

**Achievements of local and international organizations  
in response to COVID-19**  
as of 5 May 2020

**OCHA**

- To help the world's most vulnerable countries fight the pandemic, OCHA coordinated a US\$2 billion [COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#) launched on 25 March. Funding this plan will help to ensure that humanitarian agencies can maintain their ongoing emergency work. Implementing the plan requires tight coordination, strong fundraising, and a massive effort to ensure that ongoing emergency assistance continues for those people around the world who need it most.
- OCHA is helping aid groups and Governments to coordinate the COVID-19 humanitarian response on all fronts to ensure it is swift, coherent and effective. For OCHA, this involves mobilizing finances, assessing needs, developing response plans, and advocating to reach people in need. OCHA has set up a COVID-19 response team to drive these efforts, and to support and boost the UN system-wise response.
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock has released [US\\$95 million from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund \(CERF\), the OCHA-managed emergency fund](#), to help UN agencies contain the virus. The first tranche committed funding to meet pressing needs in Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Haiti, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Uzbekistan.
- OCHA has also deployed \$68.4 million through 11 Country-Based Pooled Funds for COVID-19 pandemic responses, with much of this funding likely to go directly to national non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

**World Health Organization (WHO)**

- On 14 April 2020, [the first UN Solidarity Flight](#) delivered personal protective equipment, medical facilities and laboratory supplies to countries across Africa. Transported by the World Food Programme (WFP), this first of a series of WHO cargo included face shields, gloves, goggles, gowns, masks, medical aprons and thermometers, as well as ventilators. This is the largest single shipment since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and will enable people living in countries with some of the weakest health systems to get tested and treated, while ensuring health workers on the front lines are properly protected.
- The Solidarity Flight is part of an effort to ship life-saving medical supplies to 95 countries across the globe, in conjunction with WFP and other agencies including UNICEF, the Global Fund, Gavi, and the UN Department of Operational Support, Unitaïd and others. WHO and the African Union, through the Africa Centre for

Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), provide technical support and coordination for the distribution of the supplies in the region.

- WHO's logistics hub in Dubai has also been dispatching more than 130 shipments of personal protection equipment (PPE) and laboratory supplies across all six WHO regions. For the month of April, WHO and partners have delivered supplies to Afghanistan, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Iraq, Jamaica, Mongolia, Nicaragua, South Sudan, Suriname and Syria.

### **CARE International**

- As of 16 April, CARE International has life-saving humanitarian crisis response and/or COVID-19 adaptations/programmes in 62 countries, but these are partially suspended in 22 and entirely suspended in 2.
- CARE has directly reached more than 2 million people with hygiene messaging, 351,017 with hygiene kits, 737,325 with increased water, set up 22,801 new or repaired handwashing stations and provided more than 111,000 people with food or cash vouchers as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Photos, social media graphics and video of distributions in Haiti, Jordan (Azraq), Lebanon and the Philippines are available here:  
<https://www.careimages.org/?c=8231&k=7d870da408>
- Global Rapid Gender Analysis on Gender and COVID-19: [https://www.care.org/sites/default/files/global\\_rga\\_covid\\_rdm\\_3.31.20\\_final.pdf](https://www.care.org/sites/default/files/global_rga_covid_rdm_3.31.20_final.pdf)

### **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

- Establishment of isolation centres for COVID-19 case management as well as handwashing stations in camps and camp-like settings.
- Launch of multilingual information campaigns and hotlines targeting migrants and displaced persons to prevent community transmission.
- Training of government officials on surveillance in airports, seaports and land border crossings.
- Mapping of human mobility trends and dynamics to inform preparedness plans and track information on stranded migrants and internally displaced persons in affected countries.
- Provision of laboratory support for case detection.

