

Lula resumes free or low-cost medical program in Brazil

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**The sign reads> "The People's Pharmacy is back, bigger and stronger." | Photo: Twitter/
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Brasilia, June 10 (RHC)-- Brazilian President Lula da Silva has launched a new version of the government program People's Pharmacy, which offers free or reduced-price medicines. Noting that many Brazilians have died with a prescription on the table but no money to buy medicines, he relaunched the program, saying: "This will no longer happen in this country."

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"The lives of Brazilian men and women who depend on the federal program the People's Pharmacy will be at risk from 2023," said the Rede Brasil Atual newspaper on September 16, 2022, when Bolsonaro cut 60 percent of the budget allocated for that program.

"This will deprive the sick and poor of access to 13 types of medicines for diseases such as diabetes, asthma and hypertension, among others," it added at that time.

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