



# COVID-19 International Responses: Resources for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

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Numerous international organizations, educational institutions, and private research firms have compiled information and are tracking international responses to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This Insight presents selected resources and CRS products that may be useful for Congress in tracking and understanding different countries’ approaches to addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these resources are listed below in alphabetical order by organization, along with brief notes on the type of information provided.

**Table I. Tools Comparing International Responses to COVID-19**

Source	Title of International COVID-19 Response Comparison Tool	Notes
Cambridge University, United Kingdom	<a href="#">Cambridge Core Blog</a>	Comparative information on country responses and some state or province measures, including social safety net efforts and direct payments to individuals.
Centre for Economic Policy Research	<a href="#">Economic policy responses to a pandemic: Developing the Covid-19 economic stimulus index</a>	A review of economic policy measures adopted by 166 countries. The <a href="#">COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Index</a> , upon which the review is based, includes fiscal, monetary, and exchange rate measures. See the Oxford <a href="#">Coronavirus Government Response Tracker</a> for a different approach to a “stimulus index.” The Economic Stimulus Index is hosted by Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey.
devex	<a href="#">Funding the Response to COVID-19: Analysis of Funding Opportunities, January 1 to November 29, 2020</a>	“Development funding opportunities [related to COVID-19] and news related to major donors, foundations, private sector entities, media, and philanthropies. These are sourced from press releases, media outlets, donor country strategy reports, and more.” Devex serves as a media platform for the global development community.

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Georgetown Global Health Science & Security; Talus Analytics, LLC; NTI	COVID Analysis and Mapping of Policies (AMP)	“A comprehensive list of policies and plans implemented globally to address the COVID-19 pandemic. In many cases, response efforts have been led by subnational governments or private and non-profit organizations.” Where available, COVID AMP has included a PDF of the full document or notice. Georgetown University developed COVID AMP in partnership with several data analytics companies and non-governmental organizations.
European Commission	Proposed Country-Specific Recommendations	Economic and disease control monitoring for European Union member states and the United Kingdom (UK).
IBISWorld	Effects of COVID-19 on Global Healthcare Systems	Healthcare system reactions to COVID-19 in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Germany, the United States, and Canada. IBISWorld is an industry research site.
Institute of International Finance (IIF)	COVID-19	Regulatory international responses to COVID-19, including <a href="#">Insurance Regulatory Actions Taken in Response to COVID-19</a> and the banking sectors’ <a href="#">Prudential Regulatory Measures in Response to COVID-19</a> . The IIF is the global association of the financial industry.
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	COVID-19 Policy Tracker	Tool that “summarizes the key economic responses governments are taking to limit the human and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.”
KPMG	Government Response – Global Landscape	Roundup of governments’ and international institutions’ responses to COVID-19. KPMG is a consulting group.
McKinsey & Company	The \$10 Trillion Rescue: How Governments can Deliver Impact	Analysis of governments’ responses to COVID-19, with charts. McKinsey & Company is a consulting group.
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	Key Country Policy Responses	<p>Policy papers and an <a href="#">interactive map</a> on 97 countries’ responses to COVID-19. Users may also download the underlying data that support the map. The following spreadsheets are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Fiscal and Monetary Policy Responses by Country</a>,</li> <li>• <a href="#">Employment and Social Responses by Country</a>,</li> <li>• <a href="#">Tax Policy Responses by Country</a>,</li> <li>• <a href="#">Health Policy Responses by Country</a>, and</li> <li>• <a href="#">Science and Innovation Policy Responses by Country</a>.</li> </ul> <p>The OECD is an intergovernmental economic organization.</p>

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United States Chamber of Commerce	<a href="#">Global Dashboard on COVID-19 Government Policies</a>	Compilation of foreign governments' responses to COVID-19, including emergency declarations, export restrictions, and trade enhancing declarations.
University of Oxford, United Kingdom	<a href="#">Coronavirus Government Response Tracker</a>	Data on COVID-19 policy responses for more than 180 countries, including regional aggregations and a separate analysis of all 50 U.S. states. The tracker scores the number and "stringency" of 19 indicators of government responses (such as income support to citizens and containment policies, such as school closures) and aggregates them into a "Stringency Index." See the Centre for Economic Policy Research's <a href="#">COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Index</a> for a different approach to a "stimulus index." The Oxford website also features a Lockdown Rollback Checklist on which countries meet the World Health Organization (WHO) criteria for rolling back lockdowns, as well as a Risk of Openness Index comparing epidemiological data by country to the WHO criteria for openness.
University of Oxford, United Kingdom	<a href="#">Supertracker</a>	A metatracker of COVID policy trackers and surveys.
World Bank	<a href="#">The World Bank Group's Response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) Pandemic</a>	World Bank's portal to access their reporting on COVID-related topics, as well as their <a href="#">COVID-19-related data</a> .
World Health Organization (WHO)	<a href="#">COVID-19 Health System Report Monitor</a>	European countries' responses to COVID-19 (primarily health system responses, but also governance and expenditure responses) in a single PDF. Users may select up to 10 countries and up to 4 topics at a time to compare among countries.
Yale Program on Financial Stability	<a href="#">COVID-19 Fiscal Response Tracker</a>	Compilation of interventions by central banks, fiscal authorities, and organizations aimed at restoring financial stability in 79 countries and international organizations (such as the World Bank Group and the Nordic Investment Bank). The "Fiscal Stimulus" category includes, but does not disaggregate, direct payments to individuals, increases in defense spending, and the construction of new homes.

**Source:** Table compiled by the Congressional Research Service from individual sources listed.

## CRS Reports

For more information on global responses to COVID-19, U.S. foreign assistance for low-income countries, and global economic effects of the pandemic, among other related topics, see the following CRS reports:

### Global Economic Effects and Monetary Policy

- CRS Insight IN11477, *Fiscal and Monetary Policy Initiatives by Major Economies to Address COVID-19*, by James K. Jackson
- CRS Report R46270, *Global Economic Effects of COVID-19*, coordinated by James K. Jackson

### **Global Human Rights Impact and Foreign Assistance**

- CRS Report R46430, *Global Democracy and Human Rights Impacts of COVID-19: In Brief*, coordinated by Michael A. Weber
- CRS In Focus IF11496, *COVID-19 and Foreign Assistance: Issues for Congress*, by Nick M. Brown, Marian L. Lawson, and Emily M. Morgenstern

### **Global Implications and Responses**

- CRS In Focus IF11575, *COVID-19 and Global Food Security: Issues for Congress*, by Alyssa R. Casey and Emily M. Morgenstern
- CRS Report R46319, *Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Q&A on Global Implications and Responses*, coordinated by Tiaji Salaam-Blyther
- CRS In Focus IF11421, *COVID-19: Global Implications and Responses*, coordinated by Sara M. Tharakan

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