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.

**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.

**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**

**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.

**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 the pandemic in the region. One out of every three people in the region will not have food, have access to health or able to fulfill 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)
**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

- **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
- **201,914** 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

- **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
- **2,896,686** Children supported with child protection programming
- **23,614** Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming

(Based on figures as of 10 July 2020)

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

- **31** Regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19
- **205** External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19
- **191** External actions, including sign ons and public statements
- **431** External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading
- **180** External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading

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

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