decree 438 and includes new goods and supplies)

Establishes that, for the duration of the emergency declared via Decree 417 of 2020, certain goods and supplies for the provision of medical services will be exempt from sales tax (VAT) on importation and on sales in national territory, without the right of return and/or compensation.

04/15/2020



*Medical resources; Trade.*

**Decree 441**  
03/20/2020

Establishes measures for public water supply, sewage, and sanitation services.

**Decree 580**  
(extends Decree 441)  
04/15/2020



*Basic amenities; Social protection/social assistance; Sustainability.*



**Sustainability:**

**Article 3**

Establishes deferred payment for non-profit entities that care for fauna and flora

**Decree 444**  
03/21/2020

Creates the Emergency Mitigation Fund (FOME), which contains resources to meet health care needs, address adverse effects on productive activity, and attend to the need for the economy to maintain employment and growth.

**Decree 552** (adds resources to the FOME)  
04/15/2020



*Business and industry; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Health care system.*

**Decree 458**  
03/22/2020

Adopts measures for households in poverty, authorizing the national government to deliver an unconditional, additional, and extraordinary cash transfer to the beneficiaries of the Families in Action, Social Protection for the Elderly – *Colombia Mayor*, and Youth in Action programs.



*Social protection/social assistance*

**Decree 460**  
03/22/2020

Decrees that district and municipal mayors must guarantee the effective fulfillment of administrative and jurisdictional functions in attending to cases of domestic violence and in adopting emergency measures for the protection of children, adolescents, women, and elderly persons who are victims of domestic violence.



**Domestic violence:**

**Articles 1, 2**

Protection in cases of domestic violence and access to justice

**Article 4**

Campaign for the prevention of domestic violence



*Domestic violence; Justice; Public health.*

<p><b><u>Decree 461</u></b> 03/22/2020</p>	<p>Temporarily authorizes governors and mayors to redirect revenues and lower territorial tax rates.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 462</u></b> 03/22/2020</p>	<p>Prohibits the export and re-export of products required to deal with the health emergency caused by COVID-19 and imposes measures on their distribution and sale in the domestic market.</p> <p> <i>Health care system; Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 463</u></b> 03/22/2020</p>	<p>Partially modifies the customs tariff for the importation of medicines, medical devices, chemical reagents, hygiene and cleaning articles, supplies, equipment, and materials required for the water and basic sanitation sector.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Health care system; Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 464</u></b> 03/23/2020</p> <p><b><u>Decree 555</u></b> (maintains measures adopted in Decree 464) 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Stipulates the non-suspension of the provision of telecommunications services, including sound broadcasting services, television services, and postal services during the state of emergency.</p> <p> <i>Telecommunications services</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 467</u></b> 03/23/2020</p>	<p>Decreases the COVID-19 Coronavirus Educational Aid Plan for beneficiaries of the Colombian Institute of Educational Credit and Technical Studies Abroad.</p> <p> <i>Education; Financial and monetary sector.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 468</u></b> 03/23/2020</p>	<p>Authorizes new operations for the <i>Financiera de Desarrollo Territorial S.A.</i> (FINDETER) [Financial Corporation for Territorial Development] and the <i>Banco de Comercio Exterior de Colombia S.A.</i> [Bank of Foreign Trade]. Authorizes FINDETER to exceptionally grant direct credit to municipalities, districts, and departments.</p> <p> <i>Financial and monetary sector</i></p>

<p><b><u>Decree 470</u></b> 03/24/2020</p> <p><b><u>Decree 533</u></b> (adopts measures for the implementation of the School Feeding Program) 04/09/2020</p>	<p>Establishes measures that provide tools to territorial entities to guarantee the continued implementation of the School Feeding Program during the state of emergency.</p> <p> <i>Education; Food security.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 471</u></b> 03/25/2020</p>	<p>Adopts protection measures in the agricultural sector due to market volatility over the price of the dollar. Allows the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to directly set pricing policies for agricultural supplies, thus repealing Title 9 of Part 13 of Book 2 of Decree 1071 of 2015.</p> <p> <i>Agriculture; Financial and monetary sector.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 476</u></b> 03/25/2020</p>	<p>Establishes measures to guarantee the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Medical resources; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 486</u></b> 03/27/2020</p>	<p>Creates an economic incentive for rural workers and producers. Adopts other measures to guarantee the ongoing operation of the supply chain for agricultural products and food security throughout the country.</p> <p> <i>Agriculture; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Food security; Rural development.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 488</u></b> 03/27/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures in the workplace in order to promote job retention and provide alternatives to workers and employers. Includes a measure allowing workers who have experienced a decrease in their monthly income to make a monthly withdrawal from their severance account for the amount that allows them to compensate for said reduction.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 492</u></b> 03/28/2020</p>	<p>Optimizes use of the capital of state-owned financial entities, transferring said resources to the National Guarantee Fund to support the issuance of new credit and finance micro, small, and medium-</p>

