

ACRONYMS

ACT	Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
ADC	Andean Development Corporation
AIDIS	Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALAESP	Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education
API	Annual parasite index
BCIE	Central American Bank for Economic Integration
BIREME	Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (PAHO)
BMI	Body mass index
CAN	Andean Community of Nations
CAREC	Caribbean Epidemiology Center (PAHO)
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CCA	Common Country Assessments (NU)
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
CEHI	Caribbean Environmental Health Institute
CELADE	Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Center (ECLAC)
CEPIS	Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (PAHO)
CERSSO	Regional Center for Occupational Safety and Health
CFNI	Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (PAHO)
CHRC	Caribbean Health Research Council
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CIOMS	Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
COHRED	Council on Health Research for Development
COLABIOCLI	Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry
COPICHAS	Confederation of Indigenous Peoples of the South American Chaco Region
CPC	Caribbean Program Coordination (PAHO)
CPI	Consumer price index
CRICS	Regional Congress on Health Sciences Information
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DALY	Disability-adjusted life years
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DOTS	Directly observed treatment, short course
EAP	Economically active population
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
EPI	Expanded Program on Immunization
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FCTC	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO)
FIOCRUZ	Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
GAVI	Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
GDP	Gross domestic product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
GIVS	Global Immunization Vision and Strategies

GMP	Good manufacturing practices
GNI	Gross national income
GNP	Gross national product
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation Agency
HACCP	Hazard analysis critical control point
HDI	Human development index (UNDP)
HINARI	Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (IMF/World Bank)
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HPSRI	Health-Promoting Schools Regional Initiative
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAM	Amazon Malaria Initiative
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
IBWC	International Boundary and Water Commission
ICOH	International Commission on Occupational Health
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDA	International Development Association (World Bank)
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IHR	International Health Regulations
ILO	International Labor Organization
IMCI	Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INCAP	Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (PAHO)
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPCC	United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRET	Regional Institute for the Study of Toxic Substances
ISCA	Central American Health Initiative
IUHPE	International Union for Health Promotion and Education
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JMP	Joint Monitoring Program (WHO/UNICEF)
LAMM	Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Maternal Mortality Reduction
LILACS	Latin American and Caribbean Literature on Health Sciences (PAHO)
MDG	Millennium development goals
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	Nongovernmental organization
OAS	Organization of American States
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (NU)
ODA	Official development assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OEPA	Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas
OIE	World Organization for Animal Health
ORAS-CONHU	Andean Health Agency-Hipólito Unánue Agreement
OREALC	Regional Office for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNESCO)
PAHEF	Pan American Health and Education Foundation
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization

PANAFTOSA	Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PAHO)
PANCAP	Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS
PANDRH	Pan American Network for Drug Regulatory Harmonization
PASB	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
PHAC	Canadian Public Health Agency
PHEFA	Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
PLAGSALUD	Occupational and Environmental Aspects of Exposure to Pesticides in the Central American Isthmus
PPP	Purchasing power parity
RAVREDA	Amazon Network for the Surveillance of Antimalarial Drug Resistance
RBM	Roll Back Malaria
RECACER	Central American Network for the Prevention and Control of Emerging and Reemerging Diseases
RELAB	Latin American Biology Network
RELAC	Latin American and Caribbean Network of Environmental Laboratories
REMSAA	Meeting of Andean Area Health Ministers
REPAMAR	Pan American Environmental Waste Management Network
REPIDISCA	Pan American Network of Information and Documentation in Sanitary
RESSCAD	Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic
RICTSAL	Network of Science and Technology Health Indicators
RICYT	Network of Science and Technology Indicators
RIMSA	Inter-American Meeting at Ministerial Level on Health and Agriculture
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SciELO	Scientific Electronic Library Online
ScienTI	International Network of Information and Knowledge Sources for Sciences, Technology and Innovation Management
SICA	Central American Integration System
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SIREVA	Regional System of Vaccines (PAHO)
TCC	Technical cooperation among countries
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS
UNASUR	Union of South American Nations
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNGASS	United Nations General Assembly Special Session
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNSCEAR	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
VHL	Virtual Health Library
VIVSALUD	Inter-American Healthy Housing Network
VWA	Vaccination week in the Americas
WFP	World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization