# A TALE OF TWO PANDEMICS:

COVID-19 & Global Vaccine Equity

The COVID-19 Situation in Latin America

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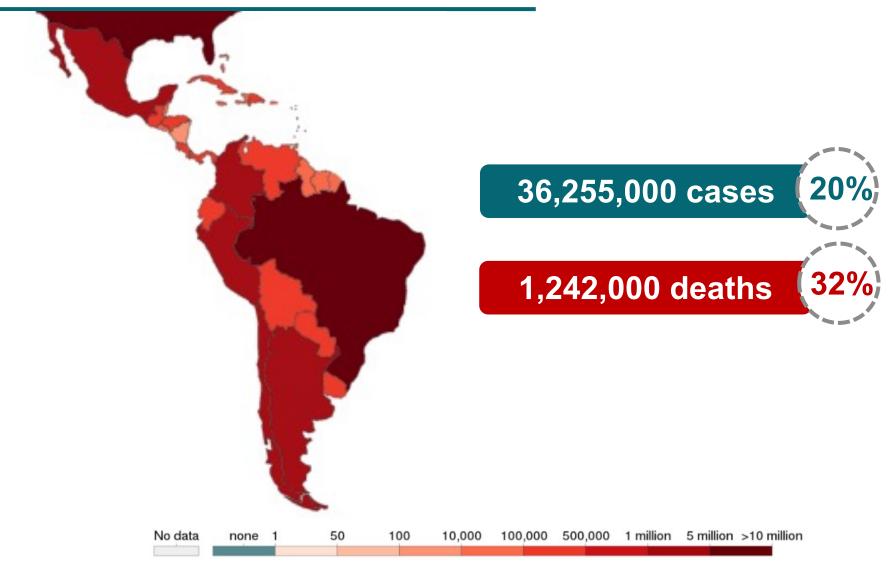




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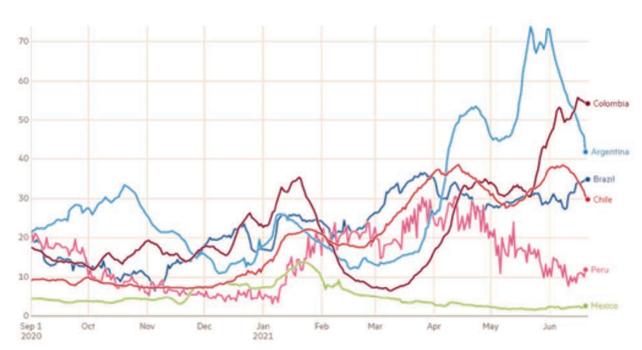
- Overview on the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America
- Public health challenges
- Opportunities at National and International levels

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America**



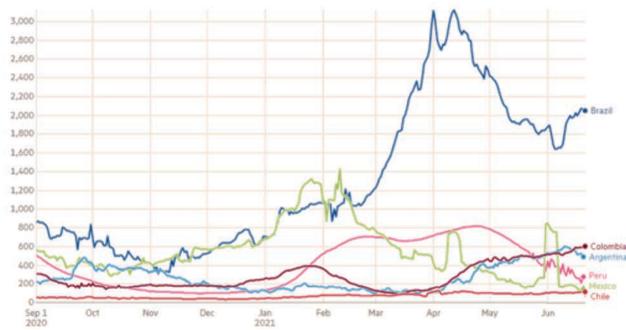
## COVID-19 Epidemic in Latin America

#### **New confirmed cases of COVID-19 in selected Latin American countries**



Seven-day rolling average of new cases (per 100k)

