



Latin America and Caribbean Regional Situation Report

July 16, 2020

Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases: 3,169,259

COVID-19 Deaths: 140,086

The attempt to re-open economic activities has taken its toll in the Americas. The continent accounts for 6.12 million confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to the [WHO](#). That is over half of all cases globally. The region accumulated over 272,000 deaths as of July 9. The US surpassed the 3 million mark, representing half of the region's confirmed cases. Two months ago, it represented 75 per cent, which depicts a swift increase of cases in neighbouring Latin America. The [Pan-American Health Organisation \(PAHO\)](#) described the trend as "worrying" since infections in Latin America are quickly moving from large urban areas, with larger hospital care capacity, to smaller communities with limited health capabilities.

Latin America and the Caribbean is experiencing a three-decade set back in its [poverty indicators](#); 45 million people will become poor in 2020 due to the pandemic in the region. One out of every three people in the region will not have food, have access to health or be able to fulfil their basic needs. Four Latin American countries are in the global top 10: Brazil, second, with 1.7 million cases; Peru, 5th with over 316,000 cases, followed by Chile with 309,000 and Mexico ranked 8th, with more than 275,000 cases as of July 9. 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.

(COVID-19 case and death figures for 15 countries. Source: WHO, 13 July 2020)

World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in **15 countries** in the Latin American and Caribbean region, especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.



People Reached:

7,648,287

Men 2,132,953 Women 2,445,274

Children 3,070,060

Boys 1,506,439 Girls 1,563,621

(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)

Key Messages

- World Vision is reaching out to the international community to urgently tackle the severe impoverishment of millions of people in Latin America and Caribbean. We are 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.
- The severe deterioration of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and family income throughout the region is causing hunger in millions of households, pushing family members to seek livelihoods through informal activities and forcing children into child labor.
- A recent [study](#) conducted by World Vision 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.
- The extended effect of the pandemic has halted education processes for millions of children. We are promoting the safe return of children to schools where conditions permit, and advocating for access to connectivity and materials to ensure remote education.

Achievements

- World Vision celebrates its access to extremely vulnerable families in remote areas of the Brazilian Amazon, with the operation of the hospital ship "Solidarity", which delivered urgent medical attention, hygiene goods and food. World Vision anticipates extending this operation to the Colombian Amazon region as well.



RESPONSE GOAL

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

Strategic Objectives



1. Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



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



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

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



1,073,578

Community members provided preventive materials



513,724

Handwashing supplies distributed



201,914

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 as of 10 July 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

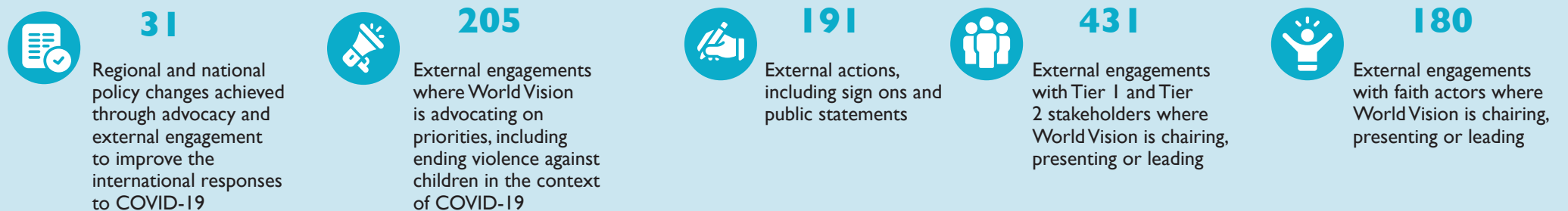
People provided transportation support

(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)

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



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



*Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments

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Brazil: World Vision provides health services to remote Amazonian communities amid COVID-19 pandemic using the hospital ship "Solidarity". ©World Vision

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