

**ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

**Humanitarian Situation Report #1
COVID-19 – US Program
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY: United States

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
68,572	1031	593
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
Richmond, VA (City of Richmond, Henrico & Chesterfield Counties)	44	0	No data
Jackson, MS (Hinds/Rankin Cos)	58	0	No data
Rio Grande Valley, TX (Hidalgo & Cameron Counties)	14	0	No data
SOURCE: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6 MS Department of Health - https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/static/14,21882,420,873.html TX Dept of State Health Services - https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83			

Governors have declared State of Emergency in each of ChildFund’s 3 targeted states. All federal and state assessments (standardized testing) have been suspended for the 2019-2020 school year.

“Grab and go” breakfasts and lunches are available to anyone 18 yrs and under in all targeted areas at selected school (and community sites) throughout the school closures.

RGV, TX: As of March 23, all non-essential businesses ordered closed until April 10th. Curfew in place between 2000 – 0500. Schools are closed until at least April 10.

Richmond, VA - Non-essential retail businesses that cannot limit their operations to 10 patrons or less with adequate social distancing must close. All VA schools are closed for the remainder of the school year.

Jackson, MS: Civil Emergency declared for Jackson, MS through March 31 – non-essential city government offices closed. Gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited. Bars have been ordered to close and restaurants may only operate as take-out, drive-through, or delivery service only. Schools are closed through at least April 10. However, on March 25 the MS Governor overrode individual municipality “stay at home” for non-essential services orders.

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

Various federal stimulus packages are currently being considered/debated in the US Congress, including a package worth \$1.8 trillion to ease the impact of coronavirus which includes loans for small businesses to cover expenses/pay employees for up to 8 weeks, payments of \$1,200/adult and \$500/child, support to hospitals for Covid-19 expenses. In addition to this federal response, various actions are being taken in ChildFund target areas including suspension of housing evictions, elimination of Medicaid copay requirements and extending tax deadlines.

- What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country? **Foreign nationals who have visited one of the following countries in the past 14 days may not enter the United States: China, Iran, European Schengen area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City), United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland), Republic of Ireland. While there is currently no ban on international travel for American citizens, lawful permanent residents, families will be allowed to enter the US but only through one of 13 airports if they have been in one of the above countries in the past 14 days.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>

US Program is of course abiding by ChildFund International’s ban on international travel and USP has suspended all domestic travel for our staff until further notice.

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

Partner Organization Texas is only area with enrolled/ sponsored children	# 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			
Texas Area LP- CIS Hidalgo Co	2055	2964	None reported	None reported	None reported
CIS Richmond	NA	NA	None reported	None reported	None reported
Operation Shoestring (MS)	NA	NA	None reported	None reported	None reported

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
ChildFund TX Area	Alternative program services	Currently conducting	Delayed until FY21	On hold	Delays expected, but will attempt collection along with other drop-off/pick-up services beginning April 6	Delays expected, but will attempt delivery along with other drop-off services beginning April 6
CIS Richmond	Alternative program services	NA		NA	NA	NA
Operation Shoestring (MS)	Alternative program services	NA		NA	NA	NA

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.)?

Food insecurity, the digital divide and educational inequity, child protection concerns, economic disparity and fear and anxiety due to immigration/citizenship status are issues that our target population experiences under normal circumstances. We are concerned that the coronavirus pandemic will only exacerbate these issues.

- **Many families within the US depend on the daily free breakfasts and lunches their children receive while attending school. While all target schools are providing “grab and go” breakfasts and lunches during school closures, families must come to a designated site in order to participate. However, transportation is not provided which will result in many of the most vulnerable going hungry.**

- During school closures, many schools are offering virtual instruction through various methods. However, many of our families do not have access to internet or home computers (or insufficient where there are multiple children in the home). Families are less likely to have children's books in the home, so less likely for children to read.
- Additionally, we know that violence in the home will most likely increase, with families quarantined and cooped up in often small, substandard living conditions under heightened stress and anxiety.
- We anticipate that the economic impact on target population will take a toll as a large % of the population are engaged in seasonal, self-employment, are undocumented or not part of the work force and won't even benefit from government stimulus measures.
- Healthcare – We are concerned that families of undocumented immigration status will be reluctant to seek appropriate healthcare (including Covid-19 symptoms) when needed out of fear of detection by ICE.

Of particular concern is migrants who have come to the US to seek asylum and are currently being detained in detention centers or awaiting in migrant camps on the Mexico side of the southern US border.

