

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 August 10, World Vision has reached **45 million people, including 19 million children**, covering the critical needs of the communities in sectors like Livelihood, Health, Nutrition, Food Security, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, and Child Protection.

Scan this QR code to see a video of our global response efforts (<https://bit.ly/2zkvfl8>):



Country Highlights

Latin and Central America

Brazil

Brazil currently has the second highest number of COVID-19 cases in the world. World Vision Brazil is proactively supporting the most vulnerable in the country, including the poor in 12 different states, and the indigenous communities living along the Amazon River, to ensure they are not neglected:

527,485 handwashing supplies distributed

179,278 people provided with education support or training

56,563 children reached with targeted, age-specific health education



World Vision turned a boat into a floating clinic to provide indigenous communities along the Amazon River with medical help, hygiene kit, food and more.

Asia-Pacific

Bangladesh

On top of a pandemic, Bangladesh is also facing one of the most prolonged monsoon floods in decades. Both have a serious impact on people's livelihoods. Here are World Vision Bangladesh's key response highlights:

- 1,274,852** comprehensive hygiene kits distributed
- 162,242** people's basic needs supported by cash and voucher assistance
- 17,662** education materials provided to support remote learning
- 15,271** people supported with food security assistance



World Vision supports the communities with food and education and more. Social distancing guidelines are also carefully observed during distributions.

Africa

Uganda

The Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Uganda is the second largest refugee camp in the world. World Vision uses different measures to promote hygiene in the camp, so that critical work like food distribution can continue. Response highlights in the camp and other high-need areas in Uganda include:

- 638,834** people reached through hygiene promotion
- 33,467** handwashing stations set up/ maintained
- 10,359** people reached with psychosocial support
- 4,803** cleaning kits supplied to communities



World Vision sets up handwashing stations and distributes soap, etc., while continuing food distribution in the refugee camp.

Scan this QR code to see a video of how preventive behaviours are being promoted creatively in the Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement (<https://youtu.be/Kq2esjqvp9w>):



Middle East/ Eastern Europe

Lebanon

Lebanon is facing an economic crisis, COVID-19 and the aftermath of the Beirut explosion, while hosting the largest number of refugees per capita, all at the same time. World Vision is responding in multiple ways in communities around the country and in refugee camps:

- 68,637** masks distributed to health workers
- 61,963** glove sets supplied to health facilities
- 30,090** people received preventive materials
- 5,701** children supported with child protection programming



World Vision Lebanon is helping to protect community members, health workers and refugees by providing them with hygiene kits, sanitizers and more.

From Fear to Resilience

Hanaa and her family escaped the war in Syria and settled in the Bekaa Valley five years ago. Her husband Khleif used to be a tailor but has been jobless for a year due to the economic crisis. “When COVID-19 first appeared in Lebanon, we didn’t know what to do. We locked ourselves inside the tent without welcoming anyone. We didn’t want to put our children’s lives at risk,” says Khleif. “World Vision provided us with soaps, bleach and sanitizers, and taught our children how to properly clean their hands and take precautions. Now, whenever I go out, I make sure I wear a mask and to wash my hands when I’m back.” Hanna adds, “We try to stay resilient to the problems we are facing. Thank God that World Vision is providing us with clean water. Without it, it is hard to be healthy and clean, and the situation would be much worse.”



Hanaa & her family



World Vision providing water for refugees

Upcoming Works

After half a year, COVID-19 continues to be a significant global health risk, and is bringing about secondary impacts, such as hunger and unemployment, which threaten the well-being of children and pose a bigger threat than the virus itself. As parents struggle to provide, at least four million more girls are estimated to become victims of child marriage. Thus, World Vision will allocate more than **half of its US\$350 million** appeal to address these secondary impacts through various interventions, including supporting remote learning, child protection advocacy, psychosocial support, and strengthening child help lines and services to help children at risk of violence. We need your support in continuing our work in the vulnerable communities: www.worldvision.org.hk/en/our-work/COVID-19-global-response