

Bolsonaro vetoes COVID-19 aid for Indigenous people



Brasilia, July 10 (RHC)-- Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro has vetoed provisions of a law that required the federal government to provide drinking water, disinfectant and a guarantee of hospital beds to Indigenous communities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The president's office on Wednesday said those provisions in the law were "against the public interest" and "unconstitutional," by creating expenses for the federal government without new sources of revenue to cover them.

Brazil's Indigenous population of roughly 850,000 is more vulnerable to COVID-19, as they live in remote areas with little access to healthcare facilities.

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