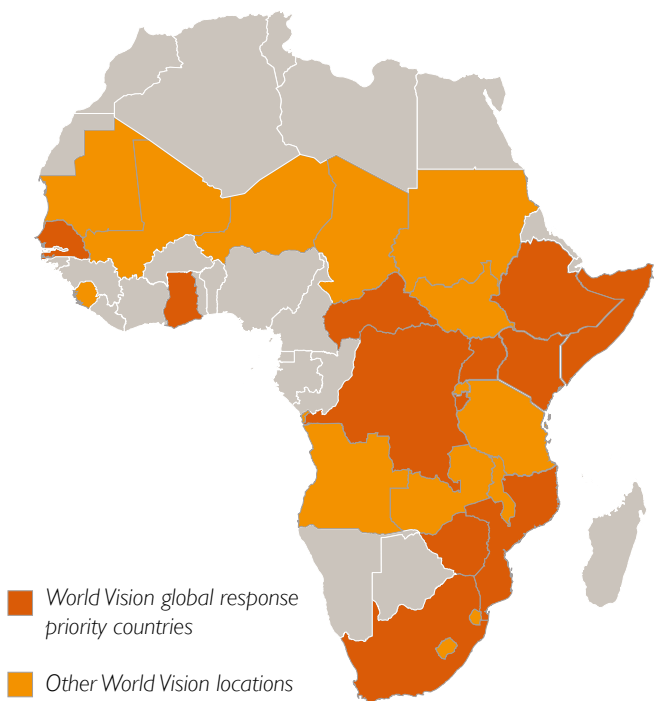




# COVID-19 Emergency Response



Africa Situation Report #4  
4 May, 2020



**44,873**  
Cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Africa

**1,807**  
Cases of COVID-19 deaths in Africa

**15,179**  
Cases of COVID-19 recoveries in Africa

## COVID-19 # OF CASES AND DEATHS, BY COUNTRY\* countries where World Vision is present, as of 4 May

COUNTRY	# CASES	# DEATHS
Angola	35	2
Burundi	19	1
Central African Republic	72	0
Chad	117	10
DR Congo	682	34
Eswatini	112	1
Ethiopia	135	3
Ghana	2,169	18
Kenya	466	24
Lesotho	0	0
Malawi	39	3
Mali	563	27
Mauritania	8	1
Mozambique	80	0
Niger	750	36
Rwanda	259	0
Senegal	1,273	9
Sierra Leone	157	8
Somalia	722	32
South Sudan	46	0
Sudan	592	41
South Africa	6,783	131
Tanzania	480	18
Uganda	88	0
Zambia	124	3
Zimbabwe	34	4

## Key Messages



- World Vision is concerned about the impact that the COVID-19 health crisis will have on the poorest and most vulnerable, and the risk it poses to already stretched basic social services and pre-existing high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition. This is especially the case amongst refugee and internally displaced populations.
- We are active on the ground and scaling up our prevention and response work across Africa, including in fragile contexts. The coronavirus response comes on top of climate change effects such as recurrent drought, torrential floods and locust invasions – all destroying crops and livelihoods. Response work includes preventing loss of progress made towards the global Sustainable Development Goals.
- World Vision urges the world to focus on the most vulnerable children, especially those living in communities with low access or weak health systems, and those already battling conditions such as tuberculosis and HIV and AIDS. They must not be left behind and funding for COVID-19 resources must not be diverted from their treatment, care and support.
- World Vision is concerned with the increased incidences of violence against children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge Governments to ensure continued functioning of child-friendly reporting mechanisms such as SOS hotlines to enable children's protection.

## Response Plans & Priorities



- Scale up preventive measures to stop the spread of disease.
- Support health systems and workers.
- Provide children and families multi-sector support during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

# COVID-19 Africa Emergency Response Highlights

## Beneficiary Reach

(since the start of the Response)



People

**12,648,812**



Children

**4,985,033**

### OBJECTIVE 1: Promoting preventive measures to stop or slow the spread of COVID-19



**4,958,362**

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



**662,493**

Community members provided with preventive materials



**7,244**

Community-level public hand-washing stations established or maintained



**588,855**

Masks distributed



**77,015**

Hand-washing supplies distributed



**186,281**

Sets of gloves provided



**1,945**

Construction/rehabilitation of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities (latrines)



**853,181**

Information Education and Communications materials (IEC) printed & distributed



**8,486**

Religious leaders engaged to disseminate preventive measures and create hope

### OBJECTIVE 2: Supporting health systems and workers



**29,156**

Community Health Workers (CHWs) trained and supported



**520,531**

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



**1,610**

Medical facilities assisted (including hospital, clinics) with COVID-19 preventive or response support



**700**

People supported with securing safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces



**144**

People provided with transportation support (through drivers, vehicles for patients, specimens)



**25,662**

Disinfectant kits distributed (e.g. alcohol based spray/floor cleaner/toilet cleaner; sanitizer)

### OBJECTIVE 3: Provide children and families multi-sector support during the COVID-19 crisis



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





## BURUNDI



- Distributed cash transfers to 5,610 vulnerable households in six provinces.
- **Partnered with faith leaders to develop a policy paper on COVID-19 response which will be presented to the Government.**
- Provided food, blankets, plastic sheets, sanitation and hygiene materials to 545 returnees, in Rutana and Muyinga provinces who were expelled from Tanzania.



