

ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template
Humanitarian Situation Report [1]
COVID-19 – [MEXICO]
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[covers beginning of Covid-19 epidemics in México until this date]

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Part 1: The Overall Situation

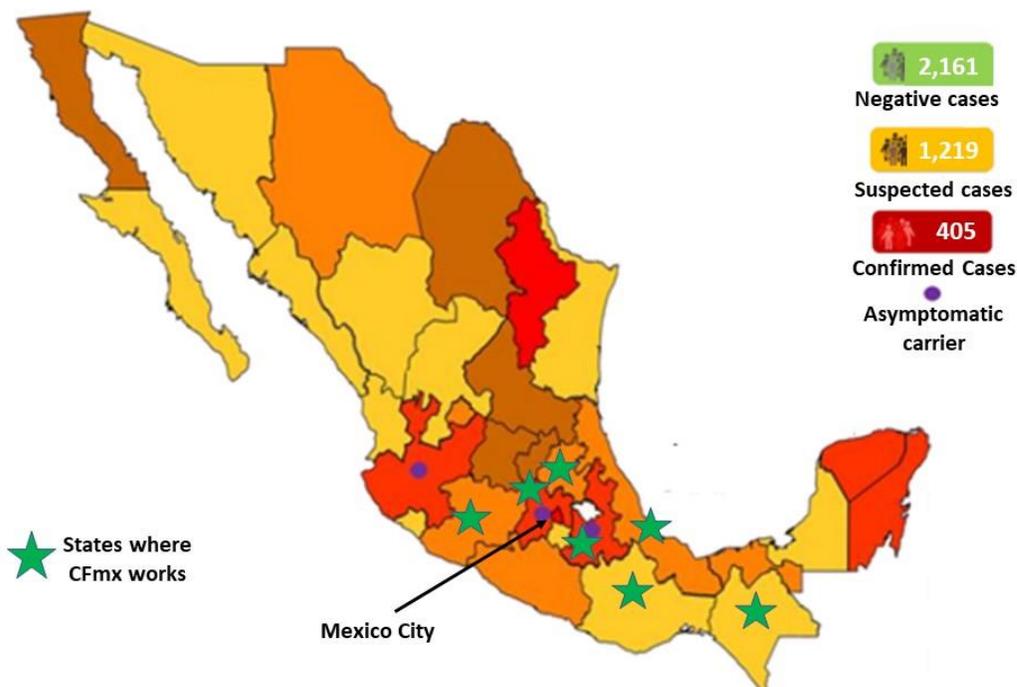
COUNTRY

| Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 405 | 5 | 4 |
| SOURCE: https://coronavirus.gob.mx/ | | |

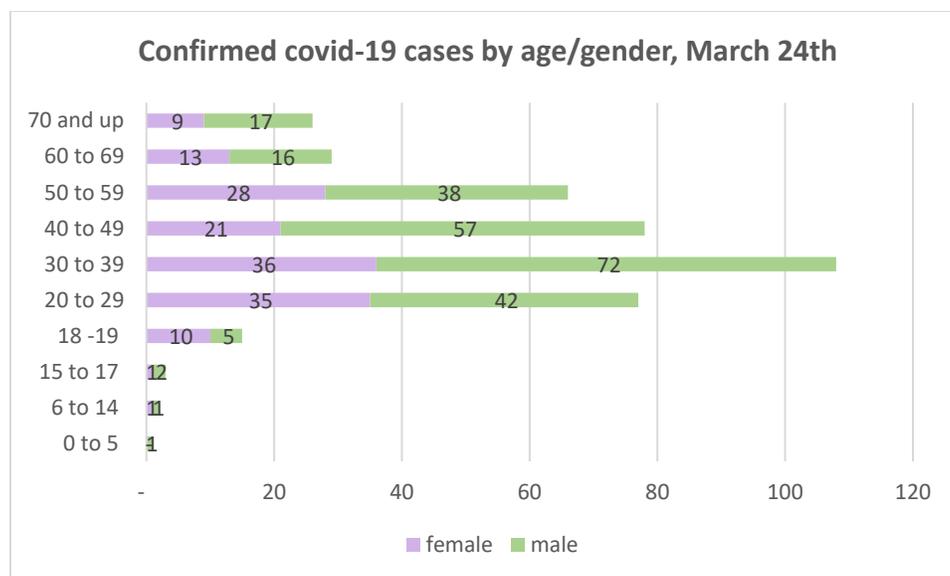
Mexico Federal government makes a formal announcement every day at 7:00 pm to share the official update of the situation of Covid-19 spread in the country. All of the information Shared in this report is updated to this day (March 25th), which means that the official data are from COB of March 24th.

