



COVID-19 Emergency Response



Latin America and Caribbean Region Situation Report July 10, 2020



FUNDING AVAILABLE

Grants Awarded: **US\$14,158,870**

Local funding: **US\$ 4,577,070**

Accumulated figures

COVID # OF CASES AND DEATHS, BY COUNTRY

countries where World Vision operates, as of July 10

COUNTRY	# CASES	# DEATHS
Brazil	1,713,160	67,964
Peru	316,448	11,314
Chile	306,216	6,682
Mexico	275,003	32,796
Colombia	128,638	4,791
Ecuador	64,221	4,900
Bolivia	42,984	1,577
Dominican Republic	40,790	842
Guatemala	26,658	1,092
Honduras	25,978	694
El Salvador	8,844	243
Venezuela	8,008	75
Haiti	6,486	123
Costa Rica	6,486	25
Nicaragua	2,846	91
TOTAL	2,972,765	134,299

Situation Overview

The Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO) described Latin America's trend as "[worrying](#)" since infections are moving quickly, from large urban areas with hospital care capacity, to smaller communities with limited health capabilities. Four Latin American countries are in the global top 10: Brazil, second, with 1.7 million cases; Peru, 5th with over 316K cases, followed by Chile with 309K and Mexico in 8th place, with more than 275k cases as of July 10. The pandemic makes no distinction. Last week, three dignitaries from the region tested positive: Jeanine Añez, President of Bolivia; Jair Bolsonaro, President of Brazil and Diosdado Cabello, President of Venezuela's Parliament.

Key Messages



- World Vision LAC is calling for urgent aid to ensure food, shelter, health and protection for over 10 million vulnerable children and their families, exposed to life threatening conditions.
- Severe deterioration of GDP and family income is causing hunger, pushing family members to seek livelihoods through informal activities, and forcing children into child labor.
- A recent study conducted by WVV on the situation of [Venezuelan](#) migrant children during the pandemic, showed that 84 per cent experienced a decrease of household income to buy food, and every third surveyed child go to bed hungry.
- World Vision is promoting the safe return of children to schools where conditions permit, and advocating for access to connectivity and materials to ensure remote education.
- We celebrate reaching extremely vulnerable families in the Brazilian Amazon, with the operation of our hospital ship, "Solidarity", which delivered urgent medical attention, hygiene goods and food.

Strategic Objectives



Scale up preventive measures to stop the spread of disease.



Support health systems and workers



Provide children and families multi-sector support during the COVID-19 crisis.



Advocate and collaborate to ensure child protection.



COVID-19 Emergency Response Highlights



PEOPLE REACHED

(as of July 10, 2020)

People
7,648,287



Men
2,132,953



Women
2,445,274



Children
3,070,060

Boys
1,506,439

Girls
1,563,621

OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19



6,162,438

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



645,668

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



1,073,578

Community members provided preventive materials



513,724

Handwashing supplies distributed



201,194

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



47,902

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



1,197

Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained



323

Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated



27,438

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

(Based on figures from 14 countries, as of July 10, 2020)

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



5,609

Community health workers trained and supported



61,385

Medical personnel provided personal protective equipment (PPE)



493,679

Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



590,844

Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



2,200

Medical facilities assisted



121,916

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



111,173

People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces



146

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up



134

People provided transportation support

(Based on figures from 15 countries, as of July 10, 2020)

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



2,896,686

People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials



177,351

Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning



466,552

People provided with education support or training



267,052

Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education



13,674

Teachers provided with education training and support



US\$2,760,138

Cash and voucher assistance distributed



81,312

People reached with cash and voucher assistance



530,661

People reached with food security assistance



328,348

Children supported with child protection programming



23,614

Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming



36,108

Individuals supported with livelihoods training



7,530

Households provided livelihoods assets

(Based on figures from 15 countries, as July 10, 2020)

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



175

External actions



27

New or amended policies adopted at national and local level



391

External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading



166

External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading



197

External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19

(Based on figures from 14 countries, as of July 10, 2020)

World Vision

Donors and Partners



“Solidarity”, World Vision’s Brazil hospital ship, delivered 600 hygiene kits, food and medicines to dwellers in the Amazon River communities.

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BOLIVIA

- The President of Bolivia, Jeanine Añez tested Covid-19 positive, last July 9.
- WV Bolivia and WFP are analyzing to extend joint humanitarian assistance to indigenous populations in the department of Oruro. Besides COVID-19 threats, the Uru Matos group is severely affected by droughts that literally dried the lake they depended for their fishing activities.
- 340 Bolivian churches participated in a workshop on Christian Pedagogy in the Virtual World to enhance child protection.



