COVID-19
Emergency Response

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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.

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

45,269,933
Men 12,223,312
Women 13,443,761

Children 19,618,763
Boys 9,632,275
Girls 9,986,488

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 10 August 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 statistical data about the pandemic, including case growth and death rates, among other critical contextual factors. Currently World Vision is particularly concerned about Bolivia, Ecuador, Kosovo, Mexico, Romania and Syria. These countries may require additional support in order to limit the primary and secondary impacts of COVID-19.

Global COVID-19 Cases: 20,120,919
Global Deaths: 736,766
(as of 12 August 2020, WHO)

* responding includes field programming and/or fundraising

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Asia Pacific Region
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 plans, while other field offices are adapting ongoing technical programmes and integrating long-term rehabilitation and resilience into their development work.

Highlights
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In Peru, World Vision signed an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to develop social mobilisation campaigns and social investment resources for the benefit of the most vulnerable children.

People Reached 7,661,241  
Children Reached 3,340,347

Latin America and Caribbean Region
Overview
Latin America and the Caribbean surpassed the ominous mark of 5 million COVID-19 cases and 200,000 deaths, a trend that still seems far from receding. Brazil is currently 2nd in the world with 2.9 million cases and 99,000 deaths, which are rapidly expanding from megacities to rural areas where health services are severely limited. Plummets in production and tourism will plunge 45 million people into poverty. By the end of this year; one out of every three Latin Americans will be poor, according to the ECLAC.

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Children Reached 5,765,926

Middle East and Eastern Europe Region
Overview
A massive explosion shook Beirut, Lebanon, on 4 August, killing at least 220 people and wounding 5,000. Thousands of businesses and homes are severely damaged and livelihoods threatened. This tragedy comes in the middle of COVID-19 outbreak and economic crisis in Lebanon. More than 300,000 people have been made homeless, some families forced to seek temporary shelter with relatives and acquaintances, in schools, and other administrative buildings.

Highlights
In Lebanon, World Vision is conducting rapid assessments, and initial observations show that food, shelter, and hygiene items are urgently required to respond to the aftermath of the explosion with hundreds of households left without shelter and basic items. Personal protective equipment kits will also be required to prevent additional spread of COVID-19 and reduce the impact on an overstretched health system. This week, World Vision has already started to distribute food and disinfectant kits to affected families.

People Reached 1,057,280  
Children Reached 508,147

Africa Region
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 Kenya, World Vision is making contributions to policy changes on COVID-19 guidelines for care of children in Kenya. In collaboration with partners, World Vision is also contributing to policy changes on COVID-19 community health response minimum standards and guidelines on continued provision of community health services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

People Reached* 22,601,902  
Children Reached 9,500,083

Regional Highlights (figures as of 10 August 2020)

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

- **23,545,735***
  - People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours

- **3,818,073**
  - Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed

- **7,889,194**
  - Community members provided with preventive materials

- **2,568,871**
  - Handwashing supplies distributed

- **2,191,226**
  - Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed

- **161,875**
  - Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities

- **76,065**
  - Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained

- **34,302**
  - Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated

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OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers

- **97,032**
  - Community health workers trained and supported

- **220,825**
  - Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)

- **5,919,346**
  - Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities

- **3,909,105**
  - Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities

- **9,080**
  - Medical facilities assisted

- **390,005**
  - Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities

- **258,901**
  - People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces

- **870**
  - Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up

- **7,170**
  - People provided with transportation support

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 10 August 2020)
OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods

- **2,452,469** People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- **551,729** Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning
- **1,020,542** People provided with education support or training
- **1,341,455** Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education
- **37,756** Teachers provided with education training and support
- **US$23,636,662** Cash and voucher assistance distributed
- **1,654,015** People reached with cash and voucher assistance
- **5,447,692** People reached with food security assistance
- **1,237,568** Children supported with child protection programming
- **79,137** Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming
- **100,963** Individuals supported with livelihoods training
- **67,472** Households provided livelihoods assets
- **3,921** Savings groups organised

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

- **226** Global, regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19
- **846*** External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19

