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Humanitarian Situation Report Template

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COVID-19 – [Senegal]  
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
99	0	09
SOURCE: <a href="http://www.sante.gouv.sn/actualites">http://www.sante.gouv.sn/actualites</a> <a href="https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6">https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6</a>		

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ChildFund-supported areas (Dakar Diourbel Fatick Kaffrine Kaolack Kedougou Kolda Matam Saint-Louis Sédhiou Tambacounda Thiès Ziguinchor)

Geographical area (country or state/region/province)	Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
Diourbel	40	0	
Dakar	48	0	07
Saint Louis	01	0	
Thiès	09	0	02
Ziguinchor	01	0	
SOURCE: National Ministry of Health or other reliable source			

o **Any relevant background information about areas affected.**

On December 31, 2019, the Chinese authorities informed the World Health Organization (WHO) of a group of pneumonia cases of unknown origin that occurred in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province. On January 7, 2020, the Chinese authorities have isolated a new type of coronavirus, called COVID-19, responsible for this epidemic. On 20 January 2020, confirmed cases of COVID19 infection were reported outside China, including Thailand, Japan and the Republic of Korea. On January 30, the WHO declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern. **Senegal has identified 45 priority districts for COVID19 preparedness out of the 78 in the country.**

As part of the epidemic surveillance, the Ministry of Health and Social Action (MSAS) alert unit contacted the Dakar Health West District on February 28, 2020, at approximately 11:00 a.m. for a suspected case of COVID-19. The information came from a doctor working at SOS Medicine. This suspected case exhibited signs after a recent trip to France. The samples taken on 02 March 2020 proved positive for COVID-19.

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In this context, the Operational Centre for Health Emergencies (COUS) was activated on 2 March 2020 and an incident management system was set up.

As of today March 25<sup>th</sup> 2020, there are 99 total confirmed of COVID19, of which 9 have now recovered. In terms of new cases, as of today, there are 13 confirmed cases out of 142 tested of which five are imported cases and eight are pre-exposed contacts that were being monitored.

- **Host government position:**
  - A contingency plan was activated on 14 March; mobile hospitals deployed by the national army,
  - Ban on all public events for one month
  - Cruise ships not allowed to enter Senegal
  - Schools and universities have been closed since Monday 16 March for 3 weeks.
  - Suspension of Muslim and Christian pilgrimage procedures & Suspension of mass prayers (Friday prayer and Sunday church)
  - Invites religious authorities to support the State in the measures adopted
  - Encourages Senegalese diaspora to respect the instructions issued in their countries of residence.
- **What responses has the government put into place to address the health crisis and/or the economic impact?**
  1. Advocacy visits to religious leaders in Touba (religious community) Home visits (VAD) in Touba and Mbacké
  2. Deployment of a team of socio-anthropologists and communication actors in support to Diourbel region.
  3. Orientation of community actors in Touba on VIDOC-19 Participation in prime-time broadcasts and awareness-raising on VIDOC-19 Broadcasting of spots on TV and radio (including community radio) Production and dissemination of materials in local languages and in "Wolofal" (Wolof written with Arabic characters)
  4. Availability of support communication materials in regions and hospitals Media monitoring
  5. Distribution of daily press releases via public and commercial television channels

On Monday March 24 2020, President Macky Sall declared a state of emergency throughout the national territory followed by a **curfew from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

- The Defense and Security Forces to stand ready for the immediate and strict execution of the measures enacted over the national territory according to these points:
  - To regulate or prohibit the movement of persons, vehicles or goods in certain places and at certain times.
  - To prohibit, generally or, all processions, parades, rallies and demonstrations on the public highway.
  - To order the temporary closure of public places and places of meetings.
  - To prohibit public or private gatherings/meetings of any kind whatsoever which are likely to cause or maintain disorder.
- **What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?**

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1. The total closure of Senegal's air and land borders is now in effect. The Government of Senegal through the Minister of Tourism and Air Transport has decided to suspend "the operation of all flights to and from Senegal's airports, with the exception of domestic flights between Aibd and Ziguinchor, cargo flights, medical evacuations and authorized special flights". The measure took effect on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. for one month.

