**Africa Regional Situation Report**

**Situation Report #15 | 14 December 2020**

**Situation Overview**

**COVID-19 Cases:** 1,314,155  
**COVID-19 Deaths:** 31,615

Increasing vulnerabilities and worsening humanitarian needs due to lockdowns have devastated livelihoods. UNOCHA’s humanitarian response plans are showing a higher number of people in need (10% higher than this time last year, which equates to 48.9 million in East Africa, 45 million in Southern Africa, and 44.7 million in West Africa).

Prolonged school closures have negatively affected children’s learning and led to higher teenage pregnancy rates. According to a recent World Vision study, as many as 1 million girls may be blocked from returning to school across sub-Saharan Africa.

Reduced funding commitments and COVID-19 lockdowns have increased vulnerabilities amongst forced migration populations (i.e. internally displaced persons and refugees) and migrant workers across east, west, and southern regions. In East Africa, for example, the World Food Programme has reduced food rations for refugees.

Reports indicate that gender-based violence and mental health challenges are also increasing due to lockdowns and lost livelihoods.

Countries across sub-Saharan Africa are facing a triple threat of issues from health, climate change, and loss of livelihoods with the COVID-19 pandemic; desert locust infestations in East Africa devastating vegetation; and flooding in parts of West and East Africa resulting in loss of life, displacement, infrastructure damage, inaccessibility to basic services, and crop disruptions.

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**People Reached**

- **Men:** 7,852,035  
- **Women:** 8,667,266  
- **Children:** 12,923,110

- **Boys:** 6,184,276  
- **Girls:** 6,738,834

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(COVID-19 case and death figures for 26 countries. Source: WHO, as of 12 December 2020)

(Based on figures as of 8 December 2020)
## COVID-19 Response Highlights

**RESPONSE GOAL**
To limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families.

### Strategic Objectives

1. **Scale up preventative measures to limit the spread of disease**
2. **Strengthen health systems and workers**
3. **Support children affected by COVID-19 with education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods**
4. **Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected**

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

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<td>People reached through promotion of preventative behaviours</td>
<td>18,065,367</td>
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<td>Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed</td>
<td>2,053,068</td>
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<td>Community members provided with preventative materials</td>
<td>7,561,982</td>
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<td>Handwashing supplies distributed</td>
<td>1,596,486</td>
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<td>Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed</td>
<td>240,478</td>
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<td>Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities</td>
<td>105,902</td>
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<td>Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained</td>
<td>71,679</td>
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<td>Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated</td>
<td>70,345</td>
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<td>Faith leaders disseminating preventative measures</td>
<td>165,802</td>
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### OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers

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<td>Community health workers trained and supported</td>
<td>128,397</td>
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<td>Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)</td>
<td>248,789</td>
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<td>Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers, and communities</td>
<td>2,869,178</td>
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<td>Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers, and communities</td>
<td>2,214,523</td>
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<td>Medical facilities assisted</td>
<td>12,697</td>
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<td>Disinfectant kits distributed to health-care facilities</td>
<td>134,961</td>
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<td>People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces</td>
<td>144,211</td>
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<td>Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated, or set up</td>
<td>684</td>
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<td>People provided with transportation support</td>
<td>5,025</td>
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(Based on figures as of 8 December 2020)
**OBJECTIVE 3: Support children affected by COVID-19 with education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods**

- **1,400,029** People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- **320,236** Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning
- **646,983** People provided with education support or training
- **926,925** Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education
- **29,106** Teachers provided with education training and support
- **US$4,377,699** Cash and voucher assistance distributed
- **296,120** People reached with cash and voucher assistance
- **2,494,463** People reached with food security assistance
- **571,475** Children supported with child protection programming
- **38,870** Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming
- **88,454** Individuals supported with livelihoods training
- **55,363** Households provided livelihoods assets
- **4,984** Savings groups organised

*(Note: Amounts for cash and voucher assistance and people reached have been amended to address changes based on a data review process of COVID-19 programming undertaken in South Sudan. (Based on figures as of 8 December 2020))*

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

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

*Note: Amounts of external actions have been amended to address errors recorded on the previous situation report. *‡Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include: WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments.*

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