



COVID-19 Emergency Response

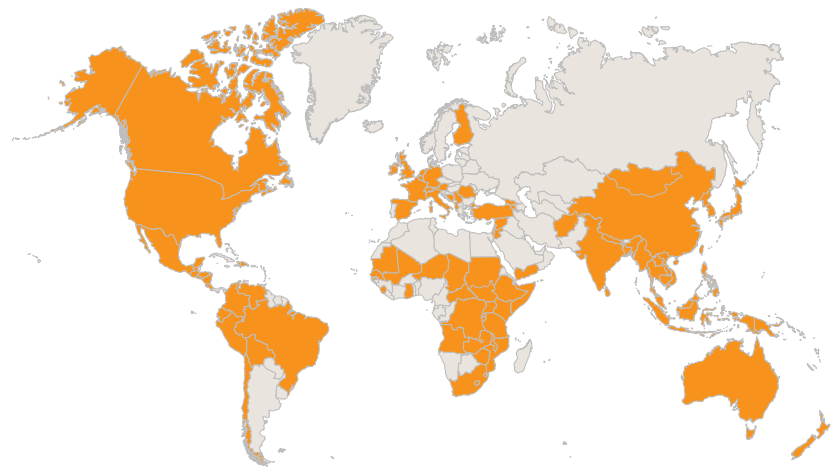
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World Vision

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.

* responding includes field programming and/or fundraising



Global COVID-19 Cases: 16,523,815

Global Deaths: 655,112

(as of 29 July 2020, WHO)



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

People Reached

44,980,639



Men 12,207,953



Women 13,395,963



Children 19,376,723

Boys 9,510,531

Girls 9,866,192

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 24 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 85 million more children at risk of violence. Millions of parents and caregivers have lost incomes and jobs due to COVID-19, forcing 8 million children into child labour in Asia alone. 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 static data about the pandemic, including case growth and death rates, among other critical contextual factors. Currently World Vision is particularly concerned about: **Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Kosovo, Mexico, Romania and Syria.** These countries may require additional support in order to limit the primary and secondary impacts of COVID-19.



Just released: [World Vision's COVID-19 Emergency Response 100 Days On report](#)



Regional Highlights

(figures as of 24 July 2020)



Latin America and Caribbean Region



People Reached* **7,313,788**



Children Reached **3,190,722**

Overview

The number of confirmed cases in the 15 countries where World Vision operates increased 65% over the past two weeks. As a result of the crisis, the region faces a 10 year set back in its economic growth. The average decline of Latin American and the Caribbean's economies will be of -9.1 percent according to the [Economic Commission for Latin America \(ECLAC\)](#). With mass job loss, one out of every three Latin Americans will be living in poverty by the end of 2020.

Highlights

In **Colombia**, WorldVision and coalition partners from "Coalición Niñez Ya" successfully advocated with the municipal authorities to ensure the Territorial Development Plans of 70 municipalities include a focus on child protection in the context of COVID-19. WorldVision contributed to the revision of the plans and to their socialisation. Municipal mayors will be using these plans to guide their response to the pandemic.



Middle East and Eastern Europe Region



People Reached **929,835**



Children Reached **444,421**

Overview

The increase in COVID-19 cases in Government of Syria controlled areas have overwhelmed the capacity of local hospitals, with the Ministry of Health instructing hospitals in Damascus and rural Damascus to stop in-takes of COVID-19 patients. Israel continues to struggle to contain the pandemic and its economic fallout. A rise in number of COVID-19 cases in Lebanon, Iraq, Romania, Albania, and Kosovo have forced governments to reintroduce lockdowns and travel restrictions.

Highlights

In **Romania**, World Vision, together with other NGOs, sent an open letter to President Klaus Iohannis urging him to adopt a bill to support online education during the pandemic. This contributed to the President promoting a bill that provides students in need and education staff with electronic devices and internet connectivity to enable them to participate in online education during COVID-19.



Asia Pacific Region



People Reached **12,835,700**



Children Reached **5,700,410**

Overview

COVID-19 confirmed cases continue to rise in South East Asia. With the socio-economic conditions further deteriorating and estimated substantial growth downgrades, there is no certainty about when things will return to normal. Several World Vision field offices are now focusing on developing recovery plan, while other field offices are adapting ongoing technical programmes and integrating long-term rehabilitation and resilience into their development work.

Highlights

In **Vietnam**, World Vision conducted an assessment on the impacts of COVID-19 on children and the results were shared with local partners. Recommendations for improvements in psychosocial support for children and their families in the context of COVID-19 were also shared with local government. As a result, local government set up psychosocial services at the community level, which will be delivered by child protection committees and supported by the Association of Children's Rights and the Social Work Centre.



Africa Region



People Reached* **22,892,796**



Children Reached **9,536,910**

Overview

As the Africa region relaxes confinement measures, World Vision is concerned by the increasing risk of 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. COVID-19 induced economic challenges are also coming at a time when the region is experiencing multiple disasters ranging from conflict, climate shocks, and social challenges.

Highlights

In **Uganda**, World Vision facilitated dialogues and talk shows with national duty bearers about the importance of continuity of learning for children in the context of COVID-19. This resulted in an increase of the education budget to cater for home schooling.

