Asia-Pacific Region Situation Report
May 9th, 2020

World Vision is responding in 17 countries across Asia Pacific, in areas where children and their families are most vulnerable.

Globally, we are responding in over 70 countries, aiming to reach over 72 million people.

Key Concerns

- We urge the world to stand together with the most vulnerable children to fight COVID-19, especially refugees and the internally displaced.
- Devastating aftershocks of the crisis are putting millions of children’s lives at risk. We urgently need to address both the direct health impacts of the virus and the secondary impacts brought about by viral containment measures.
- Children will need special support now – including psychosocial – to reduce anxiety and stress during and after this crisis.
- Joining hands with faith and community leaders is critical to strengthen preparedness, to effect behaviour change and to protect children.

World Vision focus response countries in Asia-Pacific
World Vision response countries in Asia-Pacific
Other World Vision locations

BENEFICIARY REACH
People 10,673,345
Children 3,916,189

PROPORTION OF PEOPLE REACHED, BY COUNTRY

PROPORTION OF CHILDREN REACHED, BY COUNTRY
**OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19**

- **7,121,731** People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours
- **1,087,720** Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed
- **1,393,822** Community members provided preventive materials
- **381,002** Handwashing supplies distributed
- **4,042** Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed
- **164** Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities
- **6,564** Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained
- **9** Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated
- **2,777** Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

**OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers**

- **3,255** Community health workers trained and supported
- **26,238** Medical personnel provided personal protective equipment (PPE)
- **988,629** Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities
- **394,974** Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities
- **1,325** Medical facilities assisted
- **38,391** Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities
- **2,592** People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces
- **44** Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up
- **1,376** People provided transportation support

*(Based on figures from 17 countries, as of 8 May 2020)*
**OBJECTIVE 3:** Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods

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**RESOURCES**

- Report: [COVID-19 Aftershocks: Secondary impacts threaten more children’s lives than disease itself](#)
- IEC/BCC Material: [Audio/Video/Graphics community-engagement material to support you fight against COVID-19 in vernacular](#)
- Joint Statement: [ASEAN and SAARC must put children’s rights at the heart of COVID-19 response](#)

**SITUATION REPORTS**

- [World Vision Global, April 23, 2020](#)
- [World Vision Global, April 16, 2020](#)
- [World Vision Asia-Pacific, April 24, 2020](#)
- [World Vision Asia-Pacific, April 18, 2020](#)
- [World Vision Asia-Pacific, April 10, 2020](#)

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- [World Vision Asia-Pacific COVID-19 site](#)
- [World Vision Asia-Pacific on Twitter](#)

*(Based on figures from 17 countries, as of 8 May 2020)*
Standing guard against COVID-19
Stories from the frontlines

Heroes are often ordinary citizens, silently working behind the scenes sometimes at great personal risk.

Marilyn, 56, is one such hero who serves tirelessly in one the urban communities in Namila, Philippines.

“If you ask me if I am scared, yes I am. I also have a family to go home to. I have a 7-year old grandchild who might be compromised if I become a carrier of the virus,” she says.

She works round the clock to ensure the safety of her people. On Fridays, she is in-charge of checking body temperatures of residents entering their village. She also accompanies fellow health workers doing the rounds in the area, monitoring families with possible symptoms of COVID-19.

“We face hundreds of people. It’s overwhelming, especially at the beginning of the community quarantine. We did not have proper protective equipment,” she says.

Her village chief, Edith, also echoes the same sentiment about protective gear for frontline staff. “We’re trying our best to also protect our frontliners but we are running out of resources,” she says.

In response to most of the frontliners’ urgent call for support, World Vision has immediately provided PPEs for the health workers in Marilyn’s village. To date, World Vision has donated 45,800 pairs of gloves, 1,832 N95 masks, 91,600 shoe covers, 1,832 medical goggles and 91,600 surgical caps to both hospital and village frontliners in Metro Manila.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues on, World Vision salutes heroes like Marilyn who stand in the frontlines watching over and keeping children and communities safe.

Behind all the work that World Vision has been part of for the past 70 years, ordinary people - hidden heroes- have risen to meet the most relevant challenges of every era.

Today, we face a new challenge, a crisis of global proportions.

Find stories of many a #hiddenhero like Marilyn, who stepping up to face this challenge head-on, across our social platforms.

