



COVID-19 Emergency Response

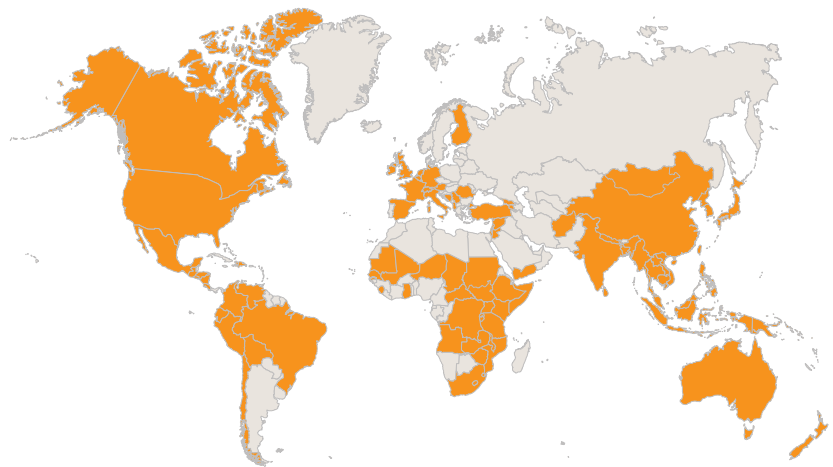
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World Vision is responding*
to the devastating impact of
COVID-19 in **more than
70 countries.**

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

* responding includes field programming and/or fundraising



Global COVID-19 Cases: 20,120,919

Global Deaths: 736,766

(as of 12 August 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

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 static 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.

Regional Highlights

(figures as of 10 August 2020)



Latin America and Caribbean Region



People Reached 7,661,241



Children Reached 3,340,347

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. Plummeting 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.

Highlights

In Brazil, hospital ship 'Solidarity' made its second trip along the Solimões River to reach vulnerable children and families in the Amazonian region. World Vision is visiting 12 communities, delivering aid to more than 500 families. [See video](#)

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.



Middle East and Eastern Europe Region



People Reached 1,057,280



Children Reached 508,147

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, with 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.



Asia Pacific Region



People Reached 12,940,990



Children Reached 5,765,926

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

World Vision Asia-Pacific's early recovery assessment report has received interest among many external stakeholders, triggering a series of webinars that are being organised, including with UN agencies.

World Vision uses a range of traditional and innovative approaches to engage with communities and share knowledge on COVID-19, especially in restricted settings. The impacts and experiences are captured in online [case studies](#).



Africa Region



People Reached* 22,601,902



Children Reached 9,500,083

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 continues to make 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 figures slightly lower than previously reported due to corrections in counting methodology



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



23,545,735*

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



94,726

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

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

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

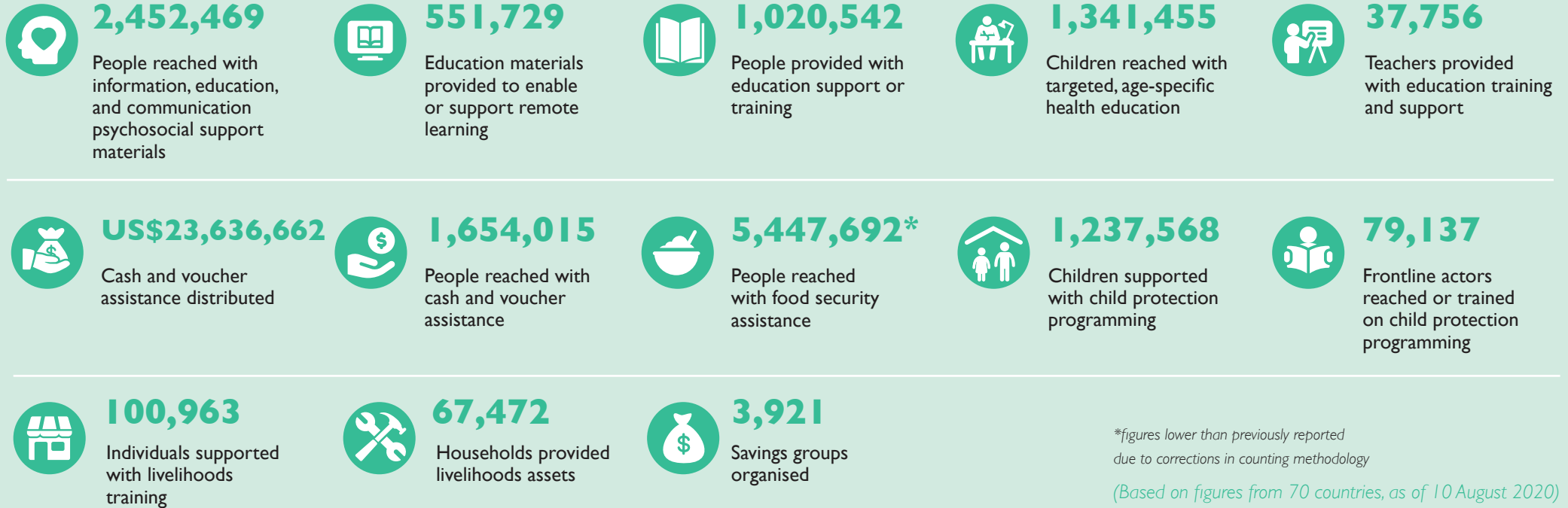


7,170

People provided with transportation support

(Based on figures from 70 countries, as of 10 August 2020) 3

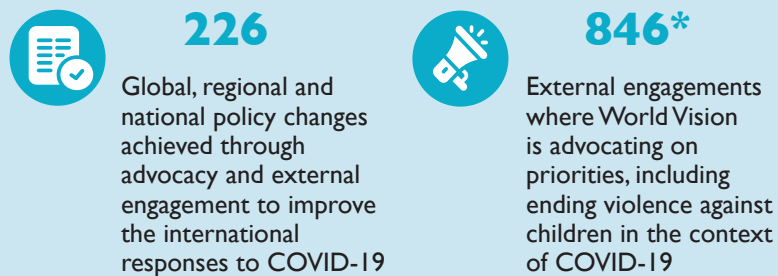
OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



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



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- **Globally**, World Vision 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.

OBJECTIVE 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:

67%

Field offices reported community feedback about confusion/requests for support to be able to enact COVID-19 preventive health messages

60%

Field offices reported receiving positive feedback/appreciation of World Vision's support from communities

56%

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

46%

Field offices reported community feedback about requesting food security and livelihoods support

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 mask 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 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 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 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.



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](#)

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Global Response Plan

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

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