

Socio- Environmental impacts of COVID -19 in the Peruvian Amazon

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Fast response – Wrong design

- The Peruvian government was one of the first countries in South America to implement a strategy to curb the rise of the virus.
- However, the design of support to the population, was generally weak, disorganized and corrupt. State policies for social support also became one of the principal vectors of the disease, especially for indigenous populations
- Contrary to popular belief, extractive activities did not stop during quarantine, indeed their continuity severely impacted the socio environmental context in the peruvian amazon.



The Most Affected.

From the 9 countries of the Amazon basin.

1. Brasil: 17,186 cases and **559** Indigenous people dead.

2. Perú: 10,182 cases and **384** Indigenous people dead.

3 Colombia: 7,042 cases and **237** Indigenous people dead.



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RESÚMEN

Población de pueblos indígenas contagiada:

38 719

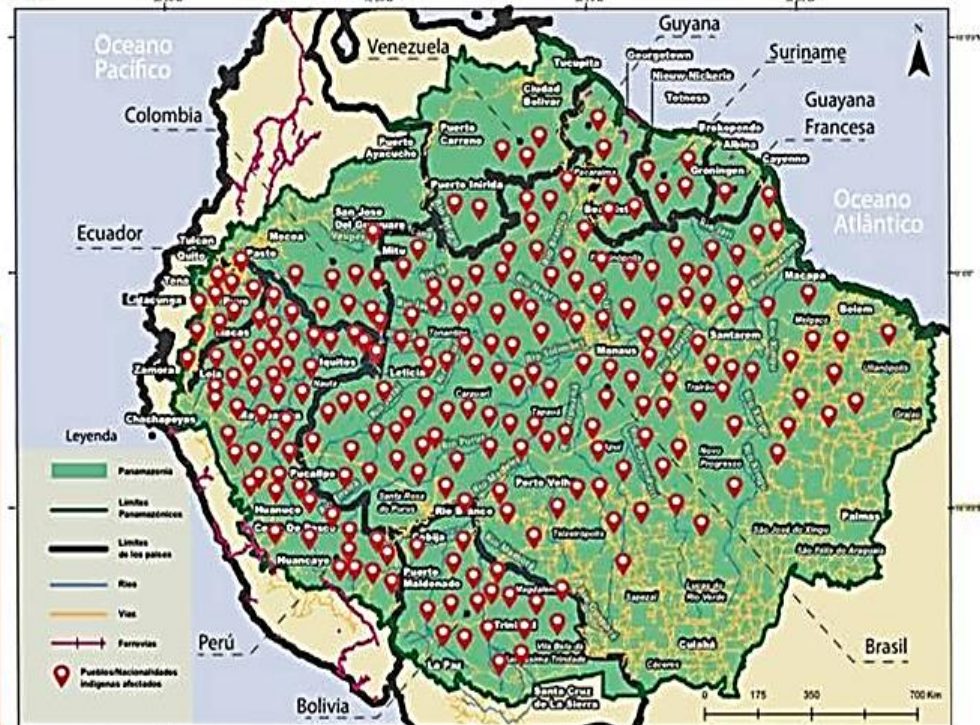
Población de pueblos indígenas fallecida:

1362

Pueblos/nacionalidades indígenas afectados por COVID-19:

217 aproximadamente

IMPACTO DEL COVID-19 EN LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS DE LA CUENCA AMAZÓNICA





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



The Most Affected.



Institute Of Legal Defense - IDL

- The Inter-Ethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Jungle - AIDSEP – report that **70%** of the indigenous population in Peruvian amazon is infected.



Diario El Peruano



Foto: Agencia AFP



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Gobern, COVID-19 and debts

- By July 2020, **16.6%** of GDP was used to combat COVID-19 and there are **credit lines** from the World Bank and the Inter-American Finance Bank, of approximately **12,800** Million USD,.