	<p>sized companies, as well as people who have stopped receiving income due to their self-employed status or unemployment.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 499</u></b> 03/31/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures on government contracting for the acquisition of medical devices and personal protective equipment, recognizing the turbulence in the international market for goods to mitigate the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Medical resources.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 507</u></b> 04/01/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures to favour access by the most vulnerable households to essential products, medicines, and medical devices. Adopts extraordinary measures to avoid the generation of significantly high prices for basic necessities.</p> <p> <i>Financial and monetary sector; Medical resources; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 517</u></b> 04/04/2020</p>	<p>Establishes measures to guarantee the provision of electricity and fuel gas services, especially to those who have insufficient financial means.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 518</u></b> 04/04/2020</p>	<p>Creates the Solidarity Income Program to meet the needs of poor and vulnerable households throughout the national territory by delivering unconditional cash transfers.</p> <p> <i>Social protection/social assistance</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 528</u></b> 04/07/2020</p>	<p>Establishes measures for public water supply, sewage, and sanitation services.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Financial and monetary sector.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 535</u></b> 04/10/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures to establish an abbreviated procedure for the return and/or compensation of taxpayers' credit balances with respect to income and supplementary taxes and sales tax.</p>



	 <i>Fiscal affairs</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 538</u></b> 04/12/2020</p> <p><b><u>Decree 607</u></b> (corrects formal errors) 04/29/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures in the health care sector to contain and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic and guarantee the provision of health care services.</p>  <i>Employment; Health care system; Health workers; Medical resources; Public health.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 540</u></b> 04/13/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures to expand access to telecommunications.</p>  <i>Fiscal affairs; Telecommunications services.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 546</u></b> 04/14/2020</p> <p><b>Care economy:</b> <b>Article 2</b> Includes pregnant women and/or women with children under 3 years of age</p>	<p>Adopts measures to replace prison sentences and preventive detention assurance measures in penitentiary and prison establishments with temporary prison and house arrest at the residences of people who have greater vulnerability to COVID-19. Adopts other measures to combat prison overcrowding.</p>  <i>Care economy; Health care system; Prison populations; Public health.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 553</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Defines the unconditional economic transfer for elderly individuals who are registered on the priority list of the <i>Colombia Mayor</i> program. Defines the transfer to the Solidarity Fund to Promote Employment and Protect the Unemployed administered by the Family Compensation Funds.</p>  <i>Employment; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 554</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures for the provision of broadcast television services in order to attend to the emergency situation.</p>  <i>Telecommunications services</i>
<p><b><u>Decree 557</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts provisional measures in the field of tourism and health records for micro and small enterprises.</p>

	 <p><i>Business and industry; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 558</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures within the framework of the General Pension System to provide greater liquidity to employers and dependent and independent workers and to protect pensioners under the scheduled retirement modality who receive a current legal monthly minimum wage from a potential decapitalization of pension savings accounts that support pension payments.</p>  <p><i>Employment; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 559</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Creates the National Fund for Disaster Risk Management, which will administer a temporary subaccount aimed at financing the provision of goods, services, and works required to contain, mitigate, and prevent the spread of adverse effects from COVID-19 in vulnerable sectors of the population and in the health care system.</p>  <p><i>Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 560</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Mitigates the impact to companies affected by the declaration of the state of emergency and aims to support the recovery and conservation of the company as a unit of economic exploitation and a source of job creation.</p>  <p><i>Business and industry; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 561</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Temporarily reallocates the resources of the national consumption tax for culture to deliver unconditional cash transfers to artists, creators, and cultural managers who demonstrate their state of vulnerability.</p>  <p><i>Business and industry; Fiscal affairs; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 563</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts special provisional measures for the social inclusion and reconciliation sector to guarantee the uninterrupted functioning of family ombudsmen in order to protect and safeguard the rights of children and adolescents throughout Colombia.</p>  <p><i>Care economy; Justice.</i></p>

