

# USAID COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Assistance Implementing Partners Forum

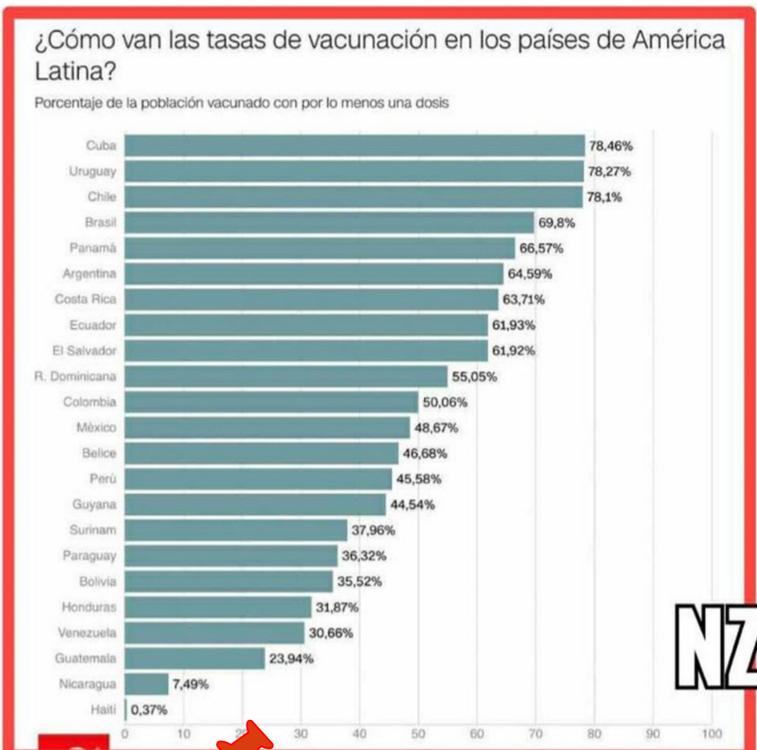
## Adapting Strategies to Reach the Hard-to-reach and Priority Populations with COVID-19 Immunization in Haiti

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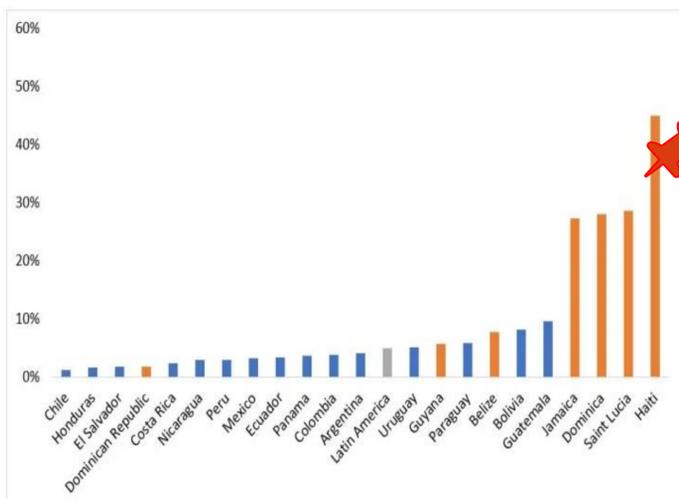
### CHALLENGE

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.



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

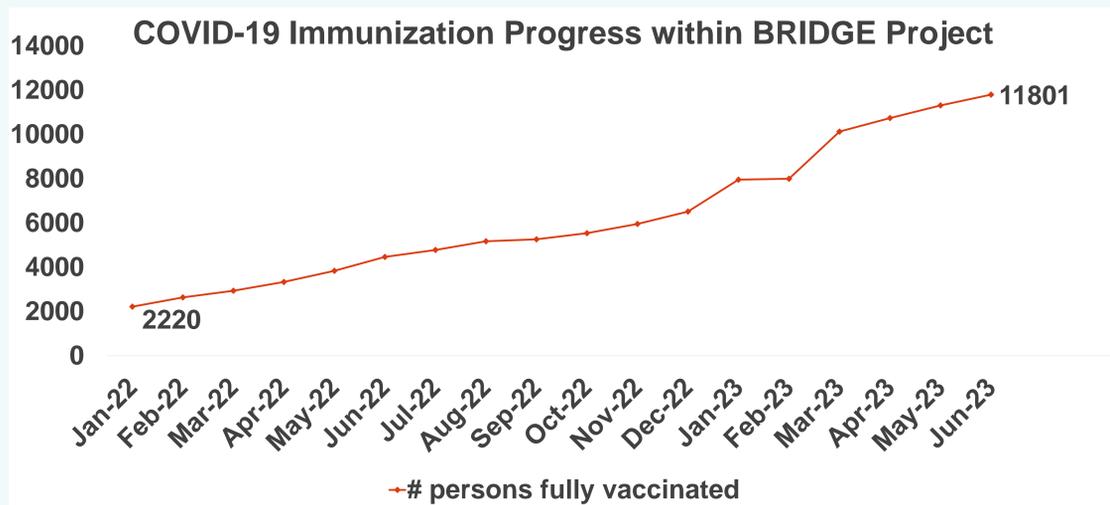
### INNOVATION

#### A Multilayer and Evolving Approach



To ensure continued availability of vaccine, ISPD provided logistic support to the Ministry of Health including transportation and delivery of stock of vaccines in remote areas. We gradually integrated COVID-19 vaccine into routine immunization at the supported health facilities.

### RESULTS/OUTCOMES



From January 2022 to June 2023, 300,038 individuals were sensitized. A total of 10,239 individuals (52% males and 48% females) received their first dose (Moderna 16%, Pfizer 18%, Jansen 67%); of which 8,693 (85%) 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.