

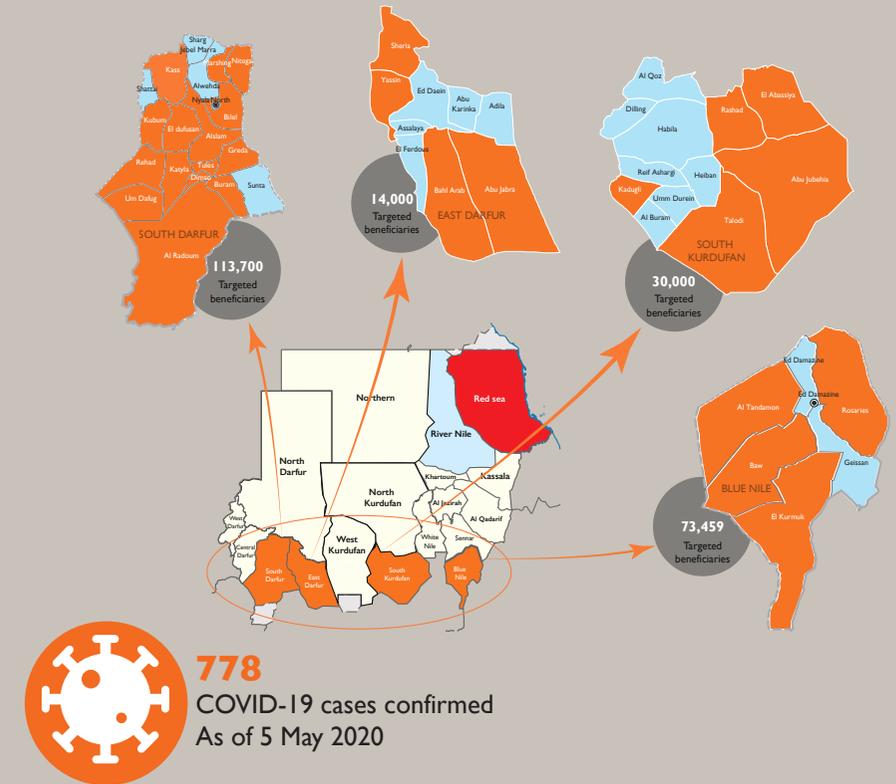
General situation

- As of 5 May 2020, the Federal Ministry of Health reported that there were 778 confirmed cases of COVID-19 (five times the number in less than a fortnight), including 45 associated deaths and 70 recovered cases. The capital, Khartoum has the highest number of confirmed cases, accounting for 90 percent.
- A three-weeks long lockdown in the capital, Khartoum is being implemented since 18 April 2020, as part of the public health emergency plan to mitigate the risk of further spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Movements have only been allowed from 6am to 1pm to facilitate citizens to access essential services. The rest of the country is under a 6pm to 6am curfew.
- All airports, ports and land crossings remain closed to passenger aircrafts, except for humanitarian, commercial and technical support shipments. Additionally, restrictions on all public gathering and movement remain in place.

Impact on programming and operations

- Measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 such as restrictions on movement continue to pose challenges for the delivery of existing humanitarian response, which has necessitated suspension of some activities.
- World Vision has intensified promotion of preventive measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, while ensuring continuity of essential activities to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.
- COVID-19 response activities have been integrated into existing programmes, including intensifying risk communication campaigns, dissemination of preventative messages and promotion of behaviour change. At the same time, with donors' approval, World Vision has begun adapting existing essential activities that require significant gatherings to activities geared towards COVID-19 response.
- As part of precautionary measures to minimise the risk of exposure to the most vulnerable communities through gatherings and the number of times they have to visit distribution sites, in partnership with the World Food Programme, World Vision is providing double-ration distributions to cover beneficiaries for two months.

Map showing WV COVID-19 response target population



Key concerns

- World Vision is greatly concerned about the exponential rise in the number of confirmed coronavirus cases, and the impact this would have on the healthcare system and its capacity to cope.
- COVID-19 is compounding an already dire economic and humanitarian situation. World Vision is concerned about the risk the spread of the virus poses on ongoing humanitarian assistance for the most vulnerable populations.
- A continued rise, could push more children and their families into extreme vulnerabilities, particularly as their ability to meet their basic needs is eroded from loss of their sources of livelihoods or means of earning income.

Duty of care to staff

- World Vision Sudan has put in place a number of precautionary measures to protect its staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include regularly sharing of Government and WHO approved messaging on COVID-19, and providing staff with basic protective items such as face masks and gloves.
- Information posters with messaging from WHO and Government have also been printed and placed in strategic places in the offices. Additionally, all office premises have been supplied with the recommended hand sanitizers mounted at entrance and exit points, and hand washing stations have water and soap at all times.
- To further reduce the risk of infection and transmission, staff have been facilitated to work remotely. All Khartoum-based staff are working from home in line with the three-weeks long total lock down.

- Equally at the field level, World Vision has provided for flexibility in working arrangements in a bid to reduce physical presence of staff in the offices, and in step with physical and social distancing guidelines.
- To ensure business continuity, all our field offices remain open, and our implementation plans continue in all the four states. Our essential interventions such as operating of clinics, food assistance programming are ongoing and World Vision has enforced all the COVID-19 safety protocols, provided by Government and WHO, to ensure safety of frontline staff, as well preventing the risk to community.

