

# *Fourteen health workers die of COVID-19 in Peruvian Amazon region*

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Lima, May 16 (RHC)-- In Peru, hospitals in the Amazon region have collapsed and are in a state of “catastrophe” as cases of COVID-19 continue to surge, leaving at least 14 healthcare workers dead. The main hospital in the city of Iquitos reports only 13 to 15 doctors are healthy enough to care for the 300 new patients admitted daily.

Dr. Enrique Sicchar told reporters: “Today we are in a state of total catastrophe. At the regional hospital, the health system has collapsed. The hospital has no more than 13 to 15 doctors for the entire hospital, and this situation has overwhelmed all of our human capacity.”

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