Asia Pacific Regional Situation Report
Situation Report | 18 June 2020

Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases: 563,725
COVID-19 Deaths: 18,230

A few countries in the Asia Pacific region are seeing a spike in the number of COVID-19 cases, especially India, Bangladesh and Indonesia. However, World Vision’s field offices in these countries have a comprehensive response plan which they are implementing diligently to meet the most urgent needs of the most vulnerable children and their families in their areas of response.

Some countries in the region have also responded to Cyclone Harold and Cyclone Amphan along with the COVID-19 response, during the past months. All offices are also prepared for any emergency during the upcoming wet season.

As part of the planning for the next phase of World Vision’s response, an Early Recovery Assessment has been completed in nine countries in the region, while four countries are still working on the assessment of their responses. The field offices will use the data from these assessment reports to plan the recovery response and work effectively with governments and key partners.

People Reached:
7,726,539

Men 1,885,276
Women 2,142,092
Children 3,699,171

Boys 1,877,948
Girls 1,821,223

(Available figures as of 15 June 2020)

Key Messages

Asia is facing twin health and economic crises. Healthcare access is a significant challenge, both due to virus dynamics and the subsequent pressure on the healthcare system. Financial resources to pay for food, transportation and healthcare are difficult to obtain with widespread job loss. Boys and girls equally suffer from anxiety, loneliness and boredom and may experience more violence and abuse at home. Many parents and caregivers find dealing with changing behaviour of their children is challenging. With lockdowns easing, challenges abound for Asia’s children.

Measures taken by governments and partners during the crisis need to lay the foundation for long-term improvements in the social safety net and essential public services. Given the stakes, such desperate times call for bold solutions. We can do no less for Asia’s children.

Achievements

In the Philippines, World Vision trained 110 church partners and faith leaders through a webinar on how to ensure children’s safety and protection during COVID-19.

In Bangladesh, Child Forum leaders initiated six Facebook Live dialogues engaging specialist doctors, high level government officials and celebrities to educate and encourage over 13,000 children who are facing challenges during lockdown.
**COVID-19 Emergency Response Highlights**

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

**OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19**
- **People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours**: 4,168,304
- **Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed**: 1,278,604
- **Community members provided preventive materials**: 1,867,157
- **Handwashing supplies distributed**: 438,964
- **Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed**: 749,280

- **Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities**: 3,464
- **Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained**: 8,217
- **Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated**: 68
- **Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures**: 3,198

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)

**OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers**
- **Community health workers trained and supported**: 8,841
- **Medical personnel provided personal protective equipment (PPE)**: 45,405
- **Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities**: 1,811,653
- **Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities**: 399,193
- **Medical facilities assisted**: 2,930
- **Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities**: 93,533
- **People supported with the securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces**: 6,620
- **Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up**: 104
- **People provided transportation support**: 1,376

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)
**OBJECTIVE 3:** Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods

- **309,782** People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- **20,297** Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning
- **39,650** People provided with education support or training
- **86,778** Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education
- **154** Teachers provided with education training and support
- **US$9,397,744** Cash and voucher assistance distributed
- **547,626** People reached with cash and voucher assistance
- **413,478** People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- **292,808** Children supported with child protection programming
- **309,782** People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- **14** External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19
- **64** External actions, including sign ons and public statements
- **21** External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading
- **99** External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading

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

- **104** Global, regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19
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*Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments*

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Bangladesh: Children are in queue with their parents while maintaining social distancing to receive home-based learning materials from World Vision. Photo by: World Vision