

**ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

**Humanitarian Situation Report [1]
COVID-19 – [Honduras]
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY

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|--|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
| 30 | 0 | 0 |
| SOURCE: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6 | | |

ChildFund-supported areas (Provide only if you have reliable data on this. You can report on a consolidated basis or by program state/region/province/etc. if you have this detail.)

| Geographical area (country or state/region/province) | Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
|---|--|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Francisco Morazán | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Santa Barbara | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cortes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copan | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SOURCE: National Ministry of Health or other reliable sources | | | |

*It is important to clarify that in the above-mentioned departments no cases are reported since only those municipalities in which we operate are taken into account.

Any relevant background information about areas affected.

Host government posture: Have they declared a state of emergency and/or requested outside assistance? Which nationwide measures has the government taken, e.g., limitation on meetings, internal travel, school closures, etc?

- February 26, 2020, Official declaration of dengue and COVID 19 health emergency and 110 million lempiras to address the emergency (Phase 1)
- March 11, 2020, Official communication of the first two COVID 19 cases (Phase 2), one in Tegucigalpa that arrived from Spain on March 4, and another in San Pedro Sula that arrived from Switzerland on March 5 .
- March 3, 2020, National school closures.
- March 15, 2020, Suspension of public and private sector work with exceptions and closure of public parks.

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- March 16, 2020, Mobility restrictions in the most affected cities: Tegucigalpa, San Pedro
- March 16, 2020, Curfew in Choluteca
- March 17, 2020, Curfew in Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula, and La Ceiba
- March 20, 2020, National curfew until March 29, 2020
- March 21, 2020, Measures for migration control (closure of commercial flights)

What responses has the government put into place to address the health crisis and/or the economic impact?

- March 20, 2020, Food distribution plan for 3.2 million people
- March 20, 2020, Economic measures package
- March 18, 2020, Procurement of biomedical equipment (from New York)

What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?

- Land: Entry and exit of cargo transporters, Hondurans, residents, and diplomats undergoing biosecurity measures
- Maritime: only for cargo vessels, crew not authorized to disembark
- Air: Closing for commercial flights

Information source: <https://covid19honduras.org/?q=Comunicados>

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

| Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.) | # of Enrolled and Sponsored Children | | COVID19 Cases Reported in ChildFund Communities (Y/N/Unknown) Provide a number if available. | Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.) | Number of enrolled children diseased as a result of COVID19 |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|--|---|---|
| | Sponsored | Enrolled | | | |
| 1510001/ADAL-Lepaterique Area Development Association | 5206 | 7058 | N | 0 | 0 |
| 1510003/CASM-Menonita Social Action Commission | 3903 | 5064 | N | 0 | 0 |
| 1510005/ADASBA Santa Barbara Area Development Association | 5736 | 7289 | N | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with a Partner organization and child ID from salesforce) diseased as a result of COVID19. (Note: These need to be reported immediately following the regular sponsorship protocols.)

| Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.) | What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)? | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | Program Implementation | CVS | M&E Level 2 | Enrollment /Disaffiliation | Sponsorship Communication | DFC |
| 1510001/ADAL-Lepaterique Area Development Association | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended |
| 1510003/CASM-Menonita Social Action Commission | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended |
| 1510005/ADASB Santa Barbara Area Development Association | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended | Suspended |
| etc. | | | | | | |

Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.

Due to strict quarantine declared by the government until March 29th, Sponsorship operations have been suspended. Nevertheless, we are working on guidelines that will be shared with the Local Partners trying to move forward a minimal operation at the field level without disobeying government decisions.

- What issues are children in these areas facing (food shortages, safety concerns, school closures, etc.)?

As mentioned above, due to government quarantine, schools are closed and children should stay home doing schoolwork. So far there is no report on food shortage but as the days go by, this might become an issue.

- Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by a crisis.

The situation of confinement and overcrowding that the majority of the families live in could increase the risk of physical, psychological and sexual violence; especially on girls and women living in poverty, discrimination and exclusion.

Part 3: ChildFund's Response

- **Who is or will be leading/managing the response?**

Country Team:

- Rodrigo Bustos, Country Director, Team leader
- Daysi Kocchui, Partnership Portfolio Manager, Partner Coordination
- Patricia Betancourt, Protection Specialist, Protection Focus
- Zorayda Zelaya, Advocacy and Communication Specialist, Gender and Communication
- Kelvin Fúnez, Program Officer, Emergency Focal Point, Monitoring

Planned, desired or ongoing response -inside or outside current operational areas

- Permanent meetings with the Humanitarian Network for analysis of the viability of the cash transfer mechanism as a strategy for food security and its implementation in our work area; permanent updating of the OCHA 3W page.
- Approach at the local level, through the three implementing partners (ADAL, ADASBA, and CASM)
 - Permanent meetings with local governments and intersectoral tables for local situation analysis, identification of response capacity by the health sector and coordination of preparedness actions.
 - Monitoring of the situation of children through the communication networks organized by the local partners.
 - Programmatic response based on the ChildFund Minimum Standards, WHO and UNICEF standards and government actions, focusing on the following areas:
 - Communication to families with key messages on measures to avoid infection, respect for stay at home measures, protection of children especially girls in the family in this situation of crisis and isolation.
 - Support in the prevention of infection through the delivery of hygiene kits for the most vulnerable families. The contents of the kit have been defined according to the WHO standards.

Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?

- With the Central Government through the Humanitarian Network coordinated by OCHA.
- With the Ministry of Health, through the Francisco Morazán Region in the area of the local partner Acción Honduras.
- With P&G Panama for the delivery of sachets.
- Through implementing partners at the local level, with local governments, health regions, Ministry of Education, national and international NGOs.