As of today, there are 405 confirmed cases and there is now only 1 State of the country that hasn't reported any confirmed case (Tlaxcala):

Mexico - Map of confirmed, negative and suspected COVID-19 cases



Source: Daily technical statement from the Federal Health Secretariat (General Directorate of Epidemiology),
March 24th 2020, 7:00 pm



(same source)

ChildFund-supported areas

| Geographical area (city or State) | ChildFund presence | Total of Confirmed Cases | Suspected cases | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mexico City | Country Office staff | 66 | 231 | 3 | U |
| Chiapas | 1 LP, Herdez grant | 2 | 6 | - | U |
| Estado de México | 2 LPs | 22 | 154 | - | U |
| Hidalgo | 7 LPs, Confio grant | 7 | 17 | - | U |
| Michoacán | 2 LPs, ArcelorMittal grant | 8 | 14 | - | U |
| Oaxaca | 3 LPs, Confio grant | 4 | 10 | - | U |
| Puebla | 3 LPs, Walmart grant | 22 | 38* | - | U |
| Veracruz | 1 LP | 7 | 42 | - | U |

SOURCE: National Secretary of Health, <https://coronavirus.gob.mx/>

* We just received notification from our LP #9262 Proyecto para los Niños Acatecos, in Puebla State, that the municipal authority of San Pedro Yeloixtlahuaca (one of the municipalities within their intervention area) reported a suspect case of Coronavirus – an elderly woman who recently came back from visiting her family in Maryland, USA. The woman has been hospitalized for one day and her test is being analyzed, meanwhile her family and her have been placed in quarantine. Activities had already been reduced and will now be completely suspended in this municipality until the result of the test is shared.

Background information | At the end of January, the Secretary of Health issued a statement saying that the novel coronavirus COVID-19 did not present a danger to Mexico. On February 28th, Mexico confirmed its first three cases. A 35-year-old man and a 59-year-old man in Mexico City and a 41-year-old man in the northern state of Sinaloa tested positive and were held in isolation at a hospital and a hotel, respectively. They had travelled to Italy in mid-February. On February 29th, a fourth case was detected and confirmed in the city of Torreón, in the state of Coahuila, being a 20-year-old woman who also traveled to Italy.

Government posture and measures to address the health crisis and economic impact | At Federal level, the **Government announced on Saturday, March 14th, that all schools at all levels would close from March 20th to April 20th** (thus advancing by 2 weeks the Easter holidays that were already programmed from April 3rd to 20th). At local level some State governments anticipated this measure and closed the school on March 17th, so did several private or autonomous schools throughout the country.

In addition to this measure, social activities that are considered as “non essentials” such as events, concerts, gatherings... have been cancelled or postponed, and many companies or institutions are closing or their services (such as gyms, movies, museums).

However it is important to note that at that point there had been no federal order to restrict this kind of activities and that the government’s position was to maintain norms of social distancing, with the official launch of the “Jornadas de sana distancia” (“Days of healthy distance”) from March 23rd to April 19th.

This strategy, disseminated by the Secretary of Health, consists in taking basic preventive measures to contain the expansion of COVID-19, such as temporarily suspending non-essential activities and rescheduling massive concentrations. As a result, many companies or institutions have implemented home office and other measures to limit direct contact, but also to allow employees with children to be able to take proper care of them.