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 number if available.	Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.)	Number of enrolled children diseased as result of COVID19
	Sponsored	Enrolled			
147-0002 (Federation du Baol)	2285	3068	NO	0	0
147-0003 (Federation Fel Yook)	3604	4462	NO	0	0
147-0001 (Federation Dimbaya Kagnalen)	2027	2894	NO	0	0
147-0005 (Federation Pencum Ndakaru)	2518	3419	NO	0	0
147-0004 (Federation Kajoor Jankeen)	4150	5044	3 cases	0	0
FODDE: 147-4308 (Kerewane) + 147-4307 (Pata)	1421	2045	NO	0	0

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.)

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
Federation du Baol: 1470002	Only activities that do not require a grouping of people are currently being implemented. Most are suspended	suspended	Not planned this year		CRLs, WLs, TYLs are being done. The very latest letters from Sponsors we are keeping here in the office for now as we cannot send them to the children in the field given our current context.	DFCs already rec'd will be paid (March). However, the payment commission will not participate. Only the Fin asst and Board pres will do payments, and scheduled times to respect the social distancing; for those of April we will ask IO not to send it now.
Federation Fel Yook: 1470003	Only activities that do not require a grouping of people are currently being implemented. Most are suspended	suspended	Not planned this year		CRLs, WLs, TYLs are being done. The very latest letters from Sponsors we are keeping here in the office for now as we cannot send them to the children in the field given our current context.	DFCs already rec'd will be paid (March). However, the payment commission will not participate. Only the Fin asst and Board pres will do

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Federation Pencum Ndakaru: 1470005	Only activities that do not require a grouping of people are currently being implemented. Most are suspended	suspended	Not planned this year		CRLs, WLs, TYLs are being done. The very latest letters from Sponsors we are keeping here in the office for now as we cannot send	DFCs already rec'd will be paid (March). However, the payment commission

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FODDE: 1474308	Only activities that do not require a	suspended	Not planned this year		CRLs, WLs, TYLs are being done. The very latest	DFCs already rec'd will be

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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.)?
- Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis. Much more exposure to risks and abuse.
  - o The closure of schools: children have been out of school for dozens of days by decision of the Government. The measure is valid for 3 weeks, after which it could be extended if the situation does not improve.
  - o Exposure to increased risks of contamination for children living in communities where cases are confirmed.
  - o A food shortage for children living in families impacted by the restriction measures taken in the fight against COVID-19.
- Idleness in cases of total containment

**Part 3: ChildFund's Response**

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

ChildFund's response is led by the Country Director, with support from the ChildFund Senegal COVID19 Taskforce put in place.

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

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

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At the central level, we are working in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Action, the Ministry for Women, Families, Gender and Child Protection, specifically the Department of Child Protection and Rights, the Ministry of National Education. We are also working with the National Group for Child Protection, as well as the Humanitarian Organizations Group for Child Protection.

At the local level, we collaborate directly with local partners and the decentralized health district teams, through the financing of their response plans. The LPs collaborate with the families of registered children and the local authorities around the response management committees at departmental and regional level.

**What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided?**

The guidance given to the LPs is primarily aimed at maintaining contact with the children enrolled in the sponsorship system and their families. Secondly, to support the response plans implemented through the response management committees.

The actions focus on: sensitization activities around informing children and their families about the disease and preventive measures; monitoring the implementation of preventive measures; supporting families with food and hygiene materials; monitoring the situation of enrolled children; on a case per case basis, providing food packages to families in need, and providing material support to the regional and departmental response management committees. With the particular focus on daaras (koranic schools), we will be supporting the COVID19 response plans of the Directorate of Protection for the daaras in Dakar and Diourbel.

**What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed?**

The following will be distributed to families: hygiene kits, food, leaflets and flyers on the disease.

**How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate?**

Date	Meeting	Organized by:	Discussion points / Decisions
17 March	Sharing of the response plan of the Directorate of Child Protection at the level of daaras against COVI-19 in the regions of Dakar and Diourbel.	MFFGPE	Presentation of the response plan and budget. Call for contributions from partners. Worries of the partners on: the continuation of the project of withdrawal of street children; risk of perception of encouragement of the Serignes Daara through the contribution; absence of psychosocial support to children who would be subjected to isolation or total confinement; lack of coordination between the General Directorate of Health and the Directorate of Child Protection.



