



COVID-19 Emergency Response

World Vision



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COVID-19 # OF CASES AND DEATHS, BY COUNTRY* countries where World Vision is present, as of April 6

COUNTRY	# CASES	# DEATHS
Angola	14	2
Burundi	3	0
Central African Republic	8	0
Chad	9	0
DR Congo	154	18
Eswatini	9	0
Ethiopia	44	2
Ghana	214	5
Kenya	142	4
Lesotho	0	0
Malawi	4	0
Mali	47	5
Mauritania	6	1
Mozambique	10	0
Niger	184	10
Rwanda	104	0
Senegal	226	2
Sierra Leone	6	0
Somalia	7	0
South Sudan	1	0
Sudan	12	2
South Africa	1,655	11
Tanzania	22	3
Uganda	52	0
Zambia	39	1
Zimbabwe	9	1



9,310
Cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Africa



444
Cases of COVID-19 deaths in Africa



906
Cases of COVID-19 recoveries in Africa

Key Messages



- World Vision is concerned about the impact that the COVID-19 health crisis could have on the children and communities we serve.
- We urge the world to unite to focus on the most vulnerable children, especially refugees and displaced children, and those living in communities with low access or weak health systems.
- World Vision is responding, and its Global Health Emergency Response to the most vulnerable people is centered on 17 countries, four of which are in Africa, through a multi-sectoral approach. Working in collaboration with local authorities, frontline health workers, academic institutions, faith leaders and communities, and local NGOs.

Response Plans & Priorities



Scale up preventive measures to stop the spread of disease.



Support health systems and workers.



Provide children and families multi-sector support during the COVID-19 crisis.

Impact on Programmes



- Non-COVID-19 related regular programming across 26 World Vision operational countries in Africa are experiencing reduced/suspension of programmes of between 80-100%.



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BURUNDI



- Creating awareness on COVID-19 preventative measures through social media and internally among staff.
- Supporting surveillance efforts at entry points into the country.
- Provision of hand sanitizers to staff and their families.
- There will be an estimated US\$ 50,000 cut in funding due to COVID-19.

ETHIOPIA



- Working closely with Ethiopian Public Health Institution to respond to COVID-19.
- Allocated US\$1,775,727 from the National Emergency Preparedness Response Fund (NEPRF) and 5% of FY20 sponsorship projects to COVID-19 response.
- So far there are 29 cases of COVID-19 in the country, however, there is a cholera outbreak in two regions in the country. A total of 280 cholera cases have been reported. There is also an outbreak of measles in Oromia region. The COVID-19 pandemic has masked these life-threatening conditions.

RWANDA



- Partnered with Ministry of Health and other partners in the response to COVID-19 to sensitize communities through behavior change communication.
- Provision of washing facilities in refugee camps.
- In partnership with IntraHealth and Ministry of Health, set up hand washing facilities in all hospitals across the country.

- Running a media campaign to sensitize people on child protection focusing on child labour and sexual abuse.
- Working with Rwanda Education Board and teachers to facilitate remote learning through radio-based programmes.
- Working with World Food Programme (WFP) to offer support through sensitization materials and provision of protective gear such as masks and gloves.

KENYA



- Participated in 28 out of 37 counties response coordination committees.
- Supported training of more than 150 health workers on COVID-19.
- Supported training of more than 3,000 community health volunteers on COVID-19.
- More than 100 washing facilities and 77 hand sanitizers have been installed at critical places including markets, health facilities, chiefs' camps and schools.
- More than 7,000 COVID-19 Information Education Communication materials have been produced and distributed in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.
- 1,900 households supported with water purifiers to improve access to safe water.
- 150 personal protective equipment, 450 masks procured for use at migrant food distribution points.
- More than 550,000 people across the country have been sensitized on COVID-19.
- Over 90% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

SOMALIA



- World Vision Somalia is seeking US\$ 3,000,000 to target an approximate 293,291 individuals in the COVID-19 response focusing on strengthening health facilities capacity to respond, promoting preventive measures and child protection.
- Over 80% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

SOUTH SUDAN



- Staff have been sensitized on COVID-19 preventative measures.
- Distribution and dissemination of behavior change communication on COVID-19.
- More than 40 schools reached with risk reduction messages.
- More than 421,000 people reached with risk reduction messages.
- More than 100 health workers, 85 faith leaders, and 496 community leaders trained in COVID-19 preparedness.

SUDAN



- Reached more than 3,000 people in Otash camp for internally displaced persons, through awareness creation.
- Distributed 350 kgs of soap at World Vision-run clinic in Otash camp to facilitate handwashing.
- 1.87 million people are internally displaced, and 1.1 million are refugees. A COVID-19 outbreak would push these people into further vulnerability.