Three-year-old Gloria leads in washing her hands as the rest of the family follow. South Sudanese mothers install handwashing facilities in their homes to protect their children after COVID-19 awareness raised by World Vision.

## KENYA



- World Vision is part of Joining Forces Alliance which brings together six major international non-governmental organisations in Kenya. Through this platform there is ongoing engagement with the Government on the need to ensure essential services to children such as immunization, malaria prevention, pre and post-natal care clinics continue uninterrupted.
- **World Vision is part of the Government led sub-group working with faith leaders. The team has developed COVID-19 prevention messages which are being circulated through social media.**
- Continues to partner with local leaders to spread key COVID-19 messages to communities.

## SOMALIA



- World Vision has rolled out its COVID-19 response by re-programming US\$ 635,000, as well as using Gift In Kind resources to provide staff with personal protective equipment.
- Collaborated with the Government in dissemination of COVID-19 awareness messages to the community.
- **Held discussions with the Ministry of Religious Affairs to agree on how to support faith leaders to respond to COVID-19.**

## SOUTH SUDAN



- With the World Food Programme (WFP), distributed food and cash assistance to more 150,000 people.
- **Through the South Sudan Council of Churches and Inter Church Committee, trained faith leaders, who are creating awareness on COVID-19 in remote parts of the country.**
- World Vision continues to work with WFP in creating awareness on COVID-19 through various media platforms.

## SUDAN



- World Vision has signed an agreement with faith leaders to share COVID-19 preventive messages.
- Collaborated with the Ministry of Health, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF to ensure all information education and communications materials are standardized.
- Distributed information education and communications materials to health facilities, supported training of health staff and installed handwashing facilities.

## TANZANIA



- Collaborated with the Government through the Ministry of Health, Gender and Community Development to engage faith leaders and equip them to help create awareness on COVID-19.
- **In collaboration with the Government, organised a one-day national prayer day on COVID-19. Key national faith leaders attended the event.**
- Trained and supported 710 community health workers so that they can help to create awareness on COVID-19 preventive measures.

## UGANDA



- Supported the Ministry of Health, national and district taskforces in planning and coordination of COVID-19 response activities.
- **Trained more than 1,200 faith leaders and engaged them in supporting radio talk shows to disseminate COVID-19 preventive messages and offer hope and support to families.**
- Provided personal protective equipment to 1,829 medical personnel and trained 5,201 community health workers on COVID-19, so that they can provide community-based services.





# Southern Africa Region | Country Updates

## ANGOLA



- Developed a policy for the Ministry of Health for information gathering on nutrition and COVID-19.
- Reached 74,350 people through radio with preventive behaviour messaging on COVID-19.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



- Supported the children's parliament, the Government and the police, to jointly conduct radio broadcasts, on COVID-19 preventive messaging, and domestic violence against children during the pandemic.
- Distributed 1,000 leaflets on COVID-19 preventive measures. The leaflets are in the local Kikongo language.
- **Continues to work with 105 faith leaders to conduct home visits to share messages on the spread of COVID-19.**
- Reached 1,000 sponsored children and their families through distribution of food, sports/gaming equipment and income-generating kits.
- WorldVision continues to share key lessons from its experience responding to Ebola through channels of hope, and has adapted this initiative to COVID-19.

## ESWATINI



- As the Chair of the children's consortium and in partnership with UNICEF and other agencies, World Vision is advocating for the allocation of resources to develop child-friendly COVID-19 education materials and improve homeschooling.
- **Worked with three church bodies to host weekly national radio programmes targeting faith leaders throughout the country.**
- Distributed more than 500,000 information education and communications materials across the country.
- Provided access to water to 15,774 people in remote areas, through a partnership with the National Disaster Management Authority.

## LESOTHO



- Engaged with UNFPA to approve reprogramming of funds initially intended for gender-based violence. The funds US\$ 15,000 will now benefit more than 200 people through distribution of food packs during COVID-19 response.
- Developed guidelines on dignified funerals in the context of COVID-19. These guidelines have been circulated among faith leaders.
- **Distributed information education and communications materials to communities through faith leaders.**
- World Vision continues to deliver clean water to health care facilities.

## MALAWI



- Working with UNICEF and other agencies to contribute to policies related to COVID-19 to ensure children's rights are observed.
- **Trained 2,126 faith leaders through the channels of hope initiative to support them to create awareness on COVID-19 preventive messaging.**

## MOZAMBIQUE



- Supported Civil Society Organisations in drafting recommendations which informed the Parliamentary debate session on the Government's Economic Social Plan and State Budget for 2020, which had a strong focus on COVID-19.
- **Trained 150 Christian and Muslim leaders through World Vision's Channels of Hope. The faith leaders have sensitized thousands of people across the country on COVID-19 preventive measures.**
- With UNICEF conducted an assessment on preparedness and supported the Ministry of Health to set-up isolation wards for COVID-19 patients in different regions of the country.
- Scaled down programme activities for two months (April and May) to allow projects to revise their plans and re-allocate funding to COVID-19 response, in alignment with the Government's plans.

