ASIA-PACIFIC COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COUNTRY RESPONSE PLANS

Updated as of 21 April 2020

Health
Protection
WASH
Food/NFI
Livelihood
Education

* COVID-19 preparedness/response will be incorporated in the Cyclone Harold Response

8,000,000 people targeted to reach
3,000,000 children targeted to reach

APPEALING FOR OVER USD 47 MILLION

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### Asia-Pacific COVID-19 Emergency Response

#### Response Plan Sector Priorities

- Promote community health messaging
- Provide basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and disinfectants to children, communities, health workers and other government frontline departments
- Provide medical equipment, PPE and disinfectant kits to health facilities
- Support isolation or quarantine space, including the provision of tents to health facilities
- Support community monitoring and referrals of suspected cases to health facilities
- Build capacity and support for community health workers

- Promote WASH messaging and preventive behaviour
- Provide handwashing materials and hygiene/sanitation kits
- Provide, rehabilitate and maintain WASH facilities in households, communities, schools, camps facilities, distribution points (handwashing, latrines, drinking water, etc.)
- Provide Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) support to children, caretakers, and community, including training for school teachers, social workers, and governments
- Disseminate Child Protection (CP) messaging and resources, such as positive parenting materials to caretakers
- Organise other Child Protection programmes including awareness-raising, CP monitoring, interventions and follow-up in coordination with CP/social workers
- Support children and families with registration and care protocols to prevent separation and stigma of child and caregiver during treatment and isolation

- Provide food packages (food ration, hot meals, etc.) for households, schools, and communities
- Provide care packages for children and families in lockdown or isolation
- Provide multi-purpose cash to ensure access to livelihood and other necessities
- Implement other cash and voucher programmes for early recovery
- Support children, families and schools on remote education, such as virtual learning platform, home learning materials/activity packs
- Provide sanitisation and disinfectant materials for schools/care centres

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#### Cross-Cutting Themes

##### Inclusion and Gender Mainstreaming

- We will tailor our interventions to ensure the most vulnerable can access information and assistance, including ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, communities without internet, migrants, and marginalised groups (e.g. sex workers).
- We will address specific risks and needs faces by vulnerable groups, especially women, children and the disabled.

##### Inter-Faith Engagement

- We will engage with faith leaders, from different religions, to sensitisate and disseminate COVID-19 prevention and promote positive behavioural change.
- We will work with faith leaders to design and roll out interventions to create positive messaging and support early recovery.

##### People on the Move and Refugees

- Apart from serving vulnerable children and families, in both rural and urban settings, including slums, we will also focus on Internally Displaced Populations, Refugees and their host communities.
- While continuing life-saving activities, we will build on existing programmes in communities, and IDP and refugee camps to incorporate COVID prevention and preparedness such as awareness-raising and maintaining WASH facilities in ongoing Women’s Safe Spaces, Learning Centres and Multi-purpose Centres.

##### Cash and Voucher Programming

- We will seek to maximise the cash and voucher approach whenever possible so that families have the power to choose which sectorial needs they would like to address and provide for children as needed.
- Apart from immediate needs, we will also support the early recovery of vulnerable families through cash and voucher programming.

##### Technology

- Last Mile Mobile Solutions (LMMS)
- We will maximise the LMMS tool which digitises beneficiary registration, the verification process, distribution planning and management. The tool also digitises monitoring and reporting which makes our responses more efficient and accountable.