And don’t forget to nominate your #hiddenhero.
**INDONESIA**

- Additionally, 37 community-level public hand washing stations were set up last week, benefiting 12,286 people, along with distribution of handwashing supplies, IEC materials on COVID prevention messages.
- Supported by a community-based child protection (CBCP) cadre, conducted child monitoring of 457 children.
- 770 children and their families supported to continue their education remotely via offline education materials (e.g. puzzle, songs). A workshop on learning materials was organised in collaboration with Plan International on May 4.
- Additionally, 12,000 mask were distributed to health centers, including those in Ternate.
- SMS gateway to disseminate information about preventive measure for COVID-19, reaching 556 people, was set up by the Central Sulawesi Response team.
- Conducted psychosocial support training for 236 church leaders from 20th to 29th April, 2020.

**BANGLADESH**

- 654,111 people reached through wash and hygiene promotion initiatives (hand & respiratory hygiene, isolation, WASH behaviour).
- Over 111,000 children reached with messages on child protection & COVID awareness via IEC, psychosocial support materials and 20,000 Children supported (registration, care protocol, alternative care) under other child protection programming.
- 547 frontline actors (home visitor, sponsorship monitor, volunteers) trained on child protection.
- Under the Rohingya Refugee Response programme, over 190,000 people provided cash voucher support, while over 29,000 people provided food assistance.
- Conducted an intensive market assessment in all of WV working areas to map market functionality and accessibility of the community.

**CHINA**

- WV has switched from emergency response to early recovery phase. The 90-day response achievements are summarised in this video.

**INDIA**

- In one month, WV has reached around 1 million people, via WASH, Health, food, education and protection. Click here for achievement highlights.
- As part of disability inclusion, WV partners with Disability Rights Centres to provide psycho-social counselling to children and youths with disabilities to overcome difficult situations during the lockdown. Children and youth champions from WV disability projects are trained to support other children in the communities.
- Apart from sharing messages on child sexual abuse awareness and mental health, WV also partners with Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience in Srinagar to provide psychosocial support to children during this time via online counselling with clinical psychologists.
- WV addresses special needs of families impacted by trafficking by providing dry rations and counselling support to adolescent girls, who are children of commercial sex workers.
- Through joint advocacy efforts, WV and partners have urged the Government to make 1098 hotline toll free and serve as COVID emergency number for children, parents or caregivers.

**Country Overview**

**ASIA-PACIFIC | Focus Countries**
**PHILIPPINES**

- A total of 4,968 family sanitation kits (masks, alcohol-based disinfecant, soaps, mouthwash, toothbrushes and toothpastes) distributed in NCR, Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao.
- To support the Government on prevention and control of COVID-19, WV engaged with 18 official media partners to educate affected communities. In total, 3.2 million people were reached via distribution of IEC materials through mass media.
- WV supported a total of 10 government-designated referral hospitals with 17 tents for triage/isolation or emergency room extension, while a total of 573 disinfectant kits were distributed to referral hospitals and other health units in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, along with PPEs.
- So far, 10,644 families in QC, Manila, Malabon and Cagayan de Oro were supported with mixed fresh vegetables purchased from farmers, whose market sales were affected by the current lockdown policy. 1,600 packs (30 packets each) of micronutrient packs for food supplements were also distributed to malnourished children.
- Unconditional cash transfer assistance to affected families is now ongoing, especially in Siayan of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

**THAILAND**

- In partnership with UNICEF, the National Guideline for Teachers on COVID has been launched, and now WV is working with Thailand Safe School Network and MOE on development of 1) Technical Guidance, 2) Teacher’s Manual and 3) e-learning materials. [Downloadable here](#).
- WV conducted a one-day online TOT on COVID-19 for migrant community health workers in 9 provinces. The 60 Burmese community health workers who participated in this will disseminate the knowledge to local volunteers in migrant communities.
- Two sets of electronic posters for raising awareness on mental health care in children affected by COVID-19 and child protection in emergency were launched and shared via designated social media, reaching 27,699 people. The content focused on the care of the mind, emotions and protection of children.
- WV conducted a webinar on child protection with NGOs and government networks in Thailand to advocate for continued access to education via inclusive distance learning approach, taking into account child safeguarding and data protection requirements, as well as including life skills education on the risks of exclusion, violence and stigmatisation.
CAMBODIA

- A total of 746,220 community members, including 281,272 children have been reached through awareness campaigns and distribution of basic hygiene kits (52,750 face masks, 4,751 litres of alcohol, 57,229 soaps and 6,481 reading books) and food rations (22,500 kg rice, 3,699 kg salt, 2,222 litres vegetable oil, 15,516 cans of canned fish, 20 boxes of noodles and 11,438 pcs of soy sauce) across 1,291 villages.