<p><b><u>Decree 567</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures to protect the fundamental rights of children and adolescents and assigns family court attorneys temporary jurisdictional authority to advance adoption processes.</p> <p> <i>Care economy; Justice.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 568</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Creates the COVID-19 solidarity tax, specifically destined for social investment in the vulnerable middle class and in informal workers.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Fiscal affairs; Informal economy.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 570</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures related to the creation of exceptional financial support for demobilized populations of organized armed groups in the process of reintegration.</p> <p> <i>Social protection/social assistance</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 573</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Establishes tax measures in relation to the Agricultural Guarantee Fund.</p> <p> <i>Agriculture; Fiscal affairs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 574</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts mining and energy-related measures to allow continuity of residential public services for electricity and gas users.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Business and industry; Financial and monetary sector; Rural development.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 576</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Adopts measures in the gambling sector to prevent the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Business and industry; Financial and monetary sector.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 579</u></b> 04/15/2020</p>	<p>Creates new legal provisions regarding (i) the suspension of evictions by police authorities of leased residential and commercial properties and those used by non-profit legal entities; and (ii) the readjustment, extension, and initiation of lease contracts on the aforementioned properties.</p>

	 <p><i>Business and industry; Housing.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 582</u></b> 04/16/2020</p>	<p>Adopts social security measures in order to protect the rights of pensioners and beneficiaries of the Complementary Social Service for Periodic Economic Benefits and the beneficiaries of the Pension Contribution Subsidy Program.</p>  <p><i>Social protection/social insurance</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 611</u></b> 04/30/2020</p>	<p>Authorizes the payment of overtime and Sunday and holiday pay to public servants of the National Institute of Health, with a maximum of one hundred overtime hours per month.</p>  <p><i>Employment; Health workers.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 614</u></b> 04/30/2020</p>	<p>Establishes measures to provide inhabitants of the national territory with official channels of information during health emergencies via telephone and mobile services.</p>  <p><i>Telecommunications services</i></p>



## Ecuador

<p><b><u>Decree 1017</u></b> 03/16/2020</p>	<p>Declares a state of exception for public calamity throughout the national territory, due to confirmed coronavirus cases and the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic by the World Health Organization, which represent a high risk of contagion for all citizens.</p>  <p><i>Basic amenities; Employment; Health security; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 1020</u></b> 03/25/2020</p>	<p>Extends the period of migratory amnesty and the process of regularization for humanitarian reasons, conferred by Executive Decree 826 of July 25, 2019.</p>  <p><i>Health security; Migrants.</i></p>

**Decree 1021**  
03/27/2020

Extends the term for the payment of corporate income tax for the 2019 fiscal year and the value-added tax to be paid in April, May, and June 2020.

 *Agriculture; Business and industry; Fiscal affairs; MSMEs.*

**Decree 1022**  
03/27/2020

Establishes the Emergency Family Protection Bonus to financially support households, cover families' basic needs, and alleviate the effects produced as a consequence of the health emergency declaration.

 *Social protection/social assistance*



Guyana

**Direction by the President  
Given Under the Public  
Health Ordinance**  
03/16/2020

Declares that immediate action is necessary to address COVID-19.

 *Education; Fiscal affairs; Health security; Public health.*



Paraguay

**Decree 3456**  
03/16/2020

Declares a state of health emergency throughout the national territory to control compliance in the implementation of preventive actions to limit the spread of COVID-19.

 *Health security; Public health.*

**Decree 3469**  
03/18/2020

Authorizes the Ministry of Finance to reallocate budgetary credits in the budget of state agencies and entities, allocating them to those entities that may be affected by government measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

 *Fiscal affairs*

**Decree 3471**  
03/18/2020

Partially modifies the appendix to Decree 6655 of December 30, 2016 and its amending decrees, for the adjustment of import tariffs on sensitive medical supplies for the prevention and mitigation of COVID-19.