*people reached figures slightly lower than previously reported due to corrections in counting methodology



OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



23,648,995

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



3,708,314

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



7,683,485

Community members provided with preventive materials



2,444,912

Handwashing supplies distributed



2,070,873

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



150,912

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



76,025

Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained



32,255

Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated



91,390

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 24 July 2020)

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



89,640

Community health workers trained and supported



211,213

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



5,840,706

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



3,885,126

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



8,912

Medical facilities assisted



384,373

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



191,126

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



814

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up

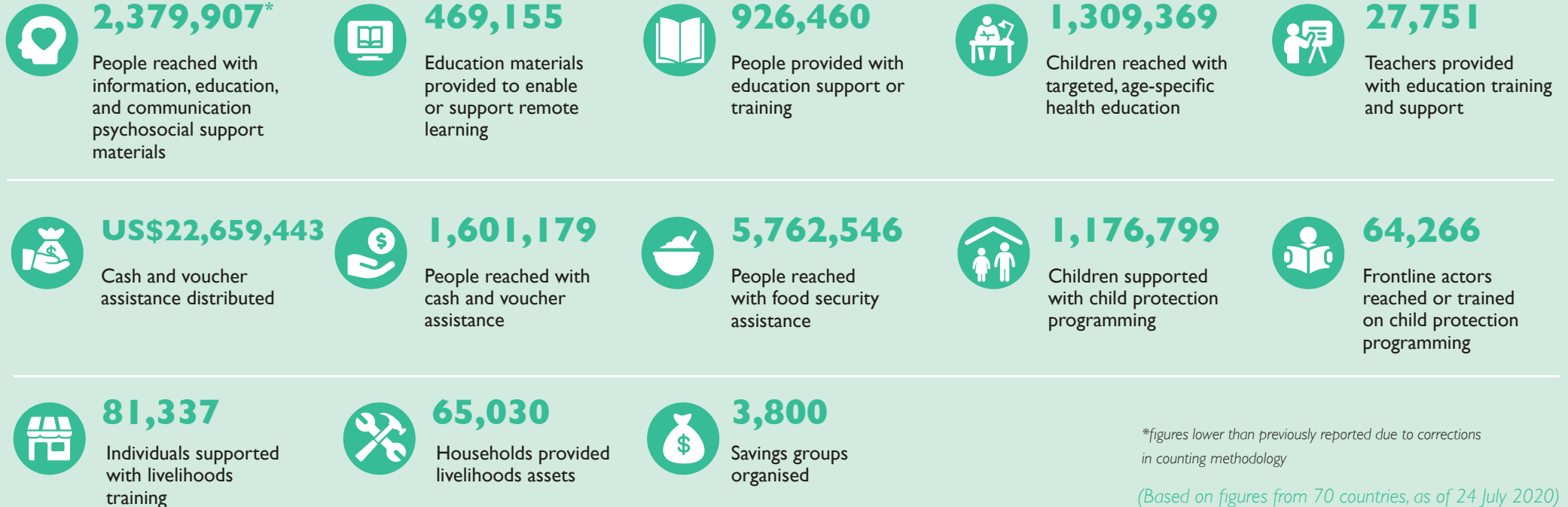


7,042

People provided with transportation support

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 24 July 2020) 3

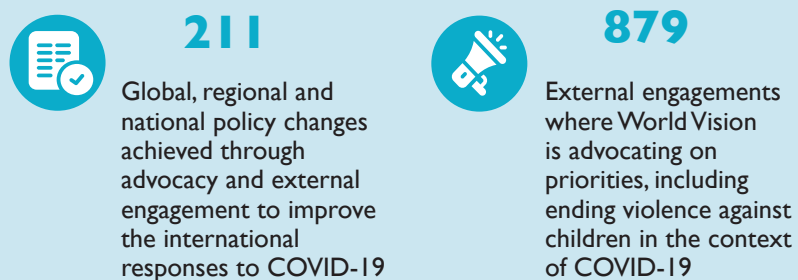
OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



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



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- **Globally**, World Vision directly, and together with IASC partners - SCHR and ICVA - provided feedback, data, evidence, research and analysis from our field programmes into the United Nations third update to its Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in ensuring the GHRP focuses on children as a highly vulnerable group, recognising the indirect impact COVID-19 is having on children's survival and protection; ensuring its COVID-19 response is globally informed by gender-responsive and age-specific analysis; and in improving flexibility and transparency of funding flows, increasing direct funding to NGOs.
- **In Mozambique**, World Vision expressed concern with the implementation of the state of emergency by state police following violence against vulnerable populations, including street vendors, many of whom do not have another source of income. World Vision worked with the state police to facilitate trainings for law enforcement agents on the state of emergency law, providing guidance on human rights and child rights.
- **In Haiti**, World Vision, together with civil society groups, local organizations, faith leaders and the national media advocated for the Government to institute a law prohibiting acts of stigmatisations against people who contracted COVID-19. Anti-stigmatization SMSs were sent to nearly 125,000 mobile phone users, launching a call for solidarity, gratitude and hope. This led to the Haiti Government agreeing to sanction stigmatisation and aggression against people infected with 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.



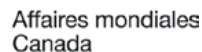
Fear and confusion about a second wave of COVID-19 infections and how people should prepare for this is an ongoing trend in community feedback.

We listen to communities and respond

In Mali, communities gave feedback about the fear of the current situation of spreading of the disease. As a result, World Vision increased its awareness raising at the community level and the use of local radio to share information with all communities.

In Mexico, World Vision responded to feedback received from communities by including in response plans the delivery of humanitarian aid to families who are being affected most by the stagnation of the economy in the areas where they live.

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Reports

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[COVID-19 Aftershocks: Secondary impacts threaten more children's lives than disease itself](#)

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[Children's voices in times of COVID-19](#)

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

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Policy Briefs

[COVID-19 & Child Protection in Fragile and Humanitarian Contexts](#)

[COVID-19 & Risks to Children's Health and Nutrition](#)

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[COVID-19 & Urgent Needs of Child-Sensitive Social Protection](#)

[COVID-19 & the Risks to Children in Urban Contexts](#)

[COVID-19 & Poverty and Hunger](#)

Global Response Plan

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

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