

NEWS ON CORONAVIRUS IN BRAZIL

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Total cases:

28912

Cases

per million citizens:

136

NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES:

IMF has estimated a 5.3% reduction in the Brazilian GDP in 2020

Total retail in Brazil decreased by 24.7% between March 1st and April 14th

Brazil's car production has dropped 21.1% in March 2020, when compared to the 2019

Beef meat consumption in Brazil has decreased which contributed to a 3.5% devaluation of arroba beef. Currently over 10 slaughterhouses are closed.

Brazil's Petrobras cuts oil production by 100,000 barrels per day from the end of March due to lower oil demand

The subway, train and Light Rail Vehicle (LRT) systems across Brazil recorded an average reduction of 62.6% in the number of passengers transported in March y/y

- BORDER CLOSURE UNTIL APRIL 30
- SAO PAULO'S MUNICIPALITY ANNOUNCED A BUS FLEET REDUCTION IN 45% THROUGH QUARANTINE

OPPORTUNITIES:

Changes in consumption pattern in Brazil - growing demand for:

- rice (94%), beans (101%), milk (72%), and sugar (60%)
- cleaning alcohol (97%), disinfectants (80%) and bleach (54%)
- sponges, brushes and caps (134.7%)
- toilet paper (76.1%), soaps (60.7%) and toothpastes (45.4%)

Brazilian Taxes: IOF 0% from 3rd April till 3rd July - a real decrease in tax burden

The sector of non-durable goods (supermarkets, pharmacies and gas stations) was the only one that advanced in March, with a 3.3% increase in revenues

Camex extended the list of products exempted from taxation: fabrics for making masks, breathing circuits, pulmonary ventilator valves, batteries, and memory card

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND STATE GOVERNORS & THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS

The president has been in a political dispute with governors over quarantine policies since March 24 where he said regional governments were implementing "scorched earth" quarantine policies

President and Minister of Health disagreed over the strategy to combat covid-19. In consequence, Henrique Mandetta resigned from his post. The oncologist **Nelson Luiz Sperle Teich** accepted the vacant post.

SOLIDARITY ACTIVITIES



AID

- The 3 banks Unibanco, Bradesco and Santander are joining forces to jointly import and donate medical equipment such as respirators and tomographs
- EDP donated R \$ 6 mn to the social organization Comunitas to purchase hospital respirators for public hospitals in the state of São Paulo
- The Brazilian Institute of Cachaça (Ibrac) donated at least 70 thousand liters of ethyl alcohol, (hydrated to 70%), to the Public Health System (SUS)
- Ambev, a Brazilian company dedicated to beverages, will manufacture and donate to the Ministry of Health 3 million face shield masks



R&D

- Brazilian laboratory managed by the Ministry of Science and Technology develops a national test for covid-19. The new detection kit will be developed with antigens from Brazilians who were infected by the disease. The production can reach 30 thousand tests per day.
- Brazilian researchers unite to fight the coronavirus. Unicamp (Campinas State University) laboratories should start offering large-scale tests to diagnose coronavirus in the Campinas region.
- A study in Brazil identifies medication with 94% effectiveness against coronavirus. Low-cost medication has had positive results in laboratory tests done in Brazil and will now be tested on human patients.



IMPROVEMENT IN PAYMENTS

- The mining company named Vale expects to anticipate a total of R \$ 932 mn in payments to 3,000 suppliers by the end of April
- The federal government intends to launch a credit line for advancing payments from the public sector to suppliers
- Unilever decided to give credit to the small retailer and to anticipate the payment to suppliers



GOOD PRACTICES

- Organization CUFA (Central Única das Favelas (CUFA) launched the program named "Mães da Favela" which objective is to help and transfer income to mothers who live in favela with the elderly people or disabled children.
- The Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights (MMFDH) launches digital channels of assistance against domestic violence during the quarantine.
- Startups help hospitals and supermarkets to hire during the crisis with digital solutions, companies like Levee, Jobecam, Gupy and Digital Access help companies that need more professionals
- The YouTube channel of YoPro, a brand of yogurt from Danone Brasil, will become an online gym 24 hours and wants to hire more than 600 trainers to teach the classes

