

US-Latin America Health Diplomacy: Recent Bilateral Agreements and Cross-

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1. As of early March 2026, how many bilateral health Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) had the United States signed as part of its 'America First Global Health Strategy', including those with Latin American countries?

- A) 24**
- B) 12
- C) 30
- D) 18

2. Which of the following Latin American countries was among the first to sign a bilateral health MOU with the United States under the 'America First Global Health Strategy' in early 2026, focusing on disease surveillance?

- A) Panama**
- B) Mexico
- C) Brazil
- D) Colombia

3. The Pandemic Fund has allocated approximately US\$130 million in grants across nine projects to strengthen pandemic preparedness in Latin America and the Caribbean. Which organization serves 26 member states and is a key recipient of these funds?

- A) Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)**
- B) Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- C) World Health Organization (WHO)
- D) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

4. In November 2025, the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) signed an arrangement with which regional organization to strengthen global readiness against cross-border health threats, focusing on preparedness, response, and equitable access to medical countermeasures?

- A) Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)**
- B) Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- C) Latin American Integration Association (LAIA)
- D) Andean Community (CAN)

5. The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) signed an extension of its strategic partnership under the Caribbean Antimicrobial Resistance Alliance (CARA) Project in April 2026 with which agency, supported by funding from the United Kingdom Government?

A) UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

- B) European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- C) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - US
- D) Public Health England (PHE)

6. As part of a broader initiative to strengthen pandemic preparedness, the Pandemic Fund has supported a project in Guyana with US\$15.6 million to modernize disease surveillance systems and enhance laboratory capacity. What approach does this project emphasize?

A) One Health approach

- B) Individual-focused health interventions
- C) Biosecurity measures only
- D) Technological surveillance only

7. In March 2026, Guyana and Jamaica announced they were ending their long-standing medical cooperation agreements with Havana. This action was taken amid intensifying pressure from which country?

A) United States

- B) Canada
- C) France
- D) Russia

8. What is a key focus of the EU-LAC Initiative for Regional Health Resilience, which aligns with CELAC's 'Plan for self-sufficiency in health matters'?

A) Boosting local manufacturing of vaccines and medicines

- B) Implementing strict travel bans for health emergencies
- C) Focusing solely on infectious disease research
- D) Establishing a single regional health authority

9. As of February 2026, the United States had signed bilateral health MOUs with 24 countries. How many of these were with Latin American countries?

A) Four

- B) Ten
- C) Six
- D) Two

10. In May 2026, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) signed a landmark agreement with CSL Seqirus to reserve a portion of pandemic influenza vaccine supplies for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. This agreement aims to strengthen which of the following?

A) Pandemic preparedness and health security

B) Agricultural trade policies

C) Tourism promotion strategies

D) Inter-regional space exploration