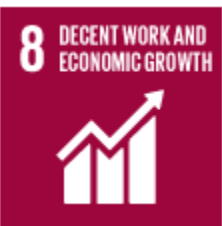
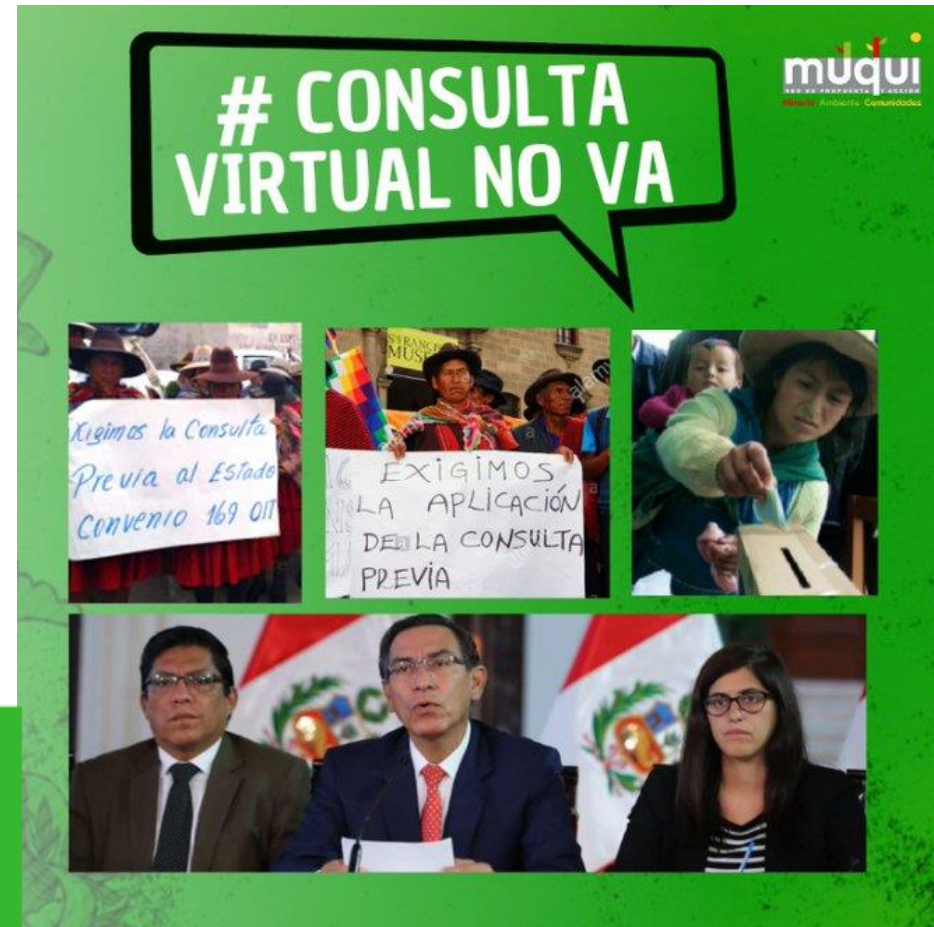


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Peruvian COVID-19 Politic and its economic reactivation vision

- Weakening of the environmental sector and institutional restructuring.
- Implementation of a legal framework to make more flexible and enhance the oil, mining and logging activity.
- An economic reactivation that has a drastic impact on the environment and violates the rights of the Amazonian indigenous population, the protection of the forest and its natural resources..



Weakening of the environmental sector and institutional restructuring.

1. Arbitrary dismissal of the head of the National Forest and Wildlife Service – SERFOR –



2. Removal of the Minister of the Environment and questionable replacement.

3. Two ministerial cabinet changes in less than a month



Risks of the Weakening of the environmental sector

1. Breaches of contracts in environmental matters such as treaties, agreements among others

- The Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean
 - "Escazú Agreement"



Comunicado público sobre el Acuerdo de Escazú



Risks of the Weakening of the environmental sector

2. Mis-governance on legal, illegal extractive activities and the abandonment of the state on the rights of indigenous peoples and the forest

- Frontera Energy of Block 192 conditions access of indigenous communities with Covid-19 to the Oxygen Plant, in exchange for restarting their activities
- Achuar and Wampis denounce the unauthorized entry of the Geopark oil company in the middle of the quarantine by COVID-19

Source: Intercultural communication for a more humane and diverse world + (SERVINDI)

OXÍGENO POR PETRÓLEO

Frontera Energy del Lote 192 condiciona acceso de comunidades indígenas con Covid-19 a Planta de Oxígeno, a cambio de reiniciar sus actividades

PUINAMUDT

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PETROLERA GEOPARK, NO
INGRESES A MI TERRITORIO

(Source: Jorge Carrillo Rojas – Ojo Público)

CONCENTRACIÓN DE EXPRESIÓN PÚBLICA,

JUEVES 27 DE JUNIO A LAS 15:00 HRS,

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS ANGELES 179, LAS CONDES

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12 RESPONSIBLE
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Risks of the Weakening of the environmental sector

- Oil and logging companies continue to operate and put the lives of indigenous peoples at risk from COVID-19
- Two indigenous leaders, Gonzalo Pío and Arbildo Meléndez, died during the pandemic, allegedly from criminals engaged in the invasion of land and activities such as illegal logging, illegal mining and drug trafficking.



THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

The emergence of Leadership of the Indigenous Communities to fight the Virus with their traditional Knowledge and defend their Natural Resources



Gracias!



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