TANZANIA



- World Vision Tanzania focus has been on staff and volunteer safety, protecting children and communities where it works, support the government in the areas where there have been confirmed cases and COVID-19 prevention, preparedness and response.
- All existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

UGANDA



- World Vision is working the government at district level and health offices to establish gaps and needs.
- Will promote preventive messages through village health team volunteers in the districts.
- Distribution of child-friendly Information Education Communication materials to more than 137,000 beneficiaries.
- Distribution of handwashing facilities, personal protective equipment and sanitizers to communal facilities
- Provide personal protective equipment to health facilities in the country and in areas where World Vision operates. It will also facilitate capacity building of health workers and community volunteers including the village health teams.
- Conduct awareness creation through engaging mass media (both print and electronic) to share information on COVID-19.
- World Vision is supporting the district taskforce in establishment of 2 COVID-19 isolation centers in 2 districts. 100 mattresses have been provided to the Hoima isolation center.
- Over 90% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

KEY



International flights suspension



Schools closed



Lockdown - partial or full



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- World Vision is re-programming some resources from the Area Programmes to enhance behaviour change, strengthen government health capacity, and to respond to immediate basic needs such as water and sanitation.
- World Vision is also engaging with other donors on how some funding from the ongoing grants can be re-programmed in response to COVID-19.

ANGOLA



- The health system will not be able to cope with a large number of COVID-19 patients. There is a lack of ventilators – only 120 are available for the whole country of 29.78 million people, while only 16,500 testing kits are available.
- Working with the social mobilization department of the Ministry of Health to create awareness on COVID-19.

DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLIC

OF CONGO



- World Vision is responding by training health workers and volunteers on COVID-19 risks and distributing hand washing kits in public places.
- Trained 32 faith leaders using the new COVID-19 Channels of Hope module.
- Distribution of thermometers at various entry points and in public areas. So far, 18 thermometers have been distributed.

ESWATINI



- The Government declared a state of emergency on 17 March which was then followed by a partial lockdown effective 27 March. The National Office printed and distributed factsheets on COVID-19. It also donated masks and medical supplies to the government.

LESOTHO



- World Vision is doing awareness campaigns at community level through faith leaders, supporting the government in training health care workers on COVID-19 and providing logistical support to support screening by the Ministry of Health.

MALAWI

- There are currently funding gaps in the response plans for both the Government and World Vision.
- World Vision has distributed 50,000 gloves, 3,000 face masks, 1,000 theater gowns, 12 tons of soap, chlorine and 260 buckets for hand washing to over 37 health facilities.
- Channels of Hope COVID-19 training delivered to 48 staff from all Area Programmes to cascade to local leaders.

MOZAMBIQUE



- The health system is under increasing pressure, public hospitals are only attending to emergencies, pregnant women and the chronically ill.
- World Vision is finalizing its response plan, where specific support will be provided based on the needs as presented by the Government.
- Public sensitization is already taking place.
- 47 faith leaders from five districts have been trained through WhatsApp on COVID-19 preventative measures.

SOUTH AFRICA



- Humanitarian situation in South Africa is compounded by the high HIV/AIDS burden with 19.1% of people infected and with an estimated 322,000 people having active TB.
- Developed a staff well-being plan to ensure education on prevention measures.
- Low capacity to test for COVID-19 could mean potential wide spread of the virus without timely detection.
- Increased household vulnerability for daily casual wage earners due to the lockdown.

- Social distancing not easy to achieve for households in high density, low-income areas.
- World Vision registered children as well as immediate families are at risk of COVID-19 – current beneficiary numbers are 274,000 with 144,000 children under 18 years old.
- World Vision distributed 970 behaviour change communication pamphlets on COVID-19.
- Behaviour change communication shared with 200 faith, and traditional leaders with a reach of 2,000 direct followers via WhatsApp.
- Plan to provide food packs to households of most vulnerable children who are no longer receiving meals through school programmes, due to a nationwide lockdown and school closures.

ZAMBIA



- World Vision Zambia has spent over 5.1 million Kwacha (US\$ 269,494), to equip health facilities and isolation centers and building prevention measures across Zambia as follow:
 - The National Office has partnered with UNICEF to strengthen infection prevention and control measures in all the isolation centers by providing online chlorinators, hygiene supplies and clean safe water in isolation centers at a total cost of 1.8 million Kwacha (US\$ 95,115).
 - World Vision will support 134 health facilities by enhancing water, sanitation and hygiene and strengthening infection,

prevention and control measures at a total cost of 2.3 million Kwacha (US\$ 121,536).

