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Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA)

Strategic Watch: COVID-19 Overview by country and region (situation at January 20, 2021)

Based on FIEC's COVID-19 Construction Observatory, FIIC's, CIAN's and MEDEFI's and IFAWPCA's data

For more information go to the CICA Website: <http://www.cica.net/cica-covid-19-overview/> and Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/home/Observatory%20COVID-19>

Panama

Country/Region	General measures	Measures for construction
PANAMA		
Lockdown	<p>Closure of all social premises and companies which are not essential to the functioning of the country.</p> <p>Essential businesses/value chains entailed: Food value chain; medications and hygiene products (e.g. pharmacies); safety equipment; construction materials (railways, production and distribution of gas tanks); veterinary and agricultural inputs; maintenance, operation and distribution companies of medical equipment; sea, air and haulage shipment logistics; restaurants (only to-go orders); fuel distribution companies; financial services (April 2020).</p>	<p>According to European contractors, maintenance works could still be carried out. Civil engineering works are on hold.</p> <p>Companies within the concrete industry in Central America and South America joined the effort against the Coronavirus pandemic by offering their help in various ways, including participating in public space cleaning operations. Cemex Panamá initiated this effort, which has now branched out to Cemex Colombia as well. Companies are using their mixer trucks to bring soap and water to public spaces where more intensive cleaning is required in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 (1 April 2020).</p>
Economic outlook	<p>The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved Panama's request for emergency financial assistance under the Rapid Financing Instrument (RFI) of about US\$515 million.</p> <p>The pandemic has weakened Panama's macroeconomic outlook for 2020 and opened a balance of payments gap estimated at about US\$3.7 billion (16 April).</p>	



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Other Overviews

The OECD LAC Regional Programme (including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, **Panama**, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), provides an update of the situation, that can be downloaded hereunder (cf. OECD) (20 November):

- Concerning [selected Health measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 crisis in LAC](#)
- Concerning [vaccine strategies in response to the Covid-19 crisis in selected LAC countries](#)
- Concerning [selected Social policy measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 crisis](#)