*Medical resources; Trade.*

**Law 6524**  
03/25/2020

***Accountability;***  
***Public participation;***  
***Transparency:***

**Articles 41–45**

Various provisions, including the creation of a Bicameral Commission of Congress for ongoing oversight in matters of transparency

Declares a state of emergency in the entire territory of the Republic of Paraguay in the face of the pandemic declared by the World Health Organization due to COVID-19 and establishes administrative, fiscal, and financial measures.



*Accountability; Basic amenities; Business and industry; Employment; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Informal economy; MSMEs; Public participation; Social protection/social insurance; Transparency.*

**Decree 3531** (regulates Article 18 of Law 6524)  
04/13/2020

**Decree 3546** (regulates Article 24 of Law 6524)  
04/13/2020

**Decree 3495**  
03/30/2020

Creates the ÑANGAREKO Support for Food Security program and authorizes the National Emergency Secretariat to carry out cash transfers for the purchase of food and hygiene products—replacing the distribution of food kits—for the labour sector affected by the measures adopted in the context of the COVID-19 health emergency.



*Food security; Medical resources; Social protection/social assistance.*

**Decree 3530**  
04/13/2020

Authorizes the Ministry of Finance to allocate specific resources to the Guarantee Fund for Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises for its administration under Article 9 of Law 5628/2016.



*MSMEs*



<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 008-2020</u></b> 03/11/2020</p>	<p>Declares a national health emergency for a period of 90 calendar days due to the existence of COVID-19 and stipulates prevention and control measures to stop its spread.</p> <p> <i>Education; Employment; Health security; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 025-2020</u></b> 03/11/2020</p>	<p>Establishes urgent measures aimed at strengthening the health surveillance and response system in view of the serious danger of the spread of the disease caused by COVID-19 in the national territory, in order to establish immediate mechanisms to protect population health and minimize the impact of adverse health situations.</p> <p> <i>Education; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 010-2020-SA</u></b> 03/14/2020</p> <p><b><u>Supreme Decree 011-2020-SA</u></b> (modifies Appendix 1 of Supreme Decree 010-2020) 03/30/2020</p>	<p>Approves the Plan of Action—Surveillance, Containment, and Care of Cases of the New COVID-19 in Peru and the list of Goods or Services Required for the Activities of the COVID-19 Health Emergency.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Public health; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 026-2020</u></b> 03/15/2020</p>	<p>Approves extraordinary additional measures that allow for the adoption of preventive and response actions to reduce the risk of spread and the health impact of the disease caused by COVID-19 in the national territory and aid in reducing the impact on the Peruvian economy.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Health care system; Health security; Health workers; Public health; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance; Telecommunications services.</i></p>

<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 027-2020</u></b> 03/16/2020</p>	<p>Approves measures for the economic protection of vulnerable households given the risk of spread of COVID-19.</p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 044-2020</u></b> (extends the measures of Emergency Decree 027-2020) 04/21/2020</p>	<p> <i>Health security; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 028-2020</u></b> 03/19/2020</p>	<p>Approves extraordinary economic and financial measures, with the purpose of acquiring goods and services to obtain, transport, and process samples for COVID-19 testing—required to prevent and deal with the COVID-19 emergency nationwide.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Medical resources.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 029-2020</u></b> 03/20/2020</p> <p><b><u>Emergency Decree 049-2020</u></b> (strengthens the management of the FAE-MYPE) 04/27/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary economic and financial measures that promote the financing of micro and small enterprises affected by COVID-19. Creates the Business Support Fund for Micro and Small Enterprises (FAE-MYPE), which aims to guarantee credits for working capital granted to micro and small enterprises.</p> <p> <i>Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 031-2020</u></b> 03/23/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary measures to strengthen the prevention, control, surveillance, and health response systems for dealing with the emergency caused by COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Housing; Medical resources.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Law 31011</u></b> 03/27/2020</p>	<p>Delegates to the Executive Branch the power to legislate for a term of 45 calendar days in various matters related to the health emergency produced by COVID-19.</p> <p> <i>Basic amenities; Business and industry; Education; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Health security; MSMEs; Public health; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 033-2020</u></b> 03/27/2020</p>	<p>Establishes measures to minimize the effects of the national emergency on vulnerable low-income households, as well as on individuals and corporations whose daily activities have been</p>



**Transparency:**

**Article 23**

Publication of a report with an update on the main macroeconomic and fiscal variables for the 2020 fiscal year

suspended. Authorizes local governments, during the 2020 fiscal year, to acquire and distribute essential goods.