COSTA RICA

- The country declared community transmission of COVID-19 virus and is experiencing a surge in cases that has trippled the number in a period of 2 weeks.
- 873 children have been infected. Return to school has been delayed due to surge.
- WV CR delivered food kits to vulnerable communities in the capital city with the assistance of Walmart Foundation.



BRAZIL

- WV Brazil and the Presbyterian church distributed 600 hygiene kits, food, medicines and provided urgent medical assistance to Amazon River bank communities through its hospital ship, "Solidarity".
- Thanks to rapid response action on the field, World Vision and UNICEF are partnering to provide 40,000 vulnerable people living in São Paulo and Rio with hygiene supplies and WASH support.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- WV DR is launching a social media and traditional media campaign to ensure the safe return of children to school, and raising funds to provide educational supplies to students.
- WVDR is currently distributing 720,000 micro nutrients sachets donated by Amway, which will benefit 24,000 vulnerable children. The donation is valued in U\$37,290.



CHILE

- Chile entered phase 4 of the pandemic, maintaining borders closed (except for transportation of supplies). Health authorities extended confinement measures.
- WVChile and the European Union aired a digital campaign on SSMM to sensitize and prevent domestic violence, which has spiked during confinement.
- The Senate Human Rights Commission is drafting a piece of law to ensure the protection of vulnerable migrant populations, thanks to an assessment carried out with WVChile's support.



ECUADOR

- WVEcuador has conducted virtual discussions on social media to advocate for prevention of violence against children and child labor, which reached +12k people.
- Approximately 1k faith leaders participated in the Principles of Christian Pedagogy workshop, to prevent violence against children.
- WV Ecuador signed an agreement with the local government of the capital city, Quito, to prevent child labor, a secondary impact derived from COVID-19.



COLOMBIA

- World Vision Colombia served as bridge with the religious sector and assisted the creation of opening protocols for temples and religious centers
- WV Colombia installed handwashing stations in Norte Santander and distributed water purifying sachets in rural communities of La Guajira.
- During the period of reporting, WV Colombia distributed US\$23,370 in cash voucher assistance, benefitting more than 7k people.



EL SALVADOR

- WV El Salvador is preventing gender-based violence in a joint campaign with UNWomen.
- More than 13K people were directly benefitted from food distributions in highly vulnerable municipalities.
- WVES has disseminated information to churches through the Evangelical Alliance to prevent a surge of cases amid the re-opening process of the economy.



GUATEMALA

- WV Guatemala reached 198 additional health workers and 200 additional teachers with training to prevent COVID-19 infections over the past two weeks.
- Ongoing behavioral change campaigns reached more than 79K people.
- A recent survey of WV to assess the situation of children detected that 65% of them are having trouble to cope with confinement.



NICARAGUA

- Nicaragua continues with a pattern of under registration of cases. Official data accounts for 2846 cases. Independent Citizen [Observatory](#) reported 7402 cases as of June 24.
- WV Nicaragua facilitated a training for 2357 public education officers, on socio-emotional coping strategies for children and adolescents.
- The use of radio broadcast led to engage with +10K faith leaders, who were trained on strategies to prevent child abuse
- More than 20,000 hygiene kits were distributed over the period of this report.



HAITI

- Haiti is in active re-opening of all commercial, religious and academic activities. Schools will resume next August. WV Haiti submitted recommendations to the Ministry of Education, to ensure safe return of children and teachers to schools.
- Seeds for long term food security were provided to 2156 families. Seed packages included beans, melon and corn.
- More than 7500 households built their tippy taps for handwashing.



PERU

- Peru is presently the 5th country with the highest number of COVID-19 cases worldwide.
- WV Peru is actively working to prevent violence against children through an active media and SSMM campaign in coordination with the Ministry of Women and promoting child participation with children's network, ANALIT.
- More than 2500 food kits were distributed to vulnerable families in Lima, Chorrillo district through Peniel Church.



HONDURAS

- WV Honduras is advocating with other NGOs to ensure access to education for more than 1 million children, out of school due to the pandemic.
- 956 Faith leaders completed training to promote positive parenting and prevent violence against children.
- WV Honduras provided food assistance to +14K people, and 2809 received training to generate livelihoods



MEXICO

- Mexico's increasing number of COVID-19 cases (currently in 8th place globally) and its high lethality rate is of great concern.
- WV Mexico provided protective equipment to 1,400 medical staff and delivered soap, disinfectant and other preventive supplies to 2662 people.
- Advocacy activities over the period of this report included training local child protection officials to prevent child labor.



World Vision Peru delivered 500 food kits to vulnerable families in El Chorrillo, Lima.

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