- Provision of personal protective equipment and disinfection supplies at points of entry; and distribution of humanitarian assistance to stranded migrants or quarantined returnees.
- Read more about the UN Network on Migration in this statement: [COVID-19 Does Not Discriminate; Nor Should Our Response](#)

### **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)**

- NRC is distributing information on the prevention of coronavirus and providing hygiene kits, clean water and adequate toilets in Iran, Afghanistan, Yemen, and across Latin America and Africa. In the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, NRC is installing handwashing points and ensuring running water.
- Photos and stories from Afghanistan, Nigeria, Iraq and Jordan are available on SmugMug here: <https://nrc.smugmug.com/Press/Press-album-Corina-crisis/>
- A summary of NRC achievements in their second update is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yco7yjty>.

### **Save the Children**

- Since the start of the outbreak, Save the Children continues to respond to the needs of communities in countries impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, including in China, the United States and across Europe.
- In the largest appeal in its 100-year history, Save the Children is aiming to raise \$100 million to urgently keep children and their families safe during the global COVID-19 outbreak, the most serious threat to global health and security in modern times.
- Videos on the COVID-19 response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, and Syria and generic handwashing animations are available here: <https://www.contenthubsavethechildren.org/Share/6lt5uhls17s00h61ofi4kjinwwsb4178y>

### **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)**

- IFRC, with 192 National Societies and 13 million volunteers, is providing critical information and health and social services, while ensuring that communities participate in the response.
- More than 6 million items of personal protective equipment have been procured for front-line volunteers, including masks, goggles, face shields, gloves and surgical gowns. Red

Cross and Red Crescent volunteers are installing water distribution points and providing hygiene kits, food and shelter to protect vulnerable people.

### **Danish Refugee Council**

- The Danish Refugee Council is responding with cash-based interventions in Colombia, awareness-raising in Turkey, and water, sanitation and hygiene interventions in Ethiopia, Nigeria and Yemen.

### **Oxfam International**

- Oxfam International is scaling up its global COVID-19 response in more than 45 countries, working with partners to deliver clean water, soap and other hygiene supplies and spreading prevention messages through community outreach, trainings, radio, social media and more. Oxfam is addressing ongoing urgent needs for those facing food insecurity and displacement through cash, voucher and food distributions.

### **International Rescue Committee**

- The International Rescue Committee has launched COVID-19 preparedness and response programmes in over 40 countries including Syria, Kenya and Yemen. Programmes include a public health awareness and psychosocial support campaign, training of health care workers in refugee camps, and providing reproductive and maternal healthcare and medicine to migrants and vulnerable communities.

### **UN Population Fund (UNFPA)**

- UNFPA is prioritizing the needs of women and girls, as the pandemic is disrupting access to life-saving health services and increasing the risk of gender-based violence. UNFPA is delivering protective supplies to health workers, providing services and setting up hotlines for survivors of gender-based violence, supporting midwives and other health workers to provide sexual and reproductive health services for women, and providing training in psychosocial support.

### **UNICEF**

- **To bolster life-saving health supplies in:**
  - **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC):** A shipment of 63 cubic metres of vital health supplies landed in Kinshasa on 11 April. The equipment includes oxygen concentrators, basic surgery equipment, stethoscopes, medication and nutrition items, such as vitamin A supplements, and will be distributed to health centres to respond to COVID-19 and other health epidemics such as measles, cholera and malaria.