The authorities have made a call not to take this period as vacations and to stay safe at home to avoid infections.

Finally, on Monday March 23rd, after a regular increase of confirmed cases and the apparition of local contagion, the WHO declared that Mexico had entered phase 2 of the epidemic – which the government first didn’t acknowledge, but made official on Tuesday, March 24th in the morning.

The undersecretary of health, Hugo López-Gatell pointed out: *"We want to formally declare the start of phase 2. This allows us to draw the horizon for the next 30 to 40 days, where we will begin to visualize that in Mexico, for having anticipated the massive measures that have the greatest impact in reducing the transmission and in the social consequences, we will be able to bend the curve, we will be able to have less transmission. The intention is to have fewer cases, so it is important to take mitigation measures into account."* He also mentioned that for this reason, fewer simultaneous cases, we will face a longer period of the pandemic.

As part of this new phase, the following measures were announced for the entire country, most of which have already been implemented by local authorities:

- “Susana Distancia”, a word game for the healthy distance campaign, in maintain a space of at least 1.5 meters between 2 persons.
- Suspend classes until April 23rd.
- Temporarily suspend events and meetings of 100 people
- Suspend work activities that involve the mobilization of people in all sectors of society.
- Protect older adults and other risk groups.

The President also signed a decree so that in the public and private sector, senior employees are granted paid leave so that they can stay at home with salary and all benefits. In the same line, the governmental monthly financial support to vulnerable segments of the population, such as the elderly, children with

disabilities, and youth, has been advanced for 2 months. Also, the Secretary of Finance will provide an additional emergency budget to support the response.

Finally, in addition to the medical / health care plan, the Secretary of Navy and the Secretary of Defense are engaged to intervene, if necessary, with the Marine Plan, and with the DN III plan - said plan is an operational concept with preventive, relief and recovery phases, and includes the use of military hospitals, continuing with the purchase and distribution of specialized medicine equipment, and the distribution of medical supplies.

State of Emergency or requested outside assistance | Not for the moment.

Travel restrictions | So far, Mexico hasn't implemented any travel restriction to the entry or exit of its territory, but is getting constraints by the measure taken by other countries (for instance the USA closing their borders with Canada and Mexico to non-essential travel - March 20th, or flight suspensions implemented by different countries)

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

(Based on national information and information shared by the LPs)

| Partner Organization | | International Sponsorship | | Local Sponsorship | | Total enrolled | COVID19 Cases Reported in ChildFund Communities (Y/N/Unknown) Provide number if available. | Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.) | Number of enrolled children diseased as result of COVID19 |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------------|--|---|---|
| # | Local Partner | Sponsored | Enrolled | Sponsored | Enrolled | | | | |
| 1 | La Casa de los Niños de Tezonapa A.C. | | | 882 | 1,239 | 1,239 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 1751 | Niños Unidos de Tetitla I.A.P. | 207 | 289 | 117 | 143 | 432 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 1765 | Centro Infantil Jonacapa A.C. | 270 | 293 | 86 | 116 | 409 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2005 | Centro de Promoción Ocumicho A.C. | 722 | 835 | 64 | 76 | 911 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2068 | Yohualichan A.C. | 1,284 | 1,526 | 433 | 495 | 2,021 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2165 | Centro Infantil Huextetitla A.C. | 401 | 557 | | | 557 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2516 | Desarrollo Infantil Taxadhó A.C. | 367 | 452 | 288 | 337 | 789 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2517 | Niños de Santa Fe A.C. | 1,306 | 1,542 | 99 | 115 | 1,657 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2518 | Hñahñú Batsi de San Andres Daboxtha A.C. | 398 | 506 | 282 | 316 | 822 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2520 | Niños Totonacos A.C. | 2,601 | 3,097 | 426 | 472 | 3,569 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2522 | Niños de Bobashi I.A.P | 810 | 968 | 609 | 652 | 1,620 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2523 | Apoyo Infantil Hñahñú A.C. | 393 | 463 | 159 | 164 | 627 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2839 | Niños Unidos de Ixtlahuaca A.C. | 523 | 622 | | | 622 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2842 | Sakubel Kí'nal A.C. | 431 | 524 | 138 | 173 | 697 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 2843 | Hñahñú Batsi Ri Xudi A.C. | 378 | 517 | 156 | 192 | 709 | N | n/a | n/a |

