



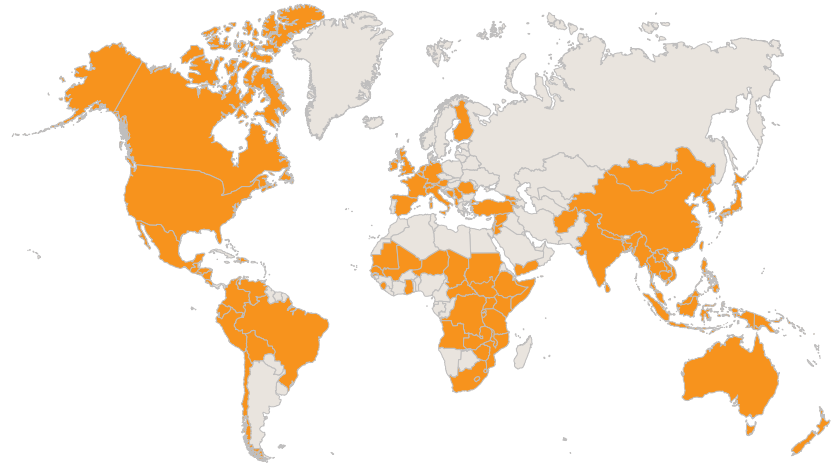
COVID-19 Emergency Response

World Vision

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World Vision is responding* to the devastating impact of COVID-19 in **more than 70 countries.**

Our **US\$350 million response** aims to reach, **72 million people,** including **36 million children,** especially the most vulnerable.



Global COVID-19 Cases: 13,150,645

Global Deaths: 574,464

(as of 15 July 2020, WHO)

* responding includes field programming and/or fundraising



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 COVID-19



2: Strengthen health systems and workers



3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods



4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

People Reached

43,809,851



Men 12,139,868



Women 13,294,328



Children 18,376,903

Boys 9,027,233

Girls 9,349,670

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 10 July 2020)

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 at least 30 million children's lives at risk with 85 million more children likely to experience violence. Millions of parents and caregivers have lost incomes and jobs due to COVID-19, forcing them to expose their children to harmful and dangerous circumstances, such as begging or child marriage. We urgently need to address both the direct health impacts of the virus and the secondary shocks brought about by viral containment measures.



Joining hands with faith leaders is critical to strengthen preparedness, behaviour change and protecting children.



World Vision regularly monitors the global trajectory and impact of COVID-19 to inform how it will respond and advocate for the most vulnerable children and families. World Vision looks at the latest statical data about the pandemic, including case growth and death rates, among other critical contextual factors. Currently World Vision is particularly concerned about: Angola, Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iraq, Kosovo, Mexico and Romania. These countries may require additional support in order to limit the primary and secondary impacts of COVID-19.



Regional Highlights



Latin America and Caribbean Region



People Reached **7,648,287**



Children Reached **3,070,060**

Overview

Latin America and the Caribbean is experiencing a three-decade set back in its [poverty indicators](#); 45 million people will become poor in 2020 due the pandemic in the region. One out of every three people in the region will not have food, have access to health or able to fulfil their basic needs. Four Latin American countries are in the global top 10: Brazil, second, with 1.7 million cases; Peru, 5th with over 316,000 cases, followed by Chile with 309,000 and Mexico is ranked 8th, with more than 275,000 cases as of July 9.

Highlights

World Vision celebrates its access to extremely vulnerable families in remote areas of the Brazilian Amazon, with the operation of the hospital ship "Solidarity", which delivered urgent medical attention, hygiene goods and food. World Vision anticipates extending this operation to the Colombian Amazon region as well.



Middle East and Eastern Europe Region



People Reached **900,221**



Children Reached **433,945**

Overview

Iraq saw a 600 percent rise in cases in June indicating that external support will be required to limit contagion. In North-West Syria, the first coronavirus case was confirmed. Authorities in Israel, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia have introduced new restrictions on movement and gathering in response to growing case numbers. Lebanon continues to suffer from growing economic crisis.