- **Iran:** UNICEF procured and dispatched 26.5 tons of PPE to hospitals treating COVID-19 patients in the most affected provinces.
  - **Venezuela:** UNICEF procured and received in-country 90 tons of supplies, including PPE kits for health workers. Supplies are being channelled through UNICEF logistics and warehouses directly to 193 facilities across the country.
  - **Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh:** A 50-bed COVID-19 isolation and treatment unit at Ramu in Cox's Bazar is operational, with UNICEF providing equipment including oxygen concentrators, resuscitation and sterilization kits, as well as consumables and medicines.
- **To provide life-saving information in:**
    - **South Sudan:** The Ministry of Health and UNICEF have partnered with more than 25 radio stations across the country to broadcast and disseminate life-saving messages in 10 languages. The campaign includes the distribution of communication materials and social mobilization efforts using loudspeakers and megaphones to spread information about the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, preventive measures and how to get more information. Essential information is also disseminated through bulk SMS messages.
    - **DRC and Yemen:** Using the Rapid Response Mechanism to reach the most vulnerable children and communities with critical information related to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and risk communication about COVID-19, including for 5 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country.
- **To improve access to safe water and sanitation in:**
    - **Somalia:** More than 106,000 people received critical WASH supplies, such as hygiene items and access to emergency safe water, including in IDP settlements in Baidoa.
    - **Afghanistan:** UNICEF is improving access to safe drinking water, sanitation and handwashing facilities and hygiene supplies in health-care centres, schools, childcare centres, temporary learning spaces and within at-risk communities, where access to such services are already extremely limited.
- **To keep every child learning in:**
    - **Burkina Faso:** UNICEF is working with partners to scale up education and teaching through radio programming at a national level, this work was already ongoing for children affected by insecurity and is being scaled up. More than 20,000 schools are closed and some 4 million students are affected.
    - **Myanmar:** UNICEF is scaling up distance learning opportunities that would benefit 9 million children should schools continue to be shut.
- **To protect and help every child to cope in:**
    - **Afghanistan:** Psychosocial support and first aid are being provided for children, adolescents and caregivers through safe physical distancing training for caregivers to provide them with the techniques and capability to help themselves and children to cope with stress and anxiety, particularly during lockdown or when a family member is ill.

- **Burkina Faso:** Child-friendly spaces have been re-adjusted to engage groups of five children and encourage peer to peer interaction during the COVID 19 crisis, while social workers are promoting the use of the “numéro vert”, a number for children and caregivers to call and receive critical information about COVID-19 and the protection of children.
- Videos of logistics and delivery of essential supplies in Iran, DRC, Mali and Nigeria are available here: <https://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AM408XWALOP>
- Photos of the response on the ground from Afghanistan, Iran, Libya, Ukraine and Yemen are available here: [WeShare link](#), and a selection on delivery of essential supplies is available here: <https://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AM408XNMDBY>

### **World Food Programme (WFP)**

- WFP is setting up a hub-and-spoke system of global and regional air bridges to dispatch essential medical cargo and aid, providing passenger air and medical evacuation services for frontline workers and where necessary, contracting charter vessels for sea transport of relief items. The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Response Depot has also dispatched more than \$2 million worth of medical and humanitarian supplies to 86 countries on behalf of partners in response to COVID-19.
- In **Bhutan**, WFP is helping the Government preposition food for three months for half the country’s population of 800,000 people, providing storage units to address storage needs.
- In **Cambodia**, WFP delivered take-home rations to 100,000 schoolchildren prior to school closure at the end of March.
- In **Colombia**, WFP has introduced packaged food kits and vouchers to reduce congestion at community kitchens providing daily meals to vulnerable migrants crossing the border.
- In **South Sudan**, WFP is providing double distributions of food to 1.2 million beneficiaries as a preparedness measure to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19.
- In **Syria**, the frequency of food distribution days has been increased in order to reduce congestion, and the number of food distribution points has been increased.
- In **Uganda**, in response to a government request, WFP constructed a temporary COVID-19 screening terminal to help Uganda manage passenger arrivals at Entebbe Airport. WFP is also providing storage for medical equipment belonging to the government and health partners.
- COVID-19 video and b-roll from Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh; Burkina Faso; and Yemen, including a soundbite from WFP Executive Director David Beasley, who recently recovered from the virus himself:

- Broadcast-quality video: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/z9BuUPpyge>
- Streaming: <https://content.jwplatform.com/videos/0UMx6DSI-wOVdt6af.mp4>
- COVID-19 video from Syria: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/abUoFSpNJo>
- Latest photos from Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Somalia, Syria, Yemen and Zimbabwe are available here: [COVID-19 photos](#)
- Work to save and change lives continues in the face of pandemic: [WFP's response to COVID-19 in pictures](#); also [Operations](#) and [Logistics](#)
- Map and data: [Global Monitoring of School Meals During COVID-19 School Closures](#)

