

**PROJECT:** **Support to the health, social and economic response to the crisis related to COVID-19 in Dominican Republic**

**LEAD INSTITUTION:**

AFD

**PARTNERS:**

IDB

**TOTAL COST:**

€ 433,500,000

**CIF CONTRIBUTION:**

€ 8,448,000

**TYPES OF SUPPORT:**

Investment Grant  
Technical Assistance

**DURATION PERIOD:**

June 2021 – June 2025

**DESCRIPTION**

The main purpose of this project is to mitigate the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic on the Dominican Republic and to reinforce the country's capacities in terms of resilience, preparedness and response to crises through the enhancement of its health and social policies while at the same time promoting Good Governance principles. This will be done through the strengthening of the country's health surveillance system and the development of social protection measures, with a particular focus on women empowerment.

The project includes two components: the development of rapid responses and long-term public policies to support the healthcare system, the social protection sector and the economy, and the implementation of a technical assistance and equipment investments to support the development of the measures mentioned above.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The project targets three main objectives:

1. Contributing to provide rapid and effective responses to the Covid-19 crisis in terms of health offer, social protection measures and economic support.
2. Strengthening the Dominican health surveillance system and improving the country's preparedness and response capacities to crises.
3. Enhancing the resilience of the Dominican social protection system.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:**

- The health system is provided with equipment and technical capacity for an epidemiological surveillance and be able to respond promptly and effectively to public health risks and public health emergencies.
- The social protection system will be better equipped to contribute to more resilient livelihoods of households and individuals in the long-term.
- Social programs and institutions will be able to anticipate, respond, and recover from adverse impacts of economic, health, epidemiologic, or natural disasters.