Highlights

The 4th Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region host the No Lost Generation side event with 161 participants, co-led by World Vision, Save the Children and UNICEF. World Vision's MEER Regional Leader delivered a speech on the need to protect children and shared the findings of World Vision's [Stolen Future report](#). A call for urgent need to protect and educate Syrian children and adolescents was included in the final conference declaration.



Asia Pacific Region



People Reached **11,847,780**



Children Reached **5,287,711**

Overview

Countries across the Asia Pacific are beginning to ease lockdowns due to an overall slowing trend of COVID-19 cases. Phased reopening is being rolled out in many areas as countries return to some sense of normalcy. However, this is not the case for all countries. The region continues to see a spike in confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries like India (849,553) and Indonesia (74,018) according to the [WHO](#). World Vision remains vigilant and is monitoring the situation to respond to the continuing spread.

Highlights

World Vision Asia Pacific has released its report [Unmasking the impact of COVID-19 on Asia's most vulnerable children](#), featuring recovery assessment data from nine countries, including recommendations to governments, multi-lateral partners and implementing agencies.



Africa Region



People Reached **23,304,563**



Children Reached **9,585,187**

Overview

As countries across Africa begin to relax confinement measures, World Vision is concerned by the increasing risk of wider transmission and is appealing for the intensification of prevention measures and support health systems, mass testing and surveillance. World Vision is also concerned about reports of increased gender-based violence and violence against children.

Highlights

In Senegal, World Vision reached more than 340,000 people with COVID-19 messages through radio spots, house visits and a community campaign caravan.

In Mozambique, World Vision reached 200 faith leaders through training in child stress management and child protection. Each of the faith leaders has committed to train at least another 10 faith leaders.



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



22,443,250

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



3,518,889

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



6,992,237

Community members provided with preventive materials



2,021,287

Handwashing supplies distributed



1,771,101

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



118,707

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



73,110

Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained



30,726

Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated



88,194

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 10 July 2020)

