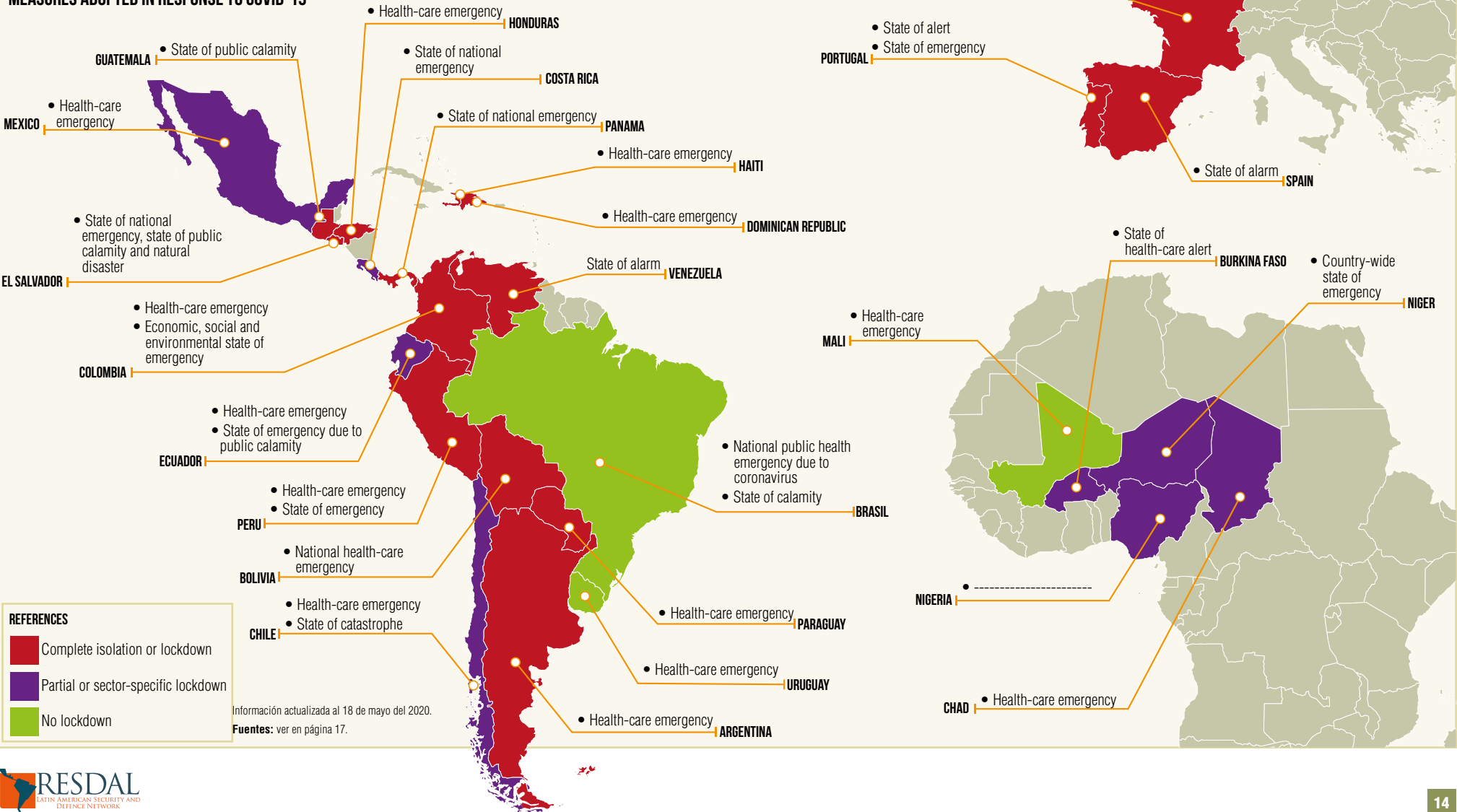




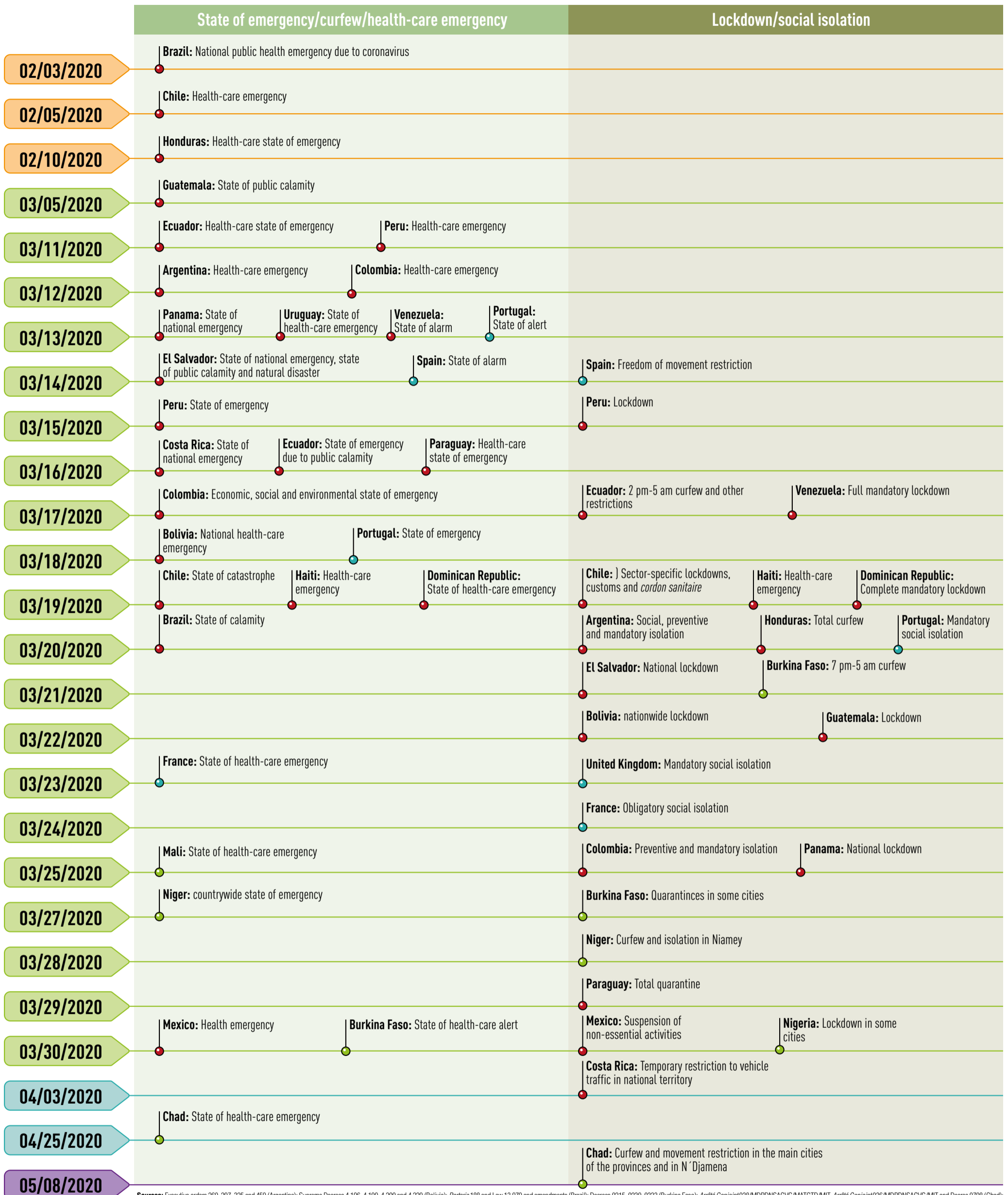
# How has the regulatory situation evolved?

In view of the crisis scenario, states have resorted to various regulatory provisions in line with the emergency situation. Measures range from the temporary suspension of rights, to the extended powers of the Executive Branch to take prompt action, to the greater permission to use public funds in a discretionary manner, and the declaration of a health-care emergency or mandatory social isolation. The following map illustrates the measures taken by countries in response to COVID-19.

## MEASURES ADOPTED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19



## Measures adopted over time



Sources: Executive orders 260, 297, 325 and 459 (Argentina); Supreme Decrees 4.196, 4.199, 4.200 and 4.229 (Bolivia); *Portaria* 188 and Law 13.979 and amendments (Brazil); Decrees 0215, 0239, 0323 (Burkina Faso); *Arrêté Conjoint* 038/MDPDNSACVG/MATCTD/MIT, *Arrêté Conjoint* 036/MDPDNSACVG/MIT and Decree 0708 (Chad); official website of the government of Chile (Chile); Decrees 417, 457, 531, 637, 636 and 749 (Colombia); Executive Decrees 42.227 and 42.285 (Costa Rica); Covenant 00126 and Decrees 1.017 and 1.052 (Ecuador); Decrees 593 and 594 and Executive Decrees 121, 19 and 21 (El Salvador); Royal Decrees 463, 465, 476, 487, 492, 514 and 537 (Spain); Decree 293 and LOI 290 (France); Government Decrees 5, 6 and 9 (Guatemala); PAHO (Haiti); Executive Decree 005 (Honduras); Decree 0170 (Mali); Official Journal of the Federation March 30, DIELAG ACU 026/2020 and Official Gazette of the Constitutional Government of the State of Michoacán de Ocampo 93 (Mexico); Communiqué by the Extraordinary Council of Ministers 12 (Niger); Presidential announcement on March 29 (Nigeria); Executive Decrees 489, 490, 499 and 507, Cabinet Resolution 11, and Communiqué 27 (Panama); Decrees 3.456, 3.490 and 3.576 (Paraguay); Supreme Decrees 044, 083 and 008 (Peru); Decree 14-A and 2-A (Portugal); Coronavirus Bill (Bill 122) and announcement by the Prime Minister to the people on March 23 (United Kingdom); Decrees 134 and 135 (Dominican Republic); Decree 93 (Uruguay); Decrees 4.160 and 4.198 (Venezuela). Except otherwise declared, the aforementioned decrees and regulations date from 2020.

**Security and Human Rights**

In April 2020, the UN Secretary General released a report titled: "COVID-19 and Human Rights. We are all in this together", which delivers six key human rights messages. Referring to one of these, which is that "the threat is the virus, not people", the report states that "The pandemic has led to countries imposing emergency and security measures. While in most cases these are needed to fight the virus, they can also be politically driven and may be easily abused. The pandemic could provide a pretext to undermine democratic institutions, quash legitimate dissent or disfavored people or groups, with far-reaching consequences that we will live with far beyond the immediate crisis. Although coercive measures may be justified in certain situations, they can backfire if applied in a heavy-handed, disproportionate way, undermining the whole pandemic response itself.

"States should be guaranteeing, in their crisis response, rights related to the use of force, arrest and detention, fair trial and access to justice and privacy, among others. Basic principles of legality and the rule of law must be observed."

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