## SOUTH AFRICA



- World Vision has endorsed a statement on sexual and gender-based violence as a member of 'We will Speak Out South Africa,' a coalition of faith-based organisations. Also endorsed the submission by Save the Children on the Domestic Violence Act, to be included within the Child Protection Act.
- Supported a petition for the President of the Republic of South Africa to increase the child support grant by R 500 (approximately US\$ 27). Beginning May each child will receive a grant of R 300 (approximately US\$ 16) while caregivers will receive R 500 (approximately US\$ 27) each month, from June to October 2020.
- **Reached more than 500 faith leaders through WhatsApp with COVID-19 messages.**
- Reached more than 1.2 million listeners through a talk show on a Christian radio station. The show addressed the role of the church in relation to gender-based violence.

## ZAMBIA



- Developed advocacy messages on protecting children during the COVID-19 pandemic. The messages have been circulated to the public and on various social media platforms.
- **Supported a community radio programme where pastors encouraged listeners to observe COVID-19 preventive measures and shared messages of hope.**

## ZIMBABWE



- Provided WASH technical support to local churches involved in food distributions in response to COVID-19.
- Supporting the Government in planning its COVID-19 response, by attending coordination meetings with other stakeholders.
- World Vision continues to support the Government through provision of information education and communications materials and personal protective equipment to communities and health institutions.

KEY



International flights suspension



Schools closed



Lockdown - partial or full



## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC .....



- Trained 30 faith leaders in World Vision's channels of hope initiative in relation to COVID-19. The faith leaders have developed action plans, which include awareness creation at the community level.
- Re-aligned programme activities at the community level to include awareness creation on COVID-19 prevention measures.
- Engaging donors to allow reallocation of funds to respond to COVID-19, specifically installation of hand washing facilities in public areas and providing hygiene kits to households.
- Reached more than 265,000 people through distribution of food and cash vouchers, construction of boreholes, rehabilitation of water points and hygiene and sanitation.

- Donated PPEs worth US\$ 10,000, to the Christian Health Association of Ghana. These materials will be distributed to three faith-based health facilities to support health workers to reach more than 20,000 people. World Vision has also supported the Ministry of Health through provision of 40,000 personal protective equipment worth more than US\$ 81,000, as well as, printing and distribution of 200,000 information education and communications materials.

- Reached more than 1,700 community members with COVID-19 messages, through a collaboration with VIAMO (a social enterprise using technology in development).

## CHAD .....



- Reached 3,250 community members through door-to-door sensitization conducted by Citizens Voice Action groups.
- Oriented 56 faith leaders on channels of hope in relation to COVID-19.
- Set-up four hand washing facilities in public places.
- World Vision continues to use local radio stations to create awareness on COVID-19.

## MALI .....



- Mobilised faith leaders to develop preventive COVID-19 messages.
- Revised the advocacy plan to adapt to the COVID-19 response and joined forces with other International Non-Governmental Organisations to draft a COVID-19 related child protection letter to the Government.
- Supporting health authorities to create awareness on COVID-19 to communities and children.
- Re-aligned its interventions to COVID-19 response.

## SENEGAL .....



- In collaboration with members of the Joining Forces Coalition conducted a television interview on the COVID-19 sensitization campaign, with specific focus on child protection and ensuring children's rights are at the centre of Senegal's response to the pandemic.
- Trained 100 community faith leaders and equipped them with key messages on good hygiene behaviour.
- Reached 11,524 people through home visits by community health workers during which they shared key COVID-19 behaviour messages.

## MAURITANIA .....



- Supported the Ministry of Health to purchase COVID-19 response medical supplies and equipment worth US\$ 50,000.

## SIERRA LEONE .....



- In collaboration with other partners, World Vision advocated for standard operating procedures on food and nutrition for people in quarantine homes.
- Trained 50 faith leaders on child protection issues during COVID-19.
- Provided 155,000 community members with WASH behaviour messages and COVID-19 prevention updates.

## GHANA .....



- Partnered with various media houses to advocate for Government to increase access to sustainable WASH services. World Vision continues to use the various radio stations to conduct sensitization campaigns on the effects of COVID-19 on health, education and child protection.
- Mobilized 500 faith leaders across the country through online platforms. Plans are underway to virtually train the faith leaders on the spread of COVID-19, burials and funeral protocols, managing congregations and providing psychosocial support.

## NIGER .....



- Drilled seven boreholes in Maradi region to ensure access to safe water. Once operational, these boreholes will benefit more than 6,000 people.
- Distributed 152 hand washing devices and soap to communities and health care facilities. Also distributed 2,700 pieces of soap to 270 World Vision sponsored children and their families in Talladjé Area Programme in Niamey.
- Created awareness on COVID-19 through messages aired on 22 community radio stations with an approximate reach of 2.9 million people.





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*In response to COVID-19, World Vision South Africa has partnered with Plastic SA in providing safe and clean water to communities that struggle to get clean water for regular handwashing.*



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