



Latin America and Caribbean Regional Situation Report

Situation Report | 18 June 2020

Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases: 1,553,142

COVID-19 Deaths: 76,729

Latin America is experiencing an extremely complex situation, as COVID-19 cases are rising sharply and without reaching a plateau, according to the WHO. The total number of confirmed cases in the 15 countries where World Vision operates add up to over 1.5 million as of June 14th, equivalent to almost a fifth of the global cases.

Brazil and Peru together represent 13% of the cases worldwide. However, Mexico, Chile, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Haiti are of special concern due to steep increases of new cases and deaths. The beginning of the hurricane season is intensifying risks for highly vulnerable populations and posing further pressure over the already saturated emergency and health services. The first tropical storm killed 14 people in El Salvador and forced thousands of families to relocate in shelters in Central America, amid the social distancing and quarantine measures.

Additionally, the deportation of sick migrant people from the US is also factoring in the increase of cases in this sub-region. World Vision is calling for immediate financial aid to sustain its response, as additional distress will come from the severe deterioration of livelihoods for millions of families.

(COVID-19 case and death figures for 15 countries. Source: WHO, 14 June 2020)

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



People Reached:

6,007,310

Men 1,699,634 Women 1,959,876

Children 2,347,800

Boys 1,166,766 Girls 1,181,034

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)

Key Messages

World Vision Latin America and Caribbean Region is calling for urgent international help, as the region has become the new epicenter of COVID-19. Latin America is home to 8.5 per cent of the world's population, but already accounts for almost a fifth of all COVID-19 confirmed cases worldwide.

The pandemic is aggressively affecting vulnerable populations who suffered the effects of pre-existing inequalities such as limited access to health and education services, water and nutrition, and labor exploitation.

Migrant and refugees are in dire need of support throughout the region. Thousands of families are taking the life-threatening decision to return their country, amid the pandemic, as they've lost jobs, have been evicted from homes and are facing hunger. This situation is common to thousands of Haitians in the Dominican Republic, Venezuelans in Colombia, Peru and Ecuador; and citizens from Mexico and Central American countries returning or being deported from the United States.

World Vision calls on the private sector, donors, civil society and governments to collaborate to ensure the protection of children, increasingly affected by exploitation and abuse amid the lock down.

Achievements

World Vision's response to the emergency has already benefitted 6 million vulnerable people, including over 2 million children in 15 countries. Our reach is leveraged by our community presence and the mobilization of over 26,000 church leaders.

World Vision launched a [study](#) that delves into the harsh reality of children, adolescents and young migrants and refugees from Venezuela who are caught up in the economic and political crisis now made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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



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



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

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



5,798,611

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



579,710

Information, education, and communication materials printed and



324,533

Community members provided preventive materials



419,427

Handwashing supplies distributed



119,528

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



37,899

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



1,186

Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained



322

Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities constructed or rehabilitated



26,545

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



4,859

Community health workers trained and supported



50,907

Medical personnel provided personal protective equipment (PPE)



374,885

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



528,316

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



2,012

Medical facilities assisted



104,185

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities



63,416

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



144

Quarantine and isolation spaces supported, rehabilitated or set-up



123

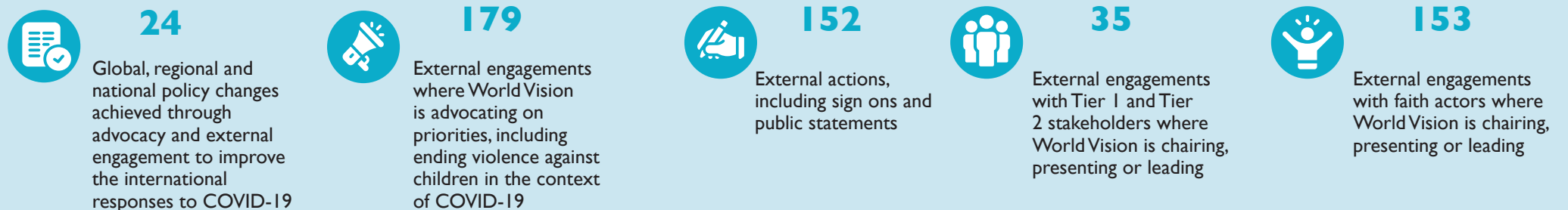
People provided transportation support

(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



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





Honduras: World Vision is distributing food and hygiene kits to vulnerable children and families who are impacted by the effects of COVID 19. Photo by: World Vision

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