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			Assurance from the MFFGPE on: the imminence of the implementation of the Plan for the withdrawal of street children; the integration of the MFFGPE into the National Epidemic Management Committee. Next step: integration of observations and finalization of the plan; sharing of the finalized plan on Friday 20 March.
20 March	Analysis of the MFFGPE's response plan at the Daaras level	National Child Protection Group (GNPE)	Minutes of the meeting with the MFFGPE on the response plan for daaras in Dakar and Diourbel. Minutes of the meeting of civil society actors to take into account child protection in response plans against COVID-19. Need to bring the Directorate for Child Protection and the Directorate-General for Social Action closer together to harmonize their plans.
20 March	Sharing of the plan to combat COVID-19 and advocacy.	Directorate General of Health / Ministry of Health and Social Action	Presentation of activities carried out or planned by stakeholders in the fight against COVID19 Sharing of actions already carried out by the structures present Request for technical and financial support to partners
20 March	Sharing of the final version of the response plan at the daaras' level	MFFGPE	Call for partners to communicate their participation.

Next steps: **Maintain the application of preventive measures; validate the response plan proposed by the LPs and follow up; participate in the coordination bodies of the response; report on the actions carried out; inform on the situation of enlisted children and their families.**

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

**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

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Open	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>telework now in place</u>	<u>04</u>
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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>.

Ongoing process

#### Part 5 Human Resources

- o **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)**  
[No visitors in country](#) ~~NO (Currently there no visitors in the country)~~
- o **Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams?**  
NO
- o **Are there any other major HR issues?**  
NO

#### Part 6 Safety & Security

- o **Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner?**  
The government has strengthened the police presence in order to monitor and enforce movement restrictions on possible confinement.
- o **Are the courts still operating?**  
The court provides a minimum service in order to avoid the assembly of people.
- o **Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?**  
So far, no scenes of violence or looting have been noted.
- o **Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities?**  
Not yet, but if the situation increases maybe the military will be deployed
- o **Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area.**  
Currently, staff and their families are safe, and no staff and families are near these affected areas.
- o **Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment?**  
We have already the Security Management Plan & SOP's regarding country environment contingency plan  
Taskforce team

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

We are closely monitoring the situation to make recommendations in close cooperation with the Government and the health authorities in order to take the right decision.

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)
98-010D	ISD	Intra Health	Normal	Maintain planned activities
99-0234D	SUKABE	Grand Defis Canada	Completed	
25-041D	P&G 2018	Procter & Gamble		
2-0346D	PRN KOLDA 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0347D	PRN ZIGUINCHOR 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0348D	PRN FOUNDIUGNE 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0349D	PRN PASSY 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0350D	PRN MBOUR 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping

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2-0351D	PRN JOAL 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0352D	PRN POPENGUINE 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0353D	PRN THIADIAYE 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0354D	PRN THIES 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0355D	PRN MECHE 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0356D	PRN SOKONE 2019	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0359D	PRN KOLDA 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0360D	PRN ZIGUINCHOR 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0361D	PRN GOUDOMP 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0362D	PRN MBOUR 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that

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2-0363D	PRN JOAL 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0364D	PRN POPENGUINE 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0365D	PRN THIADIAYE 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0366D	PRN THIES 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0367D	PRN MEKHE 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0368D	PRN FOUNDIUGNE	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0369D	PRN PASSY 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
2-0370D	PRN SOKONE 2020	World Bank / Senegal Government	reduced	Stopping activities that require population regrouping
25-062D	P&G 2020	Procter & Gamble	Not yet	

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

#### 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:

- USAID has requested potential COVID19 response activities at community level and associated budget. This has been submitted to the IntraHealth COP
  
- Budget
  - 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.**  
*This is being done jointly with the JFI/CRN group of INGOs. We are currently finalizing the Concept note and will share*
- **List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.**  
The Country director is the official spokesperson, or her designated focal point, the Communications Officer, Ad
- **Country Director Yaikah Joof – Adeline Lishou Communication Specialist**
- **Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?**  
No plans as yet, but we will work with the local partners on this and share. There is no need to hire an outside photographer.
- **Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.**  
Currently a sensitive topic is around removal of the talibes (child beggars) from the streets. INGOs, UNICEF are pushing the Ministry of Women, Families, Gender and Child Protection to use this as an opportunity to effect the law. The discussions are around the “how” of such an exercise: where will these children be housed until such a time that their families are identified? Given the current context, repatriating these children to their families is not possible. So do we leave them in these informal daaras that are going to be closed down or put them up in welcome centers? A key challenge here is that there are not enough welcome centers to house all of these talibes. So we are presenting a unified voice of support (i.e. JFI/CRN, UNICEF), but are also mindful of the sensitivities around this issue.
  
- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.