*Agriculture; Business and industry; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Food security; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance; Transparency.*

**Supreme Decree 012-2020-SA**

04/01/2020

Establishes regulatory standards to ensure continuity of COVID-19 prevention, control, testing, and treatment actions in the health care sector.



*Employment; Health care system; Health workers; Medical resources; Public health; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Emergency Decree 034-2020**

04/01/2020

Establishes the extraordinary withdrawal from the pension fund in the Private Pension System as a measure to mitigate the economic effects of compulsory social isolation and other measures.



*Social protection/social insurance*

**Emergency Decree 035-2020**

04/03/2020

Establishes complementary measures to reduce the impact on the national economy as a result of the mandatory social isolation and immobilization provided for in the declaration of a national state of emergency, including continuity of basic public services of electric power, natural gas, and telecommunications for the vulnerable population.



*Basic amenities; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Housing; Medical resources; Telecommunications services.*

**Law 31016**

04/06/2020

**Accountability:**

**Article 2**

The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic is empowered to oversee entities under the scope of the National Oversight System

Establishes measures for the deployment of simultaneous oversight during the COVID-19 health emergency. Establishes that the Office of the Comptroller of the Republic shall develop the following modalities of simultaneous oversight: concurrent oversight, monitoring visits, and professional orientation, with regards to the COVID-19 health emergency.



*Accountability*



<p><b><u>Supreme Decree 013-2020-SA</u></b> 04/08/2020</p>	<p>Establishes temporary measures to ensure the supply of necessary health products during the emergency declared as a consequence of COVID-19.</p>
	<p> <i>Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 036-2020</u></b> 04/10/2020</p>	<p>Establishes complementary measures to reduce the impact on the national economy and on households with self-employed workers in situations of economic vulnerability, as well as to ensure the continuity of sanitation services.</p>
	<p> <i>Agriculture; Basic amenities; Employment; Fiscal affairs; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 037-2020</u></b> 04/12/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary measures that allow the health care sector to guarantee provision of services during the emergency produced by the COVID-19 outbreak, including extending life insurance coverage for all health personnel performing work in public health care facilities in the context of COVID-19.</p>
	<p> <i>Employment; Fiscal affairs; Health workers; Medical resources; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 038-2020</u></b> 04/14/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary measures to mitigate the economic effects on private sector workers and employers as a result of the restrictive and social isolation measures adopted in the framework of the declared health emergency, and to preserve the jobs of said workers.</p>
	<p> <i>Employment; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 039-2020</u></b> 04/16/2020</p>	<p>Establishes complementary measures that allow the health care sector to guarantee provision of services during the emergency produced by the COVID-19 outbreak, including financing for the implementation of Rapid Response Teams in regional governments and Clinical Follow-up Teams.</p>
	<p> <i>Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Health workers; Medical resources.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 040-2020</u></b> 04/17/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary economic and financial measures to promote the financing of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises</p>

