World Vision Senegal has been working with the poorest communities for 36 years in nine regions, with existing presence and operations in 35 of 45 priority districts for the COVID-19 response. Of the 208 staff members embedded in local communities, 42 staff have been dedicated to provide technical, financial, logistical and programmatic support to the COVID-19 response.

Since 1999, World Vision Senegal has launched 14 humanitarian response operations across 11 regions and is able to reallocate up to 20% of long-term development funding for rapid response.

As a member of the World Vision Partnership, World Vision Senegal draws on a roster of national and international humanitarian technical experts, digital systems and solutions like the Last Mile Mobile Solution that comply with international and humanitarian standards and national and international flexible funding solutions.

**COVID-19 Response Goal**

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

**COVID-19 Strategic Objectives**

- Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease
- Supporting health systems and workers
- Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods
- Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

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**World Vision Senegal**

**At a Glance**

- **World Vision’s Global Reach**
  - 70 years of experience serving the world’s most vulnerable children and communities
  - Presence in 100 countries
  - 37,000+ employees mostly based in the communities World Vision works

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**World Vision’s COVID-19 Response**

**Priority Regions**

**Programme Reach Targets**

- Men 1,734,593
- Women 1,666,570
- Boys 1,708,281
- Girls 1,641,290

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**COVID-19 Response Achievements**

- **350,000** People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours
- **11,200** Masks distributed
- **30,000** Community health workers will benefit from newly developed child health worker COVID-19 guidelines
- **30,400** Information, education and communication materials distributed
- **525** Faith leaders engaged to disseminate preventive measures and create hope

*updated on 16 April 2020*
COVID-19 Key Interventions

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH): World Vision Senegal will coordinate and work with relevant formal and informal health services, including community health workers and inter-agency groups to distribute non-food items to facilitate basic infection, prevention and control measures, including handwashing with soap. World Vision Senegal will also work closely with faith and community leaders on risk communication and community engagement promote handwashing with soap, respiratory hygiene and social distancing.

Food security and livelihoods: Recognising that the secondary impacts of COVID-19 will threaten many more children’s lives than COVID-19 itself, and drawing on a deep well of technical expertise, World Vision Senegal will work to enhance food security for the most vulnerable children and their families using market-based approaches to strengthen the local economy. This will include cash and voucher assistance, food distributions, establishment of cereal banks, and enhanced recovery pathways to financial inclusion and social protection mechanisms.

Child protection: World Vision Senegal will provide mental health and psychological first aid for children and caregivers to address the disruption of daily routines and environments and reduce stress on children’s families, friendships and the wider community. World Vision will adapt existing reporting and referral mechanisms for child protection and equip frontline workers to respond to children affected by violence. Our aim is to ensure alternative care for children deprived of parental care, preventing institutionalisation and unintentional separation.

Education: World Vision Senegal will support children, families, teachers and relevant institutions to mitigate the impact of social distancing measures. This will include equipping families to support children physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively and spiritually, as well as ensuring that learning and holistic development never stops. Remote learning and training for education and child protection personnel will be implemented in ways that reduce the digital divide.

World Vision’s existing agreements with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, active participation in the national response and NGO coordination platforms and collaboration with state structures, local authorities and faith communities ensure a coordinated, relevant and efficient emergency response.

Past Achievements

Kedougou, Kolda, Fatick
Between 2014-16, reached 446,111 people with awareness-raising and behaviour change activities related to Ebola.

Kaffrine
In 2016, distributed cash to 1,631 vulnerable families and hygiene kits to 3,575 flood victims, reaching nearly 10,000 people.

Fatick and Kedougou
In 2015, distributed 435.6 MT of food assistance and established 30 grain banks.

Kolda
Currently implementing a rainfall deficit response consisting of cash transfers, nutritional supplement supply and education on nutrition and hygiene.

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