Operations and programming

World Vision is prioritising preparedness and preventive measures in close coordination and collaboration with government, humanitarian partners, and our community networks such as the faith leaders.

Additionally, for community engagement and awareness campaigns, World Vision has long-established strong community networks such as the faith leaders, community committees, child protection networks and national NGO partners that it is engaging with, to collectively respond to the threat of COVID-19. Our response efforts will be contributing to the below goals:

- Limit the spread of coronavirus in Sudan.
- Protect lives.
- Reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable children and families.

COVID-19 preparedness and response pillars

We are also participating in the WASH, Health sectors, and INGOs coordination forum at both federal level and state level across East Darfur, South Darfur, Blue Nile and South Kordofan.

World Vision is also a significant contributor to the Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP). COVID-19 response has been categorised into 8 pillars in the CPRP and World Vision is contributing to the below pillars:

- Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE).
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).
- Surveillance, rapid response teams and case investigation.
- Operational and logistical support to MoH for COVID-19 response.

Priority response sectors at a glance



Support frontline staff with personal protective equipment, support health facilities and Ministry of Health to be better prepared and adequately respond to COVID-19



Children and their communities have access to potable water and practise proper handwashing



Provide safe hygiene and sanitation practices including provision of handwashing stations, water, soap and sanitisers.



Provide food and livelihoods assistance to vulnerable children and their families for proper nourishment through food and cash assistance and safety net programmes

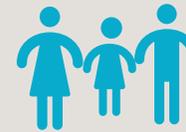


Reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the wellbeing of children

Latest achievements for the reporting period

- World Vision continued to intensify its promotion of COVID-19 prevention measures and behaviour change practices, reaching at least 22,000 people through the dissemination of COVID-19 Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials, and the provision of handwashing facilities, including equipping health facilities with hand sanitisers.
- COVID-19 preventive measures promotion were also conducted through household visits, health education at health facilities, food distribution sites, markets, and water distribution points, supported by the help of community volunteers, health workers, faith leaders and community leaders.
- World Vision partnered with 80 religious leaders, training and engaging them to participate in disseminating COVID-19 prevention messages, including spreading messages of hope.

- As part of COVID-19 measures to ensure most vulnerable households are food secure, World Vision provided food assistance to 43,489 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in South Darfur. In total, 346 metric tons of cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt was provided.
- World Vision provided 11,870 people living in Dereige camp for IDPs in South Darfur with cash assistance, to support them to meet their basic household needs.
- World Vision continued to support 42 health facilities in Blue Nile, South Darfur and East Darfur states with COVID-19 preparedness and early response efforts, including dissemination of IEC materials, conducting training for frontline staff, health education sessions at health facilities, including supplying the facilities with hand sanitisers, and protective equipment for frontline staff.



367,023

cumulative number of people reached with COVID-19 preventive measures and other lifesaving interventions since March 2020.

Achievements at a glance



22,129

People reached with COVID-19 prevention and behaviour change messages through IEC materials



19,600

COVID-19 Information, education and communication messages printed and disseminated



80

World Vision partnered with religious leaders in community awareness campaigns



33,461

people reached with installation of handwashing facilities



6,631

people reached with COVID-19 preventive behaviour information through household visits



43,869

Internally displaced persons reached with food assistance



1,573

People reached with COVID-19 awareness messages through partnership with faith leaders



1,941

Frontline community health workers equipped on COVID-19 awareness and prevention messages as well as preventive materials



50

Community leaders in refugee camps equipped to disseminate preventive measures



11,870

people reached with cash assistance

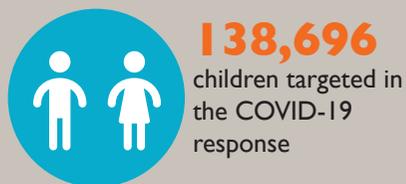
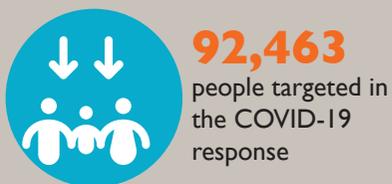


145,868

Total amount of cash distributed (in USD) through the cash-based programming

Gaps and needs

- With nearly 800 confirmed COVID-19 cases and an alarming rise in the recorded cases, there is an urgency to scale up COVID-19 preparedness efforts including supporting the strengthening of health systems including preparedness to handle potential caseloads, equip frontline health workers, while ensuring uninterrupted essential health services in health facilities, run by World Vision.
- There is a shortage of protective equipment to ensure the safety of frontline workers amid an alarming rise in recorded coronavirus cases.
- Measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 such as restriction on movement continue pose significant challenges that are hampering, as well as slowing down the delivery of COVID-19 assistance, and other lifesaving interventions, including limiting access to target populations.
- Logistical challenges including fuel shortages and resulting high transportation costs are hampering the delivery of critical lifesaving supplies such as the personal protective equipment and food supplies to field locations.



Donors and Partners

World Vision continues to coordinate and collaborate closely with the Government of Sudan through the Ministry of Health and Partners to appropriately respond to COVID-19. We are also engaging our established community networks such as the national NGO partners, faith leaders, community committees, and media in awareness creation, promoting preventive measures and behaviour change. We are continuously monitoring the situation and engaging with the Government including the Humanitarian Aid Commission, in order to collectively address the emerging challenges.



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