	<p>economically affected by the spread of COVID-19, through factoring companies.</p> <p> <i>Business and industry; Financial and monetary sector; MSMEs.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 041-2020</u></b> 04/18/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary measures within the framework of Law 31015, which authorizes the implementation of interventions in basic, productive, and natural social infrastructure, through Executing Centres, to promote reactivation of the economy in the agriculture and irrigation sector.</p> <p> <i>Agriculture; Rural development.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 042-2020</u></b> 04/19/2020</p>	<p>Approves extraordinary additional measures aimed at helping to reduce the economic and social impact caused by COVID-19 to households living in poverty or extreme poverty in rural areas.</p> <p> <i>Rural development; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 043-2020</u></b> 04/20/2020</p> <p><b><u>Emergency Decree 048-2020</u></b> (additional measures on temporary accommodation) 04/27/2020</p>	<p>Approves extraordinary measures to contract goods and services needed to accommodate and feed people who must move within the country and whose return to their usual residence due to family or work ties, vulnerability, and/or health is not possible in the context of the national emergency.</p> <p> <i>Food security; Housing; Social protection/social assistance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Emergency Decree 047-2020</u></b> 04/27/2020</p>	<p>Establishes extraordinary measures to lessen the effects on the fiscal situation of local governments due to the reduced collection of revenues by the funding source entitled Directly Collected and Determined Resources in the categories of Municipal Taxes and the Municipal Compensation Fund.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs</i></p>



## Suriname

**COVID-19 Exceptional Condition Act**  
04/08/2020

Establishes a state of emergency and provides additional social and economic measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



*Health security; Public health.*



## Uruguay

**Decree 93/020**  
03/13/2020

Declares a state of national health emergency as a consequence of the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus.



*Health security; Public health.*

**Decree 108/020**  
03/24/2020

Requires execution of the one-time partial financing of the extraordinary budget item established in the Collective Agreement of March 20 between representatives of the national construction sector, which consists of a payment to construction workers due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on work activity.



*Business and industry; Employment.*

**Decree 109/020**  
03/25/2020

**Decree 132/020**  
(extension of the term given by the decree)  
04/24/2020

Establishes that people 65 years of age or older, included in the subjective scope of the sickness subsidy established by Decree-Law 14.407 of July 22, 1975, its amendments, and related provisions, may remain in isolation at most until May 31, 2020, as determined and communicated by companies to the Social Security Bank.



*Employment*

**Law 19.869**  
04/02/2020

Establishes general guidelines for the implementation and development of telemedicine as a method for delivering health care services, in order to improve health care efficiency and quality and increase coverage through the use of information and communication technologies.



*Health care system*

**Law 19.872**  
04/03/2020

Exempts 40% of the employer and personal contributions included in the Industry and Commerce Regime for smaller companies that have up to 10 employees on their payroll.



*Fiscal affairs; MSMEs.*

**Law 19.873**  
04/03/2020

**Decree 131/020**  
(regulates the implementation of the health personnel registry)  
04/17/2020

Creates a registry of health personnel who participate in the health care process (medical and non-medical workers), who perform tasks in private health care institutions and are exposed to SARS-CoV-2 causing the disease COVID-19. Declares COVID-19 to be an occupational disease during the health emergency.



*Employment; Health workers; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Decree 120/020**  
04/06/2020

Urges the National Telecommunications Administration to suspend cuts in telecommunications services for non-payment until April 13, 2020, exclusively for residential users and the services of companies included in paragraph E of article 52 of Title 4 of Amended Law 1996 (*Texto Ordenado 1996*).



*Telecommunications services*

**Law 19.874**  
04/08/2020

**Decree 133/020**  
(regulates Law 19.874)  
04/24/2020

Creates the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund and the COVID-19 Emergency Health Tax.



*Fiscal affairs; Social protection/social insurance.*

**Decree 119/020**  
04/08/2020

Urges the National Administration of Power Plants and Electric Transmissions to suspend cuts in the supply of electrical energy for non-payment of services until April 13, 2020, exclusively in the case of users of general and residential plans.



*Basic amenities*

**Decree 122/020**  
04/08/2020

Decreases that in health emergency situations, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Public Health may import reagents for testing, medical equipment, and/or therapeutic devices, once they have been approved by the competent technical office of the Ministry of Public Health.