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- Globally, World Vision launched its **100 Days On** report that reflects how the organisation has adapted to remote response coordination, scaled up community health worker and faith leader mobilisation and reimagined operations inside refugee camps. By doing this World Vision has reached 44 million people in the first 100 days of its COVID-19 response, almost half of them children, proving that when the international community partners with humanitarian agencies and grassroots communities, massive impact can be achieved.
- In **Ethiopia**, World Vision is leading an interagency group tasked with drafting guidelines for safe school reopening.
- In **Mozambique**, World Vision brought together leaders from different religious and faith denominations to reflect on pathways to institutionalise clear and effective safeguarding and child protection mechanisms in response to growing concerns that COVID-19 was preventing the advancement of this work within faith communities.
- In **India**, working in partnership with Joining Forces, World Vision successfully petitioned the Ministry of Women and Child Development, as well as the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to identify the most vulnerable children for COVID-19 prevention and response measures.
- In **Mexico**, World Vision worked with parliamentarians on drafting two initiatives to strengthen measures to prevent child labour in agriculture and improve access to health services for agricultural workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Objectives 4.1: Engage communities to ensure programme relevance as context changes

92% of respondents reported satisfaction with World Vision interventions

66% of respondents reported they have received information about World Vision, expected staff behaviour, World Vision programmes and how to provide feedback

79% of complaints/feedback from community resolved based on agreed timeline

(Based on July averages from 21 field offices, as of 28 July 2020)

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 in the month of July:

- Field offices reported community feedback about confusion/requests for support to be able to enact COVID-19 preventive health messages (67%)
- Field offices reported receiving positive feedback/appreciation of World Vision’s support from communities (60%)
- Field offices reported that community members submitted feedback requesting more information about World Vision programmes and distribution, for information to be shared through different channels or in different languages, or to clarify confusion and rumours (56%)
- Field offices reported community feedback about requesting food security and livelihoods support (46%)

We listen to communities and respond

In Malawi, some communities still did not believe that they could contract COVID-19. After awareness campaigns were conducted, these communities are now adopting preventive measures like putting on face masks and washing of hands. World Vision has also provided PPE to health centres after some communities expressed concern over lack of supplies. Communities have also complained about conflicting information on how to care for cloth masks shared by other partners. In response, World Vision has engaged with health workers to sensitise the communities on appropriate messages for taking care of cloth face masks.

In Brazil, communities expressed that WhatsApp is the most agile channel and the preferred platform to obtain official information about response programmes. World Vision has improved its communication systems and used WhatsApp to disseminate important information to a large number of groups. Beneficiaries reported having trouble to understand how to access and participate in cash transfer programmes and how to use the e-transfer system. World Vision created an explanation link to reduce the gaps and increase the speed to registration.

In Democratic Republic of Congo, community members in some of World Vision’s operational areas have requested to be more involved in disseminating messages to stop the spread of COVID-19. In the past few weeks World Vision trained 80 young people as community reporters to document and share COVID-19 communications within their communities. Participants were drawn from Maluku, Kisantu, Kasangulu, and Mbanza Ngungu.

In Guatemala, a family with a COVID-19 positive member expressed their concern about being discriminated against by the residents of the community. As has been observed in other cases, World Vision coordinated with local authorities, a network of leaders and health services so that families have information about COVID-19, apply prevention and hygiene measures, and support cases that occur in the community. This allowed the family to comply with its quarantine without being discriminated against and without consequences that threatened the integrity of the quarantine.

World Vision COVID-19 Emergency Response Global Highlights

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Honduras: World Vision staff distributing food rations to the Santos family and reminding the children of good hygiene habits. Over 20,000 people have benefitted from food ration distributions in vulnerable urban communities in Honduras.

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Resources & Publications

**Reports**
- World Vision COVID-19 Emergency Response 100 Days On
- COVID-19 Aftershocks: Secondary impacts threaten more children’s lives than disease itself
- COVID-19 Aftershocks: A Perfect Storm
- COVID-19 Aftershocks: Out of Time
- Children’s voices in times of COVID-19
- Migration and COVID-19: Venezuelan children between a rock and a hard place
- Stolen Future: War and Child Marriage in Northwest Syria

**Policy Briefs**
- COVID-19 & Child Protection in Fragile and Humanitarian Contexts
- COVID-19 & Risks to Children's Health and Nutrition
- COVID-19 & Disruptions to Education
- 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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