#### New deaths attributed to COVID-19 in selected Latin American countries



Seven-day rolling average of new deaths

## COVID-19 Epidemic in Brazil

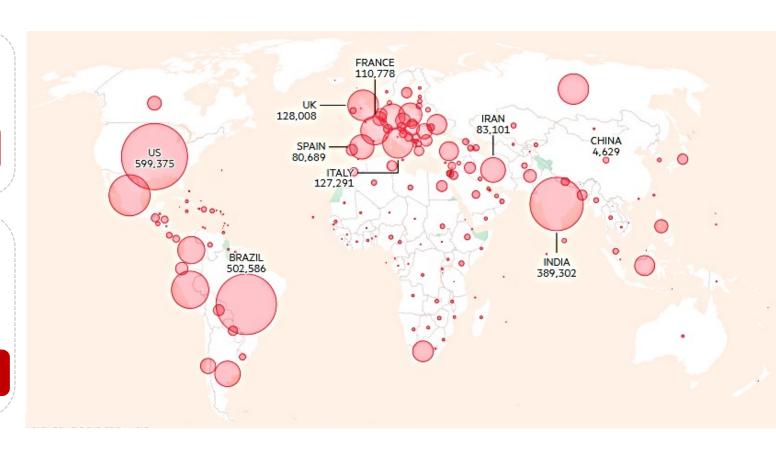
17,883,750 cases: 3rd highest globally

500,800 deaths: 2nd highest globally

2.7% of world population

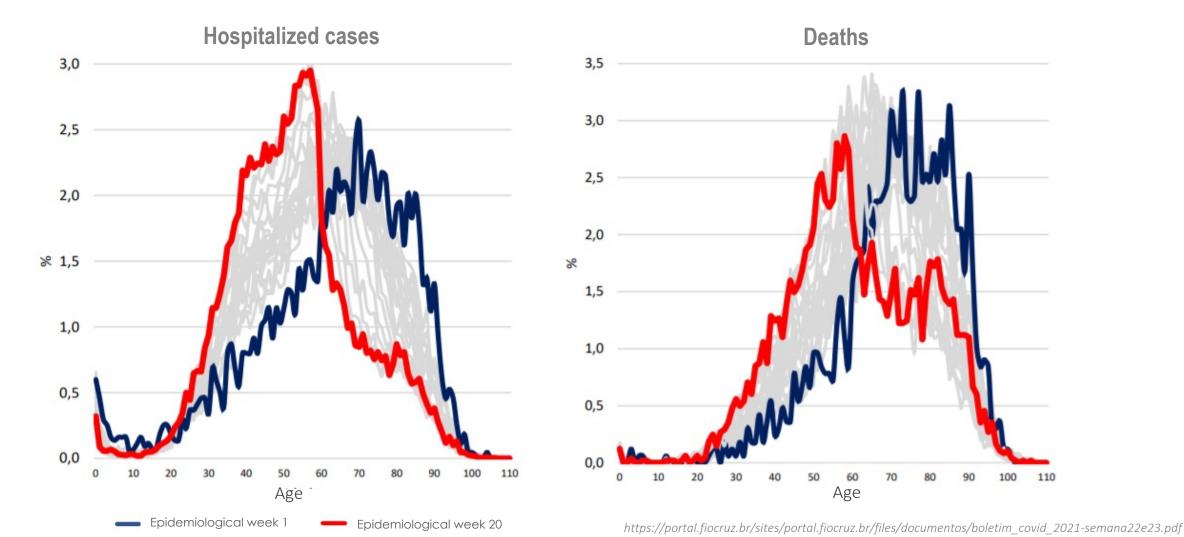
10.0% of worldwide COVID-19 cases

13.0% of worldwide COVID-19 deaths

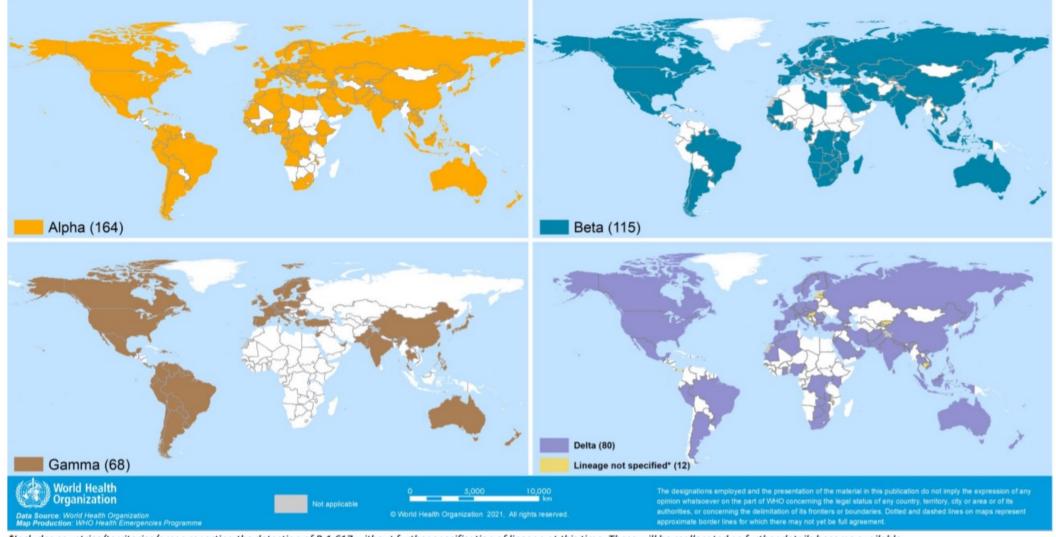