	 <p><i>Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 127/020</u></b> 04/14/2020</p>	<p>Incorporates dependent workers affiliated with the Notarial Social Security Fund and individualized in sections B) and D) of article 43 of its Organic Law 17.437 of December 20, 2001, into the subsidy regime for forced unemployment regulated by Decree-Law 15.180 of August 20, 1981, its amendments, and related provisions.</p>
	 <p><i>Employment; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 130/020</u></b> 04/17/2020</p>	<p>Grants a temporary disability allowance to self-employed health professionals without the right to insurance from the State Insurance Bank. Enables the provisions of the Board Resolution of the Retirement and Pension Fund for University Professionals.</p>
	 <p><i>Employment; Health workers; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>



## Venezuela

<p><b><u>Decree 4.160</u></b> 03/13/2020</p>	<p>Decrees a State of Alarm throughout the National Territory in order for the National Executive to adopt urgent, effective, and necessary measures to protect and preserve the health of the Venezuelan population and to mitigate and eradicate the epidemic risks related to COVID- 19.</p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.186</u></b> (extension of 30 days) 04/12/2020</p>	
	 <p><i>Education; Health security; Medical resources; Public health.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.166</u></b> 03/17/2020</p>	<p>Exempts payment of the Value-Added Tax, Import Tax, and Fees Determined by the Customs Regime, as well as any other applicable tax or fee according to current laws on personal movable goods imported by the Agencies and Entities of the National Public Administration in the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19.</p>
	 <p><i>Fiscal affairs; Medical resources; Trade.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.167</u></b> 03/23/2020</p>	<p>Ratifies the job security of workers in the public and private sector governed by the Decree with Rank, Value, and Force of Organic Law on Employment and Workers, until December 31, 2020, from the</p>

	<p>entry into force of this Decree in order to protect the right to employment.</p> <p> <i>Employment</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.168</u></b> 03/23/2020</p>	<p>Enacts economic protection measures in the context of the State of Alarm to attend to the COVID-19 health emergency. Implements a special regime for the payment of valid credit in national public and private banks and orders prioritization of the allocation of credit to strategic sectors whose activity is essential.</p> <p> <i>Business and industry; Financial and monetary sector; Food security.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.169</u></b> 03/23/2020</p>	<p>Suspends payment of the leases on commercial property and properties used as a primary residence.</p> <p> <i>Business and industry; Housing.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.171</u></b> 04/02/2020</p>	<p>Exempts payment of income tax on annual revenues obtained domestically by individuals residing in the country during the 2019 fiscal year whose regular salary or income from their activities at the close of said period does not exceed an amount equivalent to three times the minimum wage on December 31, 2019.</p> <p> <i>Fiscal affairs</i></p>
<p><b><u>Decree 4.193</u></b> 04/27/2020</p>	<p>Increases the minimum monthly income and social protection, including an adjustment to the amounts corresponding to social, non-salary, non-remunerative benefits granted through the Homeland Platform as part of the social protection system for Venezuelan men and women.</p> <p> <i>Employment; Social protection/social assistance; Social protection/social insurance.</i></p>

## ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES



### Organization of American States

**CP/RES. 1151 (2280/20)**

(The OAS Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic)  
04/16/2020

Encourages hemispheric cooperation and solidarity to contain, mitigate, and defeat the pandemic and its consequences, including exchanging information, scientific knowledge, lessons learned, and best practices, with due regard to the differential impacts on all vulnerable groups and at-risk populations.



**Domestic violence;**  
**Gender equality;**  
**Article 3**

The prevention of and response to gender-based violence in all measures relating to COVID-19

**Article 6**

The full participation of women in the response to COVID-19



*Domestic violence; Financial and monetary sector; Fiscal affairs; Gender equality; Health care system; Health security; Health workers; Medical resources; Public health; Regional cooperation.*

## EUROPEAN UNION



### European Union

**Commission Decision (EU)**

**2020/491**  
04/03/2020

Provides relief from import duties and exempts VAT on importation granted for goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak during 2020.



*Fiscal affairs; Regional cooperation; Trade.*

**Council Regulation (EU)**

**2020/521**  
04/14/2020

Activates emergency support under Regulation (EU) 2016/369 to finance expenditure necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic for the period 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2022.



*Fiscal affairs; Health care system; Medical resources; Public health; Regional cooperation.*

**Decision (EU) 2020/545 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

04/17/2020

**Decision (EU) 2020/546 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

04/17/2020

**Decision (EU) 2020/547 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

04/17/2020

Mobilizes the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak.



*Fiscal affairs; Regional cooperation.*

Mobilizes the Contingency Margin in 2020 to provide emergency assistance to Member States and further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.



*Fiscal affairs; Regional cooperation.*