

Brazil has 10 percent of world deaths from COVID-19

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People walk past graffiti in Rio de Janeiro that reads, 'Coronavirus, together we will win that battle' [File Pilar OlivaresReuters]

Brasilia, March 13 (RHC)-- The coronavirus continues to be out of control in Brazil due to the high rate of contagions and deaths recorded since the beginning of 2021 and represents a threat to Latin America.

According to the latest report of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), linked to the Ministry of Health, Brazil is experiencing the worst scenario since the beginning of the pandemic, accumulating 10.3 percent of deaths in the world due to COVID-19.

According to the Fiocruz bulletin, the South American giant has never achieved a significant reduction in the transmission curve and warns that the records of new cases and deaths are surpassed daily, accompanied by a situation of collapse of health systems in much of the country.

Regarding the number of deaths, the National Council of Health Secretaries (Conass) indicated that in the last 24 hours 2,233 deaths were registered, increasing the death toll to 272,889. On contagions, Conass noted that 75,412 new infections were reported, totaling 11,277,717 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Due to the evident lack of control of the coronavirus in Brazil, several regional governments and mayors' offices have reimplemented the social distancing measures they had imposed last year, but the Brazilian president, Jair Bolsonaro, insisted on Thursday in condemning such decisions.

According to Bolsonaro, the confinements, by generating unemployment and hunger, have a collateral effect worse than the pandemic itself.

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