



Africa Regional Situation Report

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Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases: 1,314,155 COVID-19 Deaths: 31.615

Increasing vulnerabilities and worsening humanitarian needs due to lockdowns have devastated livelihoods. UNOCHA's humanitarian response plans are showing a higher number of people in need (10% higher than this time last year, which equates to 48.9 million in East Africa, 45 million in Southern Africa, and 44.7 million in West Africa).

Prolonged school closures have negatively affected children's learning and led to higher teenage pregnancy rates. According to a recent World Vision study, as many as 1 million girls may be blocked from returning to school across sub-Saharan Africa.

Reduced funding commitments and COVID-19 lockdowns have increased vulnerabilities amongst forced migration populations (i.e. internally displaced persons and refugees) and migrant workers across east, west, and southern regions. In East Africa, for example, the World Food Programme has reduced food rations for refugees.¹

Reports indicate that gender-based violence and mental health challenges are also increasing due to lockdowns and lost livelihoods.

Countries across sub-Saharan Africa are facing a triple threat of issues from health, climate change, and loss of livelihoods with the COVID-19 pandemic; desert locust infestations in East Africa devestating vegetation; and flooding in parts of West and East Africa resulting in loss of life, displacement, infrastructure damage, inaccessibility to basic services, and crop disruptions.

¹ https://www.wfp.org/news/food-rations-cut-refugees-eastern-africa-coronavirus-

World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in 26 countries in Africa, especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.



People Reached



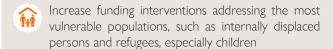
Men 7,852,035 Women 8,667,266

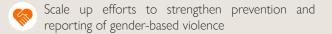
Children 12,923,110

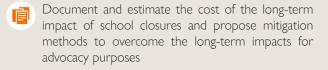
M Boys 6,184,276 Girls 6,738,834

Key Concerns

We urge governments, donors, and the global humanitarian community to:







- Support national governments to safely open schools and put in place systems curtailing COVID-19 transmission so that children can return to school
- Advocate for accelerated vaccine access for the poorest and most vulnerable, as rich governments rush to pre-order stockpiles of promising vaccines, and address financial and logistical challenges faced by governments to stock up on antiretroviral drugs, which are limiting service provision and may result in people living with HIV and AIDS failing to adhere to treatment
- Amplify the voices of children whose well-being has been affected by conflict and lockdowns, and advocate for regional economic blocs to facilitate civilian protections and expedite conflict resolution
- Maintain focus on water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions – the Africa Development Bank estimates that more than 40% of the population across sub-Saharan Africa still lacks access to clean water, a prerequisite in hygiene and containment of COVID-19.2

² https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/african-water-and-sanitation-projects-critical-preparedness-covid-19-pandemics-37745







RESPONSE GOAL

To limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

Strategic Objectives



1. Scale up preventative measures to limit the spread of disease



3. Support children affected by COVID-19 with education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventative measures to limit the spread of disease



18,065,367

People reached through promotion of preventative behaviours



2,053,068

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



7,561,982

Community members provided with preventative materials



1,596,486

Handwashing supplies distributed



240,478

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



105,902

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



71,679

Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained



70,345

Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated



165,802

Faith leaders disseminating preventative measures

(Based on figures as of 8 December 2020

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



128,397

Community health workers trained and supported



248,789

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



2,869,178

Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers, and communities



2,214,523

Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers, and communities



12,697

Medical facilities assisted



134,961

Disinfectant kits distributed to health-care facilities



144,211

People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces



684

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated, or set up



5,025

People provided with transportation support

OBJECTIVE 3: Support children affected by COVID-19 with education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



1,400,029

People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials



320,236

Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning



646,983

People provided with education support or training



926,925

Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education



29,106

Teachers provided with education training and support



US\$4,377,699*

Cash and voucher assistance distributed



296,120

People reached with cash and voucher assistance



2,494,463

People reached with food security assistance



571,475

Children supported with child protection programming



38,870

Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming



88,454

Individuals supported with livelihoods training



55,363

Households provided livelihoods assets



4,984

Savings groups organised

*Note: Amounts for cash and voucher assistance and people reached have been amended to address changes based on a data review process of COVID-19 programming undertaken in South Sudan.

OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected



81

Regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19



366

External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19



149*

External actions. including sign ons and public statements



357

External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders^ where World Vision is chairing, presenting, or leading



668

External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting, or leading



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