Africa Regional Situation Report
Situation Report #7 | 18 June 2020

Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases: 117,840
COVID-19 Deaths: 2,766

The virus continues to spread with a linear daily increment as most of the countries in East, Southern and West Africa relax their confinement measures (schools and markets are reopening, public gatherings are resuming). World Vision is concerned by the increasing risk of a wider transmission and appeals for the intensification of prevention measures and support to health systems for mass testing and surveillance.

World Vision is also concerned by the reported increase in gender-based violence as the economic challenges set in and appeals to national governments and donors to protect ongoing humanitarian and development assistance for the most vulnerable as there is a growing risk that other health issues (malaria, HIV/AIDS, immunization of children) may be de-prioritised.

The COVID-19 induced economic challenges have come at a time when the region is at the crossroads of multiple disasters ranging from conflict, climate shocks, pests (locust invasion, Fall Army Worm), and social challenges, such as high unemployment and endemic poverty that put millions in need of humanitarian assistance. World Vision appeals for increased investments to support critical lifesaving interventions and recovery initiatives.

World Vision is concerned by the increased incidences of violence against children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and warns of the long-term risk of increased child marriage and child labour. We urge Governments to ensure continued functioning of child-friendly reporting mechanisms such as SOS hotlines to enable children’s protection.

World Vision urges the world to focus on the most vulnerable children, especially those living in communities with low access or weak health systems, and those already battling sickness such as tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS. They must not be left behind and funding for COVID-19 resources must not be diverted from their treatment, care and support.

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World Vision is concerned about the impact that the COVID-19 health crisis will have on the poorest and most vulnerable, and the risk it poses to already stretched basic social services and pre-existing high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition. This is especially the case amongst refugee and internally displaced populations.

We are active on the ground and scaling up our prevention and response work across Africa, including in fragile contexts. The coronavirus response comes on top of climate change effects such as recurrent drought, torrential floods and locust invasions – all destroying crops and livelihoods. Response work includes preventing loss of progress made towards the global Sustainable Development Goals.

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:

21,234,527

Men 6,292,588  Women 6,755,476

Children 8,186,463

Boys 3,952,001  Girls 4,234,462

(COVID-19 case and death figures for 26 countries. Source: WHO, 14 June 2020)

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)
COVID-19 Emergency Response Highlights

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

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

OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19

- People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours: 9,809,983
- Information, education, and communication materials distributed: 1,212,814
- Community members provided with preventive materials: 1,653,783
- Handwashing supplies distributed: 528,468
- Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed: 97,262
- Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities: 46,838
- Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained: 58,801
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated: 28,493
- Handwashing supplies distributed: 49,541
- Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures: 49,541
- Community members provided with preventive materials: 95,286

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers

- Community health workers trained and supported: 55,638
- Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE): 55,375
- Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers, and communities: 1,639,188
- Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers, and communities: 1,447,952
- Medical facilities assisted: 3,405
- Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities: 95,286
- People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces: 2,896
- Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated, or set-up: 149
- People provided with transportation support: 3,273

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)
### OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods

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<td>People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials</td>
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<td>Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning</td>
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<td>People provided with education support or training</td>
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<td>Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education</td>
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<td>Teachers provided with education training and support</td>
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<td>Cash and voucher assistance distributed</td>
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<td>People reached with cash and voucher assistance</td>
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<td>People reached with food security assistance</td>
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<td>Children supported with child protection programming</td>
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<td>Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming</td>
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<td>Individuals supported with livelihoods training</td>
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<td>Households provided livelihoods assets</td>
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<td>Savings groups organised</td>
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### OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

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<td>External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19</td>
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*Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments

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