#### Age and COVID-19 hospitalized cases and deaths in Brazil

Distribution of COVID-19 hospitalized cases and deaths according to age in Brazil, 2021



#### Main SARS-CoV-2 strains worldwide

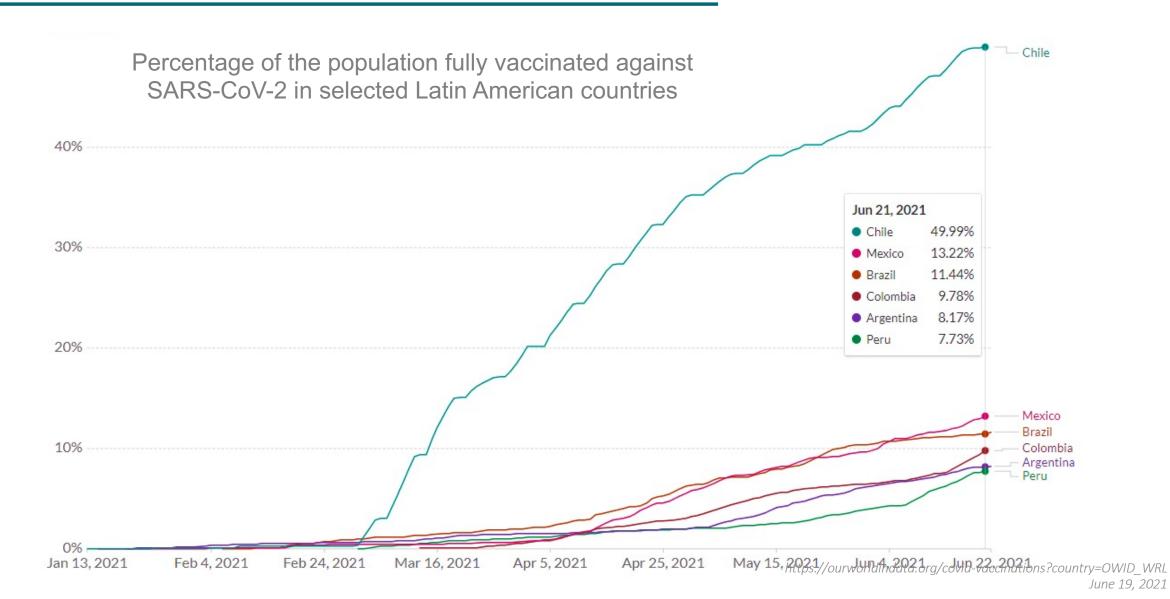


<sup>\*</sup>Includes countries/territories/areas reporting the detection of B.1.617 without further specification of lineage at this time. These will be reallocated as further details become available.

