

Humanitarian Situation Report 3

COVID-19 – Ecuador

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Part 1: The Overall Situation

ECUADOR

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
2.758	98	58
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
Carchi	6	0	No available information
Imbabura	15	1	No available information
Pichincha	248	6	No available information
Cotopaxi	10	1	No available information
Tungurahua	10	1	No available information
SOURCE: https://www.gestionderiesgos.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Informe-de-Situaci%C3%B3n-No024-Casos-Coronavirus-Ecuador-31032020.pdf			

The most affected province in Ecuador is Guayas located on the coast of the country. This province has 70,4% of the cases. ChildFund Ecuador has no coverage in this province. Ecuador is in a national emergency; the country is implemented a curfew from 14h00 to 5h00 and Guayas province is defined as security zone.

Ecuador National Government has designed a strategy to avoid community transmission that included among others the following actions:

- Mandatory quarantine and restrictions on internal and external mobility including border closure
- Pubic services closure except health, safety and risk services
- Face to Face working hours suspension except health, agriculture, livestock and animal care industry
- Trade suspension except businesses to acquire food, medicine, animal feed, financial services, exportations and telecommunications

- Restaurant and coffee shops are suspended, except for home deliveries.
- Ecuadorian Government ask the Humanitarian Country Team to activate.
- National and local government support low-income families.

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			
FEDACC 1314	3519	2785	No available information	No available information	No available information
FOCI 477	2954	2561	No available information	No available information	No available information
FONAP 1309	2185	2089	No available information	No available information	No available information
FENPIDEC 4063	3467	2827	No available information	No available information	No available information
CACTU 2679 y 4068	5595	4589	No available information	No available information	No available information

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
FEDACC 1314	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Enrollment Suspended Disaffiliation Operational	Suspended	Partially Operational
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FENPIDEC 4063	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Enrollment Suspended Disaffiliation Operational	Suspended	Operational
CACTU 2679 y 4068	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Enrollment Suspended Disaffiliation Operational	Suspended	Partially Operational

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

The National Government ordered the suspension of classes in the schools and the opening of digital platforms. School remains closed.

Child Protection Issues:

Affecting the Right to Education. several children and adolescents are not familiar with those platforms. Online education has not been a topic of work in schools.

Internet risks: Linked to the previous topic, in the absence of digital education, girls, boys and adolescents are exposed to inappropriate messages in the use of social networks.

Affecting the Right to Health: the elderly population or adults with pre-existing diseases are considered a high-risk group. However, children and adolescents living in conditions of poverty and extreme poverty and who are malnourished may be populations at high risk for the coronavirus.

Child labor: Girls, boys and adolescents are at risk of being exposed to high levels of child labor in their families in the absence of access to educational regulatory processes or the proper use of free time. Reducing the economic activity of families can increase this risk.

Affecting the Right to Food Healthy: Affecting the right to healthy food. Due to declining families' income and limited access to food, children and adolescents are affected their right to healthy food, especially in the first life stage, nursing children and pregnant women.

Unlike other emergency contexts, in the current scenario there is a risk of having insufficient data to provide specific support.

Part 3: ChildFund’s Response

- CO has activated the DRR Team effective March 16.
- On March 17, Humanitarian Country Team activated education, health, shelter and Wash clusters.
- The Ministry of Education launched a web site with digital resources for students and ask support to the International Cooperation in order to create content for TV and radio broadcast.
- On March 17, ChildFund Ecuador participated in Education Cluster called by UNICEF and sent materials produced for share with Ministry of Education. CO will provide content from program models to include in digital, radio and TV production. Moreover, ChildFund will produce radio material with key messages about ECD.

- On March 20, ChildFund Ecuador participated in meeting of Communication Group of international ongs for development communication strategy.
- On March 24, ChildFund Ecuador participated in a Food Security Cluster called by the World Food Program. In this first meeting. WFP showed the objectives of the working group to be developed during the emergency. WFP asked NGOs for information about their work related to food security support and/or the transfer of cash.
- On March 25, ChildFund Ecuador participated in a Child Protection Group called by UNICEF. In this first meeting, all organizations expressed their concerns regarding the situation of children in Ecuador. Public institutions (MIES and CNII) explained their work with children in the current context.
- CO contacted to Ministry of Health who explained they are drafting a communication to send to International NGOs asking for support with specific supplies. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent a call to cooperate with supplies and equipment for hospitals and food kits which will be distributed by the Ministry of social and economic inclusion. CO is analyzing feasibility to cooperate.
- Local partners in coordination with CO are designing messages to publish it on social networks. The messages will be related with Protocols for prevention of COVID-19; good use of free time; use the internet safely; to provide didactic resources. CO are developing information content about safety use of internet to share in social media.
- LPs have socialized information with communities about access to health and education in an emergency context through SMS and Whatsapp groups. Furthermore, LPs have sent messages to prevent violence and promote care. All the information has been validated, simplified and shared through the different communication channels.
- Each LP is in ongoing communication with the local authorities in their territories to support joint actions in coordination with CO.
- LP in Imbabura is supporting to Health District to print informative banners with protocols to prevent COVID-19 contagion, these banners will be used by health workers to sensitize the population
- LP in Carchi will provide to three communities soap in coordination with the local authorities
- A pilot to use a virtual classroom with programs model contents is being implemented and will be evaluated to scale.
- On March 20th, the local government of Nanegalito, with the support of ChildFund and LP in Northwest Pichincha, carried out the fumigation in all the neighborhoods of the parish to reduce risks of COVID-19 contagion.
- ChildFund is leading an alliance with Plan International, CARE and Futuro's Business Group to implement cash transfers in communities where the organization work.
- Local partners personal will provide psychological first aid to people who required it in the crisis.

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
Closed	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>0</u>

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: **Until now 6 people have completed the training.**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>.

Part 5 Human Resources

Human Resources issues not presented

Part 6 Safety & Security

Due to governmental decree, in force since Tuesday 17th, all public and private workers are implementing remote work. Field visits are banned. All staff is working from home and there are no reported cases of COVID19 among the staff. In order to ensure the continuity of operations and reduce the impact of the emergency, people have adequate equipment and TI ensured the access to their information remotely. CO staff was provided with unlimited cellphone plans including internet access.

Psychological support for handle stress due to forced quarantine will be developed. Meanwhile a “virtual cafeteria” has been organized in daily bases, so Staff can connect virtually to socialize.

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)
24-089D	ProFuturo	Telefónica Foundation	Reduced	Reschedules activities

ProFuturo program financed by Telefónica Ecuador Foundation is being impacted, some activities are being rescheduled, for activities related with training, virtual tools are being used, **professional services contracts are in standby**

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)
Unicef	Education	TBD	N	N

Budget

- No information

Part 9 Media/Communications

Ecuador country office has not created a press release for media. Plan for collecting photos, videos or stories is not possible because of mobility restrictions.

Messages about COVID-19 prevention are being posted in social media.

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

- Special requests are going to have a considerable delay so changes on standards should be considered.
- Guidelines about communication to sponsors informing the situation and that we are placing a hold on letter delivery from/to the sponsored children in order to protect the health and wellbeing of the kids, families, and communities we serve.
- Guidelines to respond to possible non-deliveries, change of instructions of DFCs and TYL.