What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed? How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund? Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?

Ongoing interventions:

- Communication of key messages through social and community networks to families and communities.
- Through the Decentralized Health Project in the coverage area of the ADAL Partner:
 - Distribution of 2,000 hygiene kits for the most vulnerable population (pregnant women, people with chronic diseases, NACE children, among others).
 - Distribution of P&G sachets to 7,000 families for water purification.
- Participation in meetings of the Humanitarian Network coordinating actions with other members, and with the central government in terms of piloting direct support to families in communities with a high incidence of COVID 19.
- As part of the immediate and mediated response, the items needed for the local partner area in Santa Barbara and Francisco Morazán are:
 - Basic infection prevention kits for families.
 - Cash transfer for more vulnerable families.

Next steps.

- Weekly virtual meetings with local partner focal points for situation analysis and adjustment to planned programmatic interventions. Update of SitRep reports.
- Technical accompaniment to the preparation of contents of programmatic sessions and their approach through virtual means of reaching children and young people (internet, printed material, local radios).
- Review and approve of proposals from local partners regarding target groups and the cost of the prevention kit.
- Analysis of applicability of cash transfer mechanism based on experiences and practices of the Humanitarian Network in the work area.

For SitReps submitted after ChildFund's response has been initiated, what is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?

- N/A.

Below Sections for Internal Use Only

Part 4: Office and Staff Status

| Office Status (Open/Closed) | Number of Staff: 42 (CO 13 - GSS 2 – GRANTS 27) | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Diagnosed with COVID19 | Diseased from COVID19 | Working from Office | Working from Home | On Special Leave |
| Closed | 0 | 0 | 18 (*) | 24 | 0 |

(*) The Decentralized Project personnel (Health Project) that by order of the Honduran Government must be available for the health emergency. The project staff (doctors, nurses and laboratory technicians) are working in the assigned health centers. Through the Ministry of Health, they have been provided with biosafety equipment.

Notes:

- Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR.
- Special leave as per [COVID19 Administrative Guidelines](#).

The number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>.

In process - (Looking for the training course in Spanish for staff)

Part 5 Human Resources

- Which visitors are there in the country? Please include names, functions, contact information and arrival/departure dates for both IO and RO staff (note: due to the travel ban, this will apply only once the ban has been lifted)
- Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams?
- Are there any other major HR issues?

Nothing to report

Part 6 Safety & Security

- Are police and other services functioning normally?
Yes.
- Are the courts still operating?
No, they are suspended until March 30, 2020.
- Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?
No.
- Have military personal been deployed to patrol towns or cities?
Military and Police are patrolling during the curfew.
- Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area
The staff is safe.
- Have Safety and Security risks/mitigation plans been updated to the current environment?
No, still pending,

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- Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted)

All travel of staff and donors are suspended

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

| Grant Job Code | Grant Name | Donor | Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced /Suspended) | Any specific guidance received from the donor? (Yes/No) |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|--|---|
| 2-0358D | Provision of Primary Health Care | Ministry of Health | Normal | Yes, Emergency Response Guideline to Covid-19 |
| 3-0380D | Strengthening the Methodology for the progressive eradication | UNICEF | Reduced | No |
| 25-053D | Safe Water for Children in Honduras | P&G | Reduced | No |
| 12-0354D | CONFIO | Global Affairs Canada | Reduced | No |

Provide any additional narrative on how the COVID19 crisis affects the implementation of your major grants.

- Strengthening the Methodology for the progressive eradication-UNICEF (3-0380D): We will be in contact with the donor for future steps.
- Safe Water for Children in Honduras-P&G (25-053D): This week 144,000 Sachets were distributed to support the health center the rest of the activities in the field reduced due to the quarantine.
- CONFIO-Global Affairs Canada: All staff doing home office awaiting instructions from the donor.

Part 8 Funding

Provide information about potential sources of funding, including grant donors, subsidy, Emergency Action Fund, Alliance members, GIK, etc., for these emergency response efforts, using the chart below:

| Donor | Program | Amount (USD) | Requested? (Y/N) | Confirmed? (Y/N) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Lutheran World Relief</u> | <u>GIK</u> | <u>USD.6,360</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>P&G</u> | <u>GIK</u> | <u>USD.5,040</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>ChildFund International</u> | <u>Subsidy Funds</u> | <u>USD.83,074</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>Y</u> |

- Budget
 - Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.
 - Potential subsidy funds (25% March & April) are planned to be expensed in either emergency/sanitation kits and/or cash transfers to sponsored families in need. Proposed actions will come from Local Partners.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- **List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.**

The information in response to the emergency alongside photographs from donations and other actions will be sent via social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. With educational and child protection messages.
- **List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.**

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Spanish, English.
- **Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?**

Photographs from the actions and donations are captured by the focal points of communication and technicians who are inside the communities. By this moment, we have donated 2,000 hygiene kits for people at a high risk to contract the COVID19 in the south of Francisco Morazan, which will be distributed through health centers in the city. Water purification sachets have also been donated. The Photographs will be attached.
- **Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.**

We have prioritized messages for childhood protection in this context, prevention measures, such as washing hands, avoid contact, personality, misinformation, questions, and answers. Also government recommendations, such as staying at home, and following the health measures.

- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.

We need from P&P particularly from Business Development to consult with Children Believe if there will be time extension of the CONFIO Grants.

Photographs

Delivery of hygiene kits on March 23, 2020, in the south of Francisco Morazán.



Hand washing campaign, Santa Barbara, March 13, before the alert declaration.



Health personnel is trained in the technique of purifying water.



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