Part 3: ChildFund's Response

- Who is or will be leading/managing the response?
Julia Campbell will provide oversight for the USP response, reviewing updated information, status and requests from ChildFund and external stakeholders to continually inform the USP response and update our staff and LPs on evolving directives, guidance, opportunities to support effectiveness and efficiency.
- **Richmond: Local Partner - CIS of Richmond is working in collaboration and response to emergency leadership planning facilitated by the City of Richmond and County of Henrico and includes the health director and superintendents.**
- **Jackson, MS: Local Partner - Operation Shoestring is working to ensure that children and youth and their families have access to nutrition and learning resources while schools are closed.**
- **RGV Texas: Our ChildFund team under the direct supervision of Santiago Baldazo is leading ChildFund's response in the RGV. (The ChildFund team is responsible for implementing all of our sponsorship activities and much of our programming – with support from our LP CIS)**

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

We will focus our response on our current operational areas but may be able to expand our scope in Texas through collaboration with our TX AmeriCorps network.

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

In addition to our Local Partners in each of our areas, our Texas team is directly coordinating with schools, county officials and will continue to reach out to appropriate resource partners (mental health providers, area food banks, etc.). We also are coordinating statewide with other Texas AmeriCorps programs through OneStar Foundation, our grantor and TX state AmeriCorps Commission.

- What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed?

Richmond: CIS will be making frequent adjustments to their organizational response as the situation evolves and needs shift. Short-term framework for engagement will include:

- Knowledge of needs in our school neighborhoods
- Maintaining a real-time referral network to support students and families
- Mental engagement for kids with regular contact and check-ins
- Food assistance for families in crisis
- Response to specific requests of Richmond and Henrico school systems as needed

Mississippi: Operation Shoestring is coordinating with Jackson Public Schools to offer free breakfast and lunches to children and coordinating with their parents and JPS to help make sure families can participate. They are also assessing individual families' food needs and working on creating options for learning while school's out.

RGV, TX: (See attached US Program Covid-19 Response)

- 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?

TBD

Below Sections for Internal Use Only

Part 4: Office and Staff Status

Office Status (Open/Closed)	Number of Staff: (includes ChildFund employees, contract staff and AmeriCorps members)				
	Diagnosed with COVID19	Diseased from COVID19	Working from Office	Working from Home	On Special Leave
Texas office will be partially opened with reduced hrs. staffed by 1-2 staff (to receive deliveries, accept drop-off materials)	0	0	1 -2	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>.

None at this time

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)

No visitors

- Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams?

NA

- Are there any other major HR issues?

Not at this time

Part 6 Safety & Security

- Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner? **Yes**
- Are the courts still operating? **Varies from state to state – specifics Unknown at this time.**
- Are there reports of looting or increased criminality? **Not at this time (although some reports of price gouging)**
- Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities? **Not at this time**
- Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area. **Info has been shared with staff on tips for staying safe, cleaning protocols are in place in our TX office and staff are being instructed to observe local, state and ChildFund orders and recommendations for staying safe. Mechanisms for regular tele-communication between staff are being put into place. Staff and LPS are currently contacting children and families to check on health, etc. status and to provide tips. (for more detail see US Program Covid-19 Response attachment)**
- Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment? **Not at this time**
- Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted) **No plans for travel of donors or staff through the next few months.**

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)
25-050	OneStar AmeriCorps	OneStar	Reduced -	YES

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

OneStar is providing ongoing guidance and support as we continue to implement our AmeriCorps grant. Key changes to implementation include: (see attached AmeriCorps TX Coronavirus Guidance)

- **Development of alternative service opportunities for AmeriCorps members**
- **Development of Teleservice policy**
- **Provision of AmeriCorps member living allowances**
- **Flexibility in expenditure of grant funds towards Covid-19 program response**
- **Waiver of penalty's for AmeriCorps members not fulfilling target service hours**

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)
FirstBook	TX Bookmobile	\$1000	Y	Y

OneStar AmeriCorps	TX programs	We are allowed to re-direct % of grant funds (TBD) towards Covid-19 response.	Y	Y

Budget

- Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.
FirstBook: Funding is in the form of a “Gift Certificate” for purchase of books from First Book’s Book Bank. (We estimate this will result in the purchase of 1800 + books)Must be spent by April 30th.

OneStar: TBD

Part 9 Media/Communications

No media contacts to date

- List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.
 - List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken. **Julia Campbell (English) is the primary USP CO spokesperson, with Santiago Baldazo as secondary contact (focused on Texas and Spanish language media requests). We have a couple of AmeriCorps members with COMMS skills we may want to prepare for ChildFund AmeriCorps media opps.**
- Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?
- Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.
- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.
 - **US Program Staff have signed up for “Teams” training on March 26**
 - **Requested support from Shelby French for team “self-care moments” during upcoming team meetings.**
 - **Collaborating with Digital team on potential postings for ChildFund broader audience based on our SEL Storytelling**