- World Vision donated 40,000 masks and 20,000 gloves worth 1 million Kwacha (US\$ 52,842) for health staff and essential workers who are at the frontline of the response against COVID-19.
- World Vision is working with faith leaders through Channels of Hope.

ZIMBABWE



- In partnership with World Food Programme, food distribution is ongoing. So far, the National Office has provided food assistance and mobile cash transfers to more than 1.4 million individuals, including more than 69,000 World Vision sponsored children.
- World Vision has donated personal protective equipment to Manicaland province. Items donated include 400 gowns, 30 respirators, 60,000 nitrile exam gloves, 500 latex under-gloves.

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



- From March 30, 2020, only essential staff are working from the office. These are staff working on life-saving projects, including: the OFDA food and cash assistance projects, Water Hygiene and Sanitation activities, Global Fund's project on distribution of mosquito nets and anti-malarial drugs.
- Reached more than 36,000 people through an awareness caravan in six sites for displaced persons and in six districts in Batangafo, during which 300 posters on prevention of COVID-19 were distributed.
- Distributed more than 84 metric tons of food to more than 14,000 beneficiaries. While cash vouchers worth more than US\$ 156,000 was distributed to more than 21,000 beneficiaries.
- Over 50% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

CHAD



- The government has requested for additional funding to respond to the crisis
- Lack of basic materials to make the resuscitation unit at Farcha hospital operational.
- So far, World Vision's response to COVID-19 has reached more than 10,000 people through sensitization on COVID-19 prevention measures.
- Distributed 30 handwashing facilities to health centres.
- Provided food assistance to more than 1,300 students in quarantine.
- All existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

GHANA



- As one of the largest providers of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services, World Vision is working towards strengthening the capacity of hospitals and clinics to support the response to COVID-19.
- World Vision is working with faith leaders to promote safety practices to stem the spread of the virus among their congregants.
- Presented Information Education Communications materials (200,000) and personal preventative equipment (40,000) to the Ministry of Health.
- Information education communications materials on COVID-19 have been distributed to all Clusters and Area Programmes to support the response at the community level.
- Conducting education and sensitization through community radios.
- Over 80% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

MALI



- World Vision is engaged in coordination meetings with local health services.
- Current response activities include community sensitization by WASH committees working with faith leaders and support to the government's response.

MAURITANIA



- COVID-19 is aggravating an already critical humanitarian situation, especially in rural areas, due to the lack of rainfall last year.
- World Vision is supporting the Ministry of Health through purchase of medical equipment.
- Over 15% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

NIGER



- The country currently has more than 450,000 displaced persons, including more than 221,000 refugees, and more than 196,000 internally displaced persons. This portends a serious humanitarian crisis in the face of COVID-19.
- World Vision Niger has rolled out sensitization activities and is planning to provide 20,000 households with disease prevention items including soap, masks, water buckets, kettles and jerricans.
- The National Office is planning to support 156 health centres with protective preventative equipment, handwashing kits and infrared thermometers.
- Over 90% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

SENEGAL



- Response plan in place and shared with the Ministry of Health for joint execution. Senegal plan focusses on protection and prevention mechanisms in communities as well as strengthening an already weak health system in rural Senegal.
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) for health professionals working in centers of treatment for COVID-19 (5,000 masks, 8,200 bottles of hand sanitizers, 1,100 liquid soaps, and 300 handwashing kits). These equipment will serve in 35 of 45 district health units in Senegal.
- Support to the Ministry of Health Community Health Unit in the design and production of "Community Health Worker's Guide for COVID-19 Management". The 50,000 copies produced will serve a total of 30,000 community health workers.

- As a result of collaboration with UNICEF, WV Senegal will be joining the "G50", a platform of technical and financial partners, co-led by the UN and the Government of Senegal, including multilateral agencies, UN agencies and the World Bank for coordination on COVID-19 response.
- Coordination with the platform of ONGIS (International NGOs in Senegal) for the roll out of response plans.
- Donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) to Dakar urban municipality, serving 350,000 vulnerable inhabitants and 137 daaras, home for street children.

SIERRA LEONE



- Promoting preventative measures in all operational areas including distribution of information education communication materials to communities and health facilities.
- Working with communities to erect new 'tippy taps' and upgrade old ones to promote handwashing.
- Hand washing supplies have been distributed to staff, schools, churches, mosques and hospitals.
- Training of community health workers is ongoing.
- Provided personal protective equipment for health facility staff.
- Training of health workers on COVID-19 case definition.
- Capacity building for social workers on child protection in emergency is ongoing.
- Discussions are underway with the Ministry of Basic Education to bring learning to households through radio programmes.
- 50-60% of existing programmes and interventions have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

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