### **UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

- Despite restrictions on the movement of people and goods resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, FAO is continuing its efforts to contain the desert locust upsurge in East Africa. Since the beginning of March, almost 270,000 hectares have been treated. While the pandemic has slowed the supply of sprayers and pesticides, governments in affected countries have prioritized the desert locust operations to safeguard the livelihoods of already vulnerable communities.
- As COVID-19 restricts the movement of personnel in the field, FAO is intensifying remote data collection, relying heavily on a network of partners, civil society, extension workers and grassroot organizations to provide information from remote locations, especially in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and South Sudan. With the potential for the locusts to increase a further 20 times during the upcoming rainy season and the risk of infestations in the Near East and beyond, control operations remain critical to avert potential food crises.
- Late January – Kenya video mission #1 VNR on FAO Media Vault: [http://tv.fao.org/video/index/entryId/1\\_ivxryf2j](http://tv.fao.org/video/index/entryId/1_ivxryf2j)
- 31 March – 6 April – Kenya control operations VNR on FAO Media Vault: [http://tv.fao.org/video/index/entryId/1\\_r72n38iw](http://tv.fao.org/video/index/entryId/1_r72n38iw)
- 5 March – Biopesticide spraying in northern Somalia #2 VNR on FAO Media Vault: [http://tv.fao.org/video/index/entryId/1\\_byysy4f8](http://tv.fao.org/video/index/entryId/1_byysy4f8)

### **UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)**

- UNHCR has been ramping up its global response to coronavirus and called for \$255 million to focus on priority countries that require specific action. The agency has launched massive information campaigns across its operations to ensure refugees have access fact-based information on prevention measures. UNHCR has also reinforced the health, water and sanitation systems and services, and distributed shelter material, core relief items and cash assistance in specific locations.
- In **Bangladesh**, training has begun for more than 2,000 health staff working in camps hosting some 850,000 refugees. Support for new isolation and treatment facilities for refugees and host community is also ongoing.
- In **Greece**, UNHCR has stepped up its support to the authorities to increase water and sanitation capacity, deliver hygiene items, and to establish and furnish medical units and spaces for screening, isolation and quarantine.
- In **Jordan**, awareness campaigns are ongoing and temperature screening is conducted at the entrance of the Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps.
- In **Ethiopia**, 127 communal handwashing stations and more than 14,700 household stations have been established in Gambella refugee camp.
- In **Sudan**, more than 320,000 refugees, internally displaced persons and host communities have received soap and other hygiene relief items.

### **InterAction**

- NGO members' photos from Jordan, Myanmar and South Sudan are available here: <https://photos.interaction.org/COVID-19/COVID-19-Member-Response/>

### **World Vision International**

- World Vision has launched the second phase of its US\$350 million response plan targeting 72 million of the most vulnerable people – 36 million of whom are children – in more than 70 countries. As of 1 May, World Vision has reached more than 22 million people, including at least 8.7 million children. The organization has reached 14.3 million people through promotion of preventive behaviours; supported nearly 1.4 million people with food security assistance; and provided more than \$6.1 million in cash and voucher assistance.
- As of 30 April 2020, World Vision's response can be seen around the world. In **Afghanistan**, faith leaders reached 16,500 community members through Friday prayers and TV/radio round tables, increasing awareness on COVID-19 prevention particularly

for religious practice. In **El Salvador**, 20,400 health workers and caregivers have been provided with PPE, while in **Haiti**, monthly take-home school feeding rations were distributed safely and despite the barrier of school closure, supporting 28,000 children and their family members. In **Myanmar**, 715.99 metric tons of food were distributed to 81 conflict-affected villages and 18 sites for internally displaced people, while 11,300 individuals were reached with cash assistance in Kachin and Rakhine States. In **South Sudan**, 800,000 people – 54 per cent of them children – were reached with COVID-19 prevention information, overcoming access challenges through the support of 1,188 trained community health workers, volunteers and faith leaders, while 1,428 handwashing facilities established in strategic areas such as the Protection of Civilians sites and Makpandu refugee camp.