World Vision calls on Governments, the UN and the international community to:

- Continue to scale up global COVID-19 prevention and response measures for children and their families by strengthening health systems, engaging and communicating effectively with children and their communities to provide critical child protection interventions and mental health and psychosocial support.

- Adopt policies and fund COVID-19 response plans that holistically address the secondary impacts of the pandemic on children and families, particularly with respect to child protection, gender-based violence, education, water and sanitation, food security, and livelihoods.

- Ensure access to humanitarian assistance for the most vulnerable children and their families. Find alternatives to humanitarian programme suspensions where COVID-19 prevention policies are required.

World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in 13 countries and territories in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.

**People Reached:**

- **646,462**
  - **Men** 155,294
  - **Women** 187,329
  - **Children** 303,839
    - **Boys** 150,292
    - **Girls** 153,547

**Achievements**

- World Vision in Afghanistan, in coordination with WHO and Ministry of Haji and Religious Affairs, conducted training for 60 religious leaders and families on COVID-19 prevention. These leaders shared their knowledge and passed educational messages to 1,300 people (950 female/350 males). Information, education, and communication materials (IEC) materials were located at the gates of places for worship.

- World Vision in Lebanon signed an agreement with WFP for food distribution to 4,197 households for 6 months.

**COVID-19 Emergency Response**

Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Situation Report

Situation Report #8 | 18 June 2020

**Situation Overview**

**COVID-19 Cases:** 87,555  
**COVID-19 Deaths:** 2,906

The situation has been changing across Middle East and Eastern European countries over the past month. While some countries have eased their restrictions, such as Albania, Jordan, and Georgia, the epidemiological situation has deteriorated in other areas. Iraq has gone back into lockdown after a period of relatively lighter regulations. The situation continues to be critical in Afghanistan and Syria with limited testing and healthcare capacity of local systems. Armenia is witnessing an alarming rise in cases, stretching the healthcare system beyond its capacity. Hundreds of people are waiting for space in hospitals and the vulnerable population, especially children, are at even greater risk of lack of access to healthcare services, as well as to basic needs.

World Vision in Armenia continues to provide direct support to affected most vulnerable families, and supports community level health care providers in responding to increasing cases.

World Vision in Iraq, as a result of joint advocacy efforts of the NGO community, continues to deliver essential services to the most vulnerable groups, including internally-displaced people and refugees.

World Vision in Lebanon, in coordination with UNHCR and local authorities, conducted a survey to identify needs and vulnerabilities in the context of COVID-19. The survey results informed the development of a strategic plan to provide essential services to the most vulnerable populations, including children and families in refugee and internally displaced persons (IDP) camps.

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(COVID-19 case and death figures for 13 countries. Source: WHO, 14 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

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<td><strong>OBJECTIVE 2</strong>: Strengthen health systems and workers</td>
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<td>1,392 Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities</td>
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**OBJECTIVE 3:** Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods

- **481,822** People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- **12,523** Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning
- **42,260** People provided with education support or training
- **13,382** Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education
- **1,141** Teachers provided with education training and support
- **22,195** People reached with cash and voucher assistance
- **62,135** People reached with food security assistance
- **7,249** Children supported with child protection programming
- **654** Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming
- **1,217** Households provided livelihoods assets
- **6** Savings groups organised
- **45** Individuals supported with livelihoods training

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)

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

- **10** Global, regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19
- **65** External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19
- **25** External actions, including sign ons and public statements
- **232** External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading
- **10** External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading

*Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments*
Lebanon: World Vision’s water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) team distributing bleach and sanitizing products to Syrian refugees. Photo by: World Vision

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