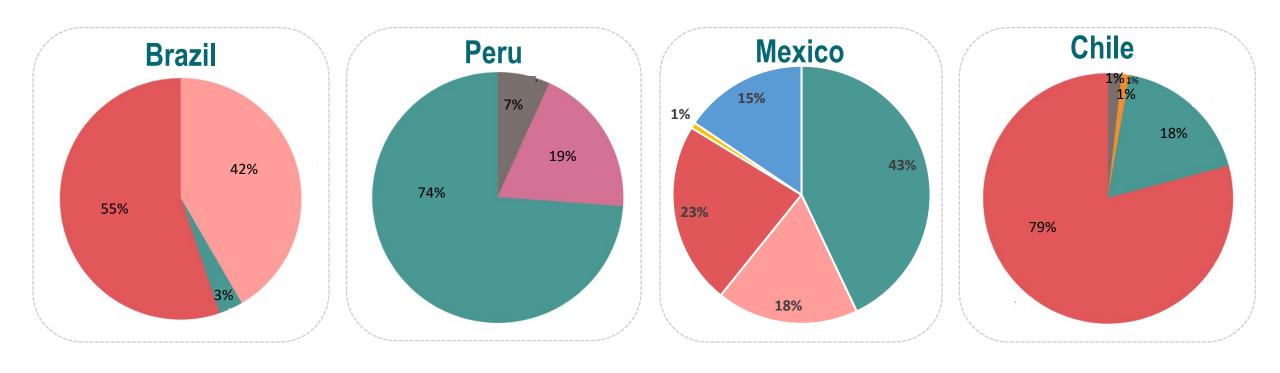
\*\*Countries/territories/areas highlighted include both official and unofficial reports of VOC detections, and do not presently differentiate between detections among travellers (e.g., at Points of Entry) or local community cases. Please see Annex 2 for further details

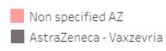
https://www.who.int/publications/m - Updated: June 15, 2021

#### COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Latin America



#### Total doses of COVID-19 vaccine in Latin America











#### Public Health Challenges

- Insufficient and late COVID 19 diagnosis
- Fragile health care system-insufficient ICU beds
- Shortage of essential medications and oxygen
- Slow vaccination pace/use of vaccine with low effectiveness
- Vaccine effectiveness against the Gamma variant, insufficient sequencing infrastructure
- Anti-science environment
- Dramatic cuts in research funding/dismantle of science and technology institutions
- Highest brain drain in history

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PANDEMIA DE CORONAVÍRUS

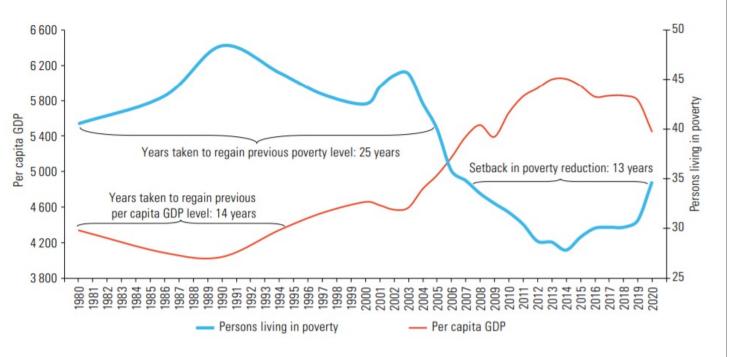
#### Ciência brasileira sofre com cortes de verbas e encara cenário dramático para pesquisas em 2021

Em evidência na pandemia, cientistas temem impacto da redução de investimentos na luta contra o coronavírus. Aposta em inovação e tecnologia é motor na retomada de países desenvolvidos

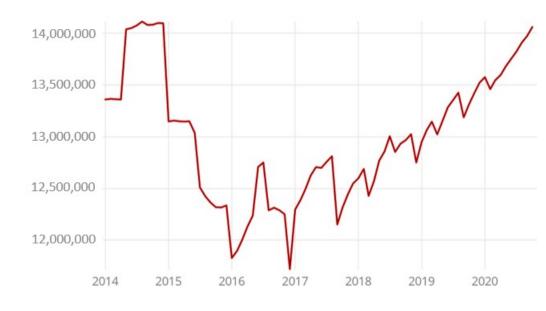


#### The social consequences of COVID-19

#### Latin America (18 countries): Per capita GDP and poverty levels, 1980-2020



#### Total families in extreme poverty in Brazil



## Health as a human right: a call for action in Latin America



## Thank you!



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