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 lockdown.

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.

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

World Vision’s response to the emergency has already benefited 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.
OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19

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<th>People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours</th>
<th>Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed</th>
<th>Community members provided preventive materials</th>
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- 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

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<th>Community health workers trained and supported</th>
<th>Medical personnel provided personal protective equipment (PPE)</th>
<th>Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities</th>
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- 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

- 2,845,332 People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials
- 97,183 Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning
- 362,784 People provided with education support or training
- 232,930 Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education
- 8,225 Teachers provided with education training and support
- US$2,593,959 Cash and voucher assistance distributed
- 68,810 Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning
- 422,212 People reached with food security assistance
- 315,871 Children supported with child protection programming
- 17,317 Frontline actors reached or trained on child protection programming
- 30,214 Individuals supported with livelihoods training
- 6,782 Households provided livelihoods assets

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)

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

- 24 Global, regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19
- 179 External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19
- 152 External actions, including sign ons and public statements
- 35 External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading
- 153 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

(Based on figures as of 15 June 2020)
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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