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|------|---|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 2924 | Organización de Apoyo y Beneficios Saucitlán A.C. | 1,214 | 1,449 | 115 | 120 | 1,569 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 3848 | Centro Tepelmeme A.C. | 249 | 387 | | | 387 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 4285 | Niños de Magdalena Teitipac A.C. | 183 | 284 | 119 | 140 | 424 | N | n/a | n/a |
| 9262 | Niños Acatecos A.C. | 1,200 | 1,496 | | | 1,496 | 1 suspected case, to be confirmed | n/a | n/a |

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with 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.)

No cases at this point.

| 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 |
| 1 | La Casa de los Niños de Tezonapa A.C. | Program sessions, events, training are suspended. LPs are working on awareness raising and communication activities + administrative and sponsorship activities. | postponed to Q1 and 2 FY21 | | operational (not at massive level for enrollments) | operational with limitations due to individual follow up. CO not able to ensure the proper processing of correspondence upon receipt | operational with limitation due to individual delivery. CO will ask IO to retain March and possibly April DFs. |
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Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.

- **What issues are children in these areas facing (food shortages, safety concerns, schools' closure, etc.)?**

For the moment, in addition to schools at all levels being closed in the whole country, our Local Partners have referred that the situation has remain normal at community level, with governmental services and some businesses closed. Religious and cultural activities have been suspended. Most families are carrying on their normal work activities.

Specificities reported by some LPs:

- Panic buying (Hidalgo State)
- Families' attitude towards the "social distancing" varies, between incredulity, anxiety, and partial respect to the recommendations
- Mothers feeling overwhelmed by having their children at all time at home (Veracruz State)
- Increase of 'people returning from big cities to their communities, and lack of precautionary measures to check the health status (Puebla State > **increasing risk of contagion in those areas**)

- **Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis situation.**

- School dropout, lack of proper activities (educational or recreational), with intellectual and psychosocial consequences.
- Increased risk of domestic physical or emotional violence. (see comment above)
- Increased risk of sexual abuse due to overcrowding living conditions
- Increased risk of child labor (as children are not currently going to school, and possible impact of the contingency on families' livelihoods)
- Increase risk of been contaminated as culturally children -specially girls- and women are ill caregivers

Part 3: ChildFund's Response

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

SMT + LP Specialist, Communications, Advocacy and Corporate Fundraising Specialist.

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

Inside of current operational areas (LPs + grants)

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

Currently we are discussing and contributing to different coordination mechanisms at national level (OCHA + Joining Forces). We are also considering private sector for funding or in-kind, and local governments through the LPs for awareness raising campaign, strengthening of local child protection mechanisms, and other needs that may be detected as the situation develops.

- **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?**

We are currently developing a brief proposal based on the following components:

- 1) Awareness-raising for children and families in the communities (immediate)

- Collect material already used by the LPs
- Identification of key messages
- design of the materials (infographics for SMS or whatsapp, scripts for radio or community speaker advertising)
- 2) Emotional restraint / psychosocial support / educational and recreational reinforcement (short term)
 - Identify CP messages, content, tips to disseminate at community level
 - Ensure dissemination of reference channels at the local level, based on previous CBCPM and mapping exercises
 - Select activities for each LS that can be disseminated as lists of recommendations or printed materials to children and families
 - Analyze cash transfer operations
 - Search for in kind donation of books, board games, etc. to deliver to children and families
- 3) Installation/adequacy of community hand washing stations, toilets and drinking fountains (this would be on a longer term, after the outbreak)
 - LP's mapping of needs for schools, health centers, etc.
 - Based on the mapping, identify donors for \$ or in-kind

We have had a call with OCHA and will have a coordination meeting with the Joining Forces coalition members on Wednesday, March 25th. There are no active UN clusters in Mexico at the moment. We haven't attended any donor meeting.