LAOS

- WV has reached a total of 59,080 people, including 25,318 children in 9 districts.
- In the past 2 weeks, additional PPE kits and sanitation items have been distributed to the Provincial Health Department, District Health Offices, District Hospitals, Health Centers and quarantine zones in 9 districts.
- Distributed health and hygiene supplies including 118 thermometers, 24,500 masks, 468 bottles of 500 ml alcohol hand gel, 9,175 soaps, 500 pairs of gloves, 576 bottles of drinking water, 50 bottles of 90% alcohol and 1,220 COVID posters.
- WV has completed its COVID-19 impact assessment, accessible here.

NEPAL

- WV continues to broadcast PSAs through 300+ radio stations associated with the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Nepal (ACORAB).
- WV provided 1,000 PPE sets and 130 infrared thermometers to the Ministry of Health and Population, which have been delivered to frontline health workers in 14 districts, where WV works.
- 16,499 soap bars distributed to 5163 households.
- 1596 households in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Udayapur, Morang, Sarlahi and Bajhang reached via distribution of food packages, while additional food packets handed over to local governments in Sindhuli, Kathmandu, Lamjung and Jumla to reach 463 households.
- Material support (rice, shelter materials, NFI, WASH items, medical equipment, etc) provided to 7 District Disaster Management Committees and 32 local-level government departments to build and operate quarantine centers.
- WV has completed rapid assessment on early recovery, downloadable here.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- WV has served 3086 people directly from 11 districts in 5 provinces.
- 21 Tippy Taps distributed in NCD, while 2 health centres in Bougainville supported with water systems.
- 1800 local language COVID & WASH posters distributed in four provinces and two COVID information booths installed on Daru Island.
- Hand-washing facilities installed in five Business Houses in Western, while 60 households reached with hand-washing demonstration in Daru Island and Hanuabada.
- 40 cartons of soaps distributed to five settlements in Madang.
- Over 700 people reached with direct COVID-19 messaging in Lae City and Mandang City; COVID-19 messaging also shared among 10 Saving Groups in East Sepik Settlement and in Daru and NCD.
- WV has incorporated support and awareness messaging on TB, HIV/AIDS and vaccination along with COVID-19 interventions.
**SOLOMON ISLANDS**

- During relief distribution for Cyclone Harold in urban and peri-urban Honiara, messaging about prevention of COVID-19, protection of children and reduction of violence was also shared, reaching 545 households.
- WV offices in Honiara, Malaita, Makira, and Temotu also collaborated with the provincial health ministry, partners and stakeholders to conduct COVID-19 awareness and preparedness in communities in all existing operational areas.

**SRI LANKA**

- Apart from the total of 42,815 families supported with dry ration packs, 250 households affected by a cyclone in Nawagathegama, Puttlam, last month, were also provided dry ration packs for two weeks.
- WV has completed rapid assessment on early recovery, [downloadable here](#).

**TIMOR-LESTE**

- Additional COVID-19 socialisation and promotion messaging shared among communities in Aileu, Bobonaro, Baucaus and Covalima, along with distribution of hygiene kits and handing over hand-washing materials to local leaders and Post Administrative Task Force.
- COVID-19 Training of Trainers facilitated for community members across seven communities for hygiene promotion in Bobonaro.
- Additional 4 hand-washing stations (60 litres) set up in health posts in Aileu.

**VANUATU**

- While WV focuses on Category 5 Cyclone Harold response, COVID-19 messages on the importance of good hand hygiene and social distancing were also shared during distribution for 701 households. Bamboo Tippy Taps are also installed at distributions.
- Across the island of Santo, World Vision reached 12,551 individuals with COVID-19 hygiene and prevention awareness messaging.

**VIETNAM**

- WV is currently putting together the Response Plan as per the government’s request to support COVID response interventions.
- Printed and distributed 203,721 IEC materials (leaflets, posters) on COVID prevention and handwashing and 59,712 handbooks and leaflets on child protection, mainly around stress management for parents and children during COVID-19 and children safety.

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