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



85,301

Community health workers trained and supported



201,721

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



5,322,690

Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



3,689,915

Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



8,628

Medical facilities assisted



331,002

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



137,598

People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces



761

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up

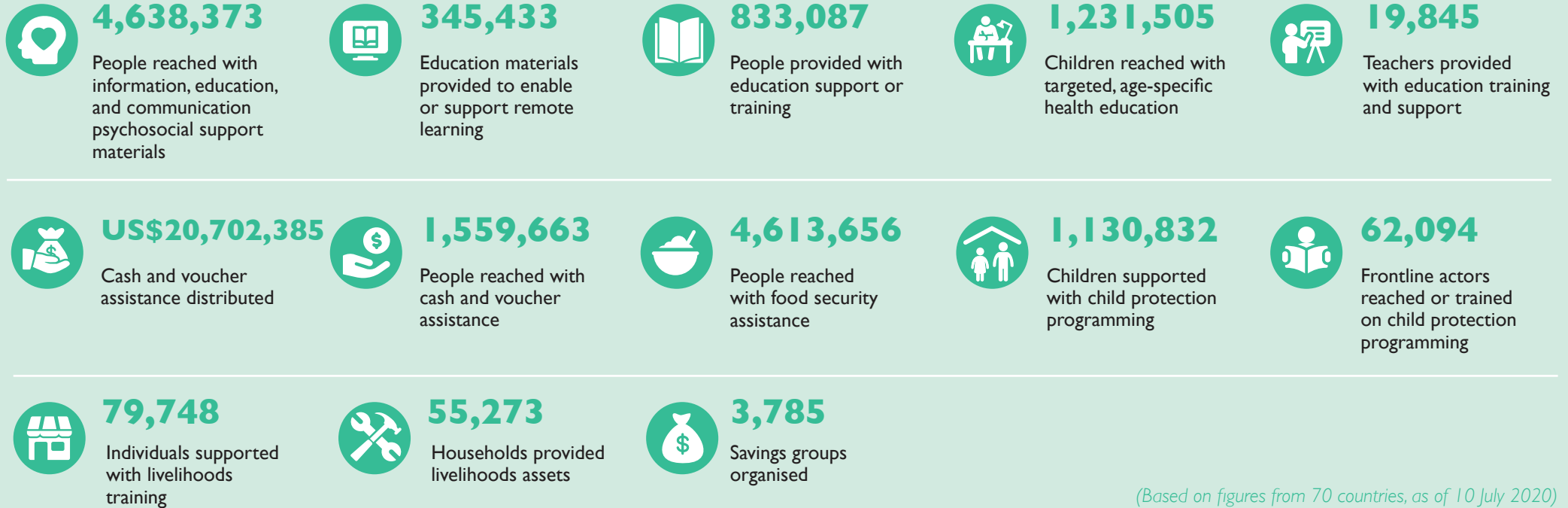


6,963

People provided with transportation support

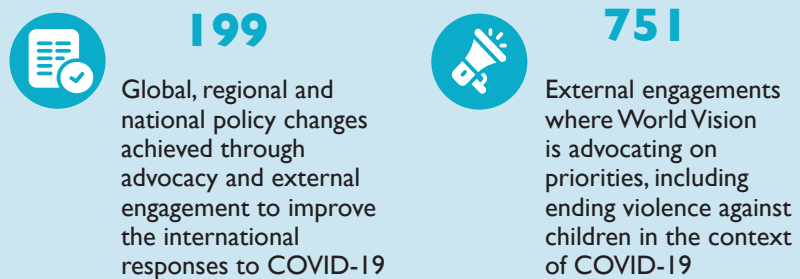
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OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods



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OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected



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- Ahead of the 4th Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region, World Vision released a policy report capturing research on the rise of child marriage in North West Syria as a result of the nine year war; and raised alarm about further vulnerability of children to violence as a result of COVID-19. World Vision used the opportunity to share the findings, in partnership with the No Lost Generation Initiative and UNICEF. Using the report recommendations, World Vision successfully advocated for child protection to be included in the Co-Chair Declaration for the Syria Conference.
- In Rwanda, World Vision developed a radio talk show focused on positive parenting, which includes awareness sessions for parents on ways to support children with remote learning among other approaches. The talk show reached over 2 million people.
- In Mozambique, World Vision implemented a national campaign to raise awareness of the importance of child protection in times of COVID-19, reaching 4 million people through social media, mobile phones, television and community radios.
- In partnership with civil society and national child protection actors, World Vision in Guatemala developed a law project called "Protection of Children and Adolescents from Crimes Committed Through Technological Media" in order to address the vulnerability of children's exposure to an increase in violence in a virtual environment during COVID-19.

Humanitarian Accountability

A key focus for World Vision's COVID-19 response is to provide information, consult people on their needs and how they want to participate in their own self-recovery, and take action based on the feedback and complaints we hear from people so that we remain accountable to the children and communities that we serve. Here are the top trends of what communities are telling us this month:



Requests for support to cope with the economic impacts of COVID-19 and requests for additional people to benefit from World Vision relief programmes remains the top community feedback trend.



Requests for information is a growing community feedback trend. This includes requests for information about World Vision programmes, for information to be shared through different channels or in different languages, or to clarify rumours about COVID-19.



Fear and confusion about a second wave of COVID-19 infections and how people should prepare for this is an ongoing trend in community feedback.

We listen to communities and respond

In Uganda, communities have been complaining about the restrictive containment measures, requesting World Vision to talk to Government. And some people still do not observe the mandatory use of face masks in rural communities. World Vision, together with the district task force teams, have addressed the community feedback through promoting preventive measures on radio talk shows, as well as using the community health workers to keep sensitising the communities on all the preventive measures.

In Guatemala, families with a member who had COVID-19 expressed concern about being discriminated against by their community. World Vision responded by coordinating with local authorities and health services so that families have information about COVID-19, apply prevention measures, and support cases that occur in the community. This allowed families to comply with the quarantine without fear of discrimination and consequences that threatened the integrity of the quarantine.

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[Migration and COVID-19: Venezuelan children between a rock and a hard place](#)

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Policy Briefs

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Global Response Plan

[World Vision's COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan Phase 2](#)

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