- **Next steps.** Developing the proposal by Friday, March 27th and launching the awareness campaign, follow up on the coordination meetings (filling a template that OCHA will share, Joining Forces meeting and agreements), collect information from the LPs (ongoing), adjust plans for CO and LPs.
- **For sitreps submitted after ChildFund 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 : | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Diagnosed with COVID19 | Diseased from COVID19 | Working from Office | Working from Home | On Special Leave |
| CO Office and Core Structure: Partially (complete closure scheduled for Friday March 27 th COB) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 0 |
| GSS staff members (always work remotely) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Grants contracted staff members (only 3 normally work from CO) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 |

Notes:

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

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

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)**
None
- **Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams?**
Not for the moment
- **Are there any other major HR issues?**
Not for the moment

Part 6 Safety & Security

- **Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner?** Yes
- **Are the courts still operating?** Yes
- **Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?** Until now there was one case of looting reported in Mexico State, to a supermarket, on Monday March 23rd. According to local authorities, some people were organizing through Whatsapp groups to prepare lootings to different stores but have been detected by the police and arrested.
- **Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities?** No, but according to the usual emergency procedure in the country, the army and the marine are essential actors when the government declares the state of emergency (plan DN-III)
- **Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area.** Until now no incidents have been reported by CO staff members nor LP staff members.
- **Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment?** Not at the moment.
- **Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted)** n/a

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

| Grant Job Code | Grant Name | Donor | Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced/Suspended) | Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No) |
|--|---|-----------------------|---|---|
| ARCEMX (Local corporate contribution) | Cultivando Futuros | ArcelorMittal | Reduced | Yes, confirming agreement to the adjustments being made |
| 12-0354D | CONFIO | Government of Canada | Reduced | No |
| 25-078D | Saber Nutrir | Herdez | Reduced | No/we have shared our actions |
| 25-080D | Educación Sexual Integral “Mi Cuerpo y yo” | Fundación Río Arronte | Reduced | No / no we have shared our actions |
| 12-088D | Proyecto para el bienestar de la niñez totonaca | Fundación Walmart | Reduced | No / we have shared our actions |

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

In all the cases, we have suspended all program sessions and group activities. The administrative activities, individual follow up or farm/orchard supervision visits are still being done. In each case we have send an email to the donor explaining the situation and the adjustments being made, as well as the planned activities for the week of March 23rd to 27th.

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:

TBD in the coming days

| Donor | Program | Amount (USD) | Requested? (Y/N) | Confirmed? (Y/N) |
|-------|---------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | |
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- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- **List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.**
Not at this time. In case of need our pro-bono Media Agency, Insight Comunicación, will support us on this.
We are planning the release from IO for this Friday and are preparing a position statement with the information sent from IO adapted to Mexico and recommendations for CP in the Coronavirus Pandemia from the Alliance for CP in Humanitarian Action.
In addition, we have:
 - Posted in our webpage and social media we will working remotely and will soon share all activities we will conduct during this period / and awareness messages
 - Sent via e mail communication to local individual donors letting them know we will be working remotely, and sponsor visits/ skype calls will be suspended. Once we have confirmed our response intervention, we will be sending a new piece with specific asks.

- **List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.**
Sonia Bozzi, México, sbozzi@childfund.org , Spanish and English
Morgane Bellion, Mexico mbellion@childfund.org , Spanish, English and French
Yil Felipe, Mexico, yfelipe@childfund.org Spanish and English

- **Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?**
Not at this time

- **Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.**
Not to the date

- **Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.**
Sharing the info in English and attaching the editable files of the materials