

# USAID COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Assistance Implementing Partners Forum

## ADAPTING STRATEGIES TO REACH THE HARD-TO-REACH AND PRIORITY POPULATIONS WITH COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION IN HAITI

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Reaching hard-to-reach and priority population



### CHALLENGE

As of December 2021, only 1.6% (75,028) of the Haitian population had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, one of the lowest in the region. Rumors about the vaccine and cultural taboos in addition to weaknesses of the health system have seriously affected vaccination efforts.



### INNOVATION

#### A Multilayer and Evolving Approach



**With our workforce:**  
Training, sensitizing and immunizing healthcare workers at our six (6) affiliated facilities



**With the communities:**  
Conducting sensitization sessions for community leaders and periodic interviews with local medias



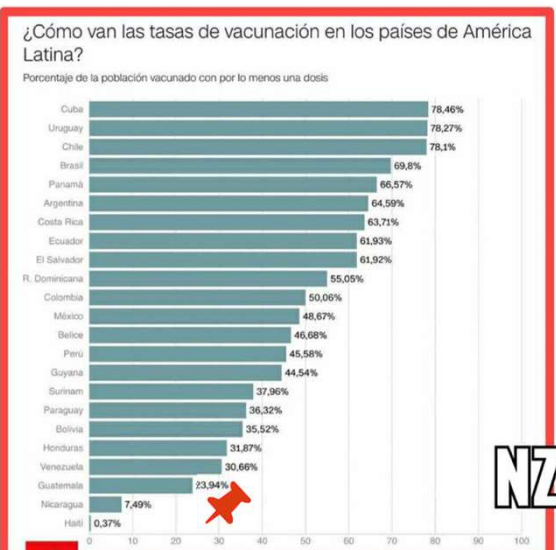
**At the clinics:**  
Focusing on patients with comorbidities and motivating the youth to get vaccinated as a way to protect their elders



**Within the communities**  
Mobile clinics (using trucks or tents) both on weekdays and weekends

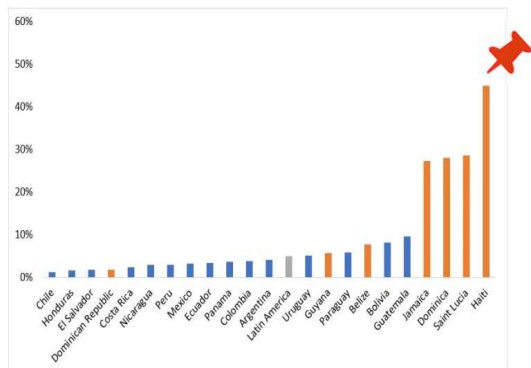


**Late stage:**  
Door to door sensitization, referrals from travel agencies



Source: <https://lenouvelliste.com/article/231896/>

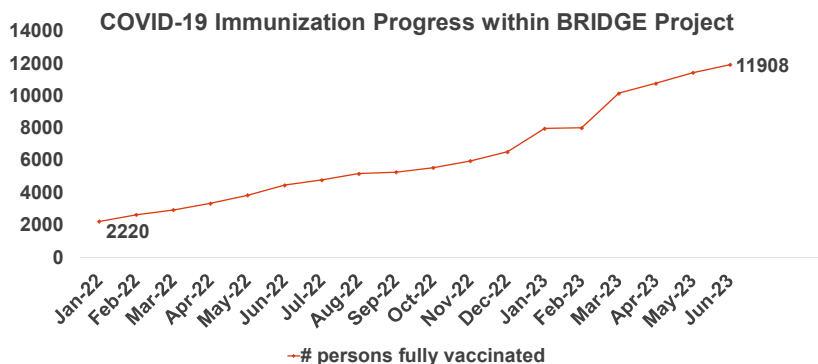
Share of population that are unsure about or do not plan to be vaccinated against COVID-19 (among the unvaccinated population) (Nov - Dec 2021)



Source: HFPS/World Bank



### RESULTS/OUTCOMES



From January 2022 to June 2023, 300,038 individuals were sensitized. A total of 11394 individuals (52% males and 48% females) received their first dose (Moderna 14%, Pfizer 17%, Jansen 69%); of which 9859 (87%) are considered fully immunized.



### APPLICATION TO ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION OR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

This multilayer, multifaceted and proactive approach has resulted in an increase in number of individuals vaccinated and shown the importance of constantly adapting implementation strategies according to patients' needs.