

COVID-19 Global Response—Impact Update

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Global Achievements

World Vision launched its global response to COVID-19 on 11 March, hours after the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic.

World Vision is responding to the 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.



As of May 16, World Vision has reached **32 million people**, including **12 million children**, covering the critical needs of the communities in sectors like Livelihood, Health, Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, and Child Protection.

Scan this QR code to see a video of our response efforts (<https://youtu.be/5xculd7MUPU>):



Country Highlights

Latin and Central America

Brazil

Brazil is now one of the countries with the highest number of COVID-19 cases. World Vision Brazil focuses on helping the most vulnerable in the country, especially those living near the Venezuelan border:

- 40,195** Handwashing supplies distributed
- 70,204** People provided with education support or training
- 17,551** Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education



Interactive educational materials were provided to keep children engaged in learning.

Asia-Pacific

India

The number of COVID-19 cases in India continues to rise in May. With a national lockdown in place, many people are affected. Here are the key response highlights in the country:

206,332 cooked food packages provided

324,562 masks distributed to health facilities, health workers and communities

12,446 medical personnel provided with personal protection equipment (PPE)

30,758 children supported with Child Protection programming



Africa

Senegal

Senegal, having dealt with cholera and Ebola outbreaks in the past, is now faced with COVID-19. Key response highlights include:

8,200 Disinfectant kits distributed to support health workers

360 Community-level handwashing stations established/maintained

522 Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures for COVID-19



Scan this QR code to see a video of why it is important to engage faith leaders in our work (<https://youtu.be/r3Xqm4hNzbQ>):



Middle East/ Eastern Europe

Afghanistan

Helping the country to fight against COVID-19 in the midst of ongoing conflicts, our work focuses on scaling up community's preventive measures and strengthening health system and workers:

3,324 People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours

1,339 Family water kits distributed

600 Community health workers trained and supported



World Vision Afghanistan's Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams promoting preventive behaviours

Story of Arifa

Arifa, aged 12, is a girl living in an internally displaced people settlement in Herat, Afghanistan. She is a student of World Vision's Life Skills awareness sessions. "When the coronavirus first arose, we were shocked and worried. My father doesn't go to work due to this virus, he misses his job and I miss my friends and classmates a lot too. If the virus continues for a long time, we cannot continue our education and we will be illiterate. But this Life Skills class helps us struggle with this hard time. Our teacher taught us that life would throw different problems at us and we were supposed to be patient... We learned a lot about this virus from our teacher. We learned about preventing and precautions to minimise the spread of coronavirus. We are paying more attention to our hygiene. I have shared all my learnings to my friends and family," says Arifa.



Arifa helping to explain hygiene practices

Upcoming Works

Children's well-being is of the utmost concern of World Vision. While COVID-19 is not currently perceived as a major threat to children, World Vision's findings on **secondary health impacts** revealed that up to **30 million children** are at risk of disease and death from preventable causes such as measles, malaria or malnutrition, as weak health systems become overwhelmed by the pandemic. Therefore, World Vision will be allocating more than **half of its US\$350 million** appeal to address these secondary impacts on children and families through various interventions. World Vision will also provide children and families with psychosocial support, and strengthen child help lines and other services to help children at risk of violence. To learn more, scan this QR code to visit our website (<https://www.worldvision.org.hk/en/our-work/COVID-19-global-response>):

