

**ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template
Humanitarian Situation Report [1]
COVID-19 – [MEXICO]
[April 1st, 2020]**

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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
1,215	29	not updated at this moment
<i>SOURCE: https://coronavirus.gob.mx/</i>		

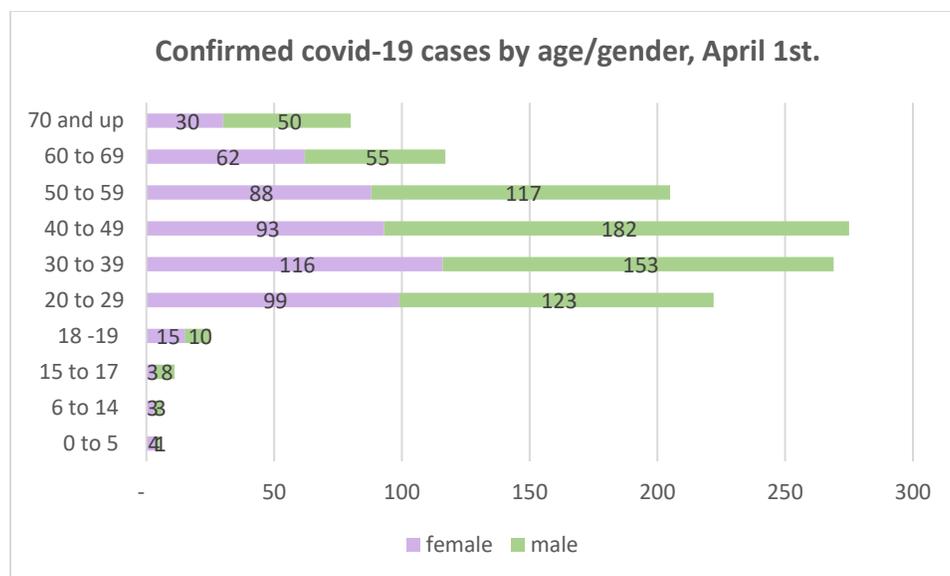
Mexico Federal government makes a formal announcement every day at 7:00 pm to share the official update of the situation of Covid-19 spread in the country. All of the information Shared in this report is updated to this day (April 1st), which means that the official data are from COB of March 31st.

Since the last Sitrep, the number of positive Covid-19 cases in Mexico has increased by 200%.

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



*Source: Daily technical statement from the Federal Health Secretariat (General Directorate of Epidemiology),
March 31st 2020, 7:00pm*



(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	234	517	8	U
Chiapas	1 LP, Herdez grant	13	31	-	U
Estado de México	2 LPs	149	371	1	U
Hidalgo	7 LPs, Confio grant	19	66*	3	U
Michoacán	2 LPs, ArcelorMittal grant	21	70	1	U
Oaxaca	3 LPs, Confio grant	14	50	1	U
Puebla	3 LPs, Walmart grant	81	121**	1	U
Veracruz	1 LP	27	266	1	U

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

* We have been notified this morning of a suspected case in the intervention area of our LP #2518 Hñahñu Batsi de San Andrés Daboxtha, as local authorities shared information about a young man recently coming from another city and with symptoms related to the Covid-19. The young man and his family have been transferred to a regional hospital where they will be attended, meanwhile the local authorities have called people to avoid visiting the community and will notify about the case when the test results are available.

** 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. Update April 1st: this case has been confirmed as negative

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 | On March, 30th the President Andrés Manuel López Obrador called a meeting of the health committee, and at the daily official press conference at 7 pm, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs officially declared the "state of health emergency due to force majeure". This declaratory has been accompanied by new or reinforced measures:

- Immediate suspension of non-essential activities in the public, private and social sectors, except those necessary to attend to the health emergency, until April 30th. (*meaning that schools will extend their suspension until this date, as the date initially considered was April 20th*)
- In the essential sectors, activities and meetings of more than 50 people will not be possible.
- The healthy distance journey is extended until April 30th.
 - o Basic prevention measures: frequent hand washing, respiratory label, etc.
 - o Temporary suspension of non-essential activities in the public and private sectors.
 - o Reprogramming of events of massive concentration.
 - o Protection and care of the elderly.
- The entire population is exhorted to comply with the responsible home receipt.
- All face-to-face censuses and surveys are postponed.
- Home quarantines applies strictly for all people over 60 years of age, people with chronic diseases, pre-existing diseases, and pregnant women.
- After April 30th, the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Labor will issue guidelines for staggered return to activities.

Based on those reinforced guidelines, it is estimated that 65% of businesses nationwide are closed, 80% of hotels are idle and there is a drop in sales in the service sector that has not yet been quantified, according to the president of the Confederation of National Chambers of Commerce, Services and Tourism (Concanaco) José Manuel López (newspaper www.eluniversal.com.mx, March 31st); which puts thousands of jobs at risk.

So far there has been no request for outside assistance, but it has been communicated (newspaper www.reforma.com, March 31st) that the Mexican government received a donation of 100,000 face covers, 5 respirators and 50,000 test kits to detect Covid-19, from the JackMa Foundation and the Alibaba Foundation (through the Cultural Center of China in Mexico).

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	1 suspected case, to be confirmed	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 Kínal 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
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	N	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
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. All staff are working from home	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**)
 - For the moment the situation remains similar, the LPs report that in some areas people are following more the recommendation to stay at home but in general adults keep working in the fields, as there is a shared feeling in the most remote areas that the crisis is a “political question” (as shared by LP#2165, who also reported that some parents were taking the opportunity to take their children to work with them) which will require targeted messages in those areas to sensitize the communities in general and the parents/caregivers about the risks they are facing and to which they are exposing their children.
- **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) **see example above**
 - 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.
Since last week we have advanced on the following:
- Coordination meeting with UNHCR about cash transfers and the opening of a working group in Mexico (one of the few countries in the Americas where there is currently no CALP working group)
 - Technical meetings with Joining Forces colleagues to develop a common concept note for aligned intervention and fundraising for (1) covering basic needs and food security for most vulnerable families through cash transfer, (2) supporting the health sector through dotation of first necessity materials, (3) contribute to restore livelihoods. The concept note and associated budget will be finished in the coming days.
- **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

About those 2 first points, we have had several updates:

- Design of contents for LPs (Programs + Communication) which will be sent as an “information package” this Friday, and we will continue to prepare contents for awareness raising, educational and recreational activities each week to update the messages for communities and families
- During this week nearly all LPs have developed and adjusted their communication strategies in order to spread awareness-raising messages and ideas of activities for children in the communities. They have also worked on handwashing trainings (this was before the declaration of emergency as we are now recommending avoiding transfers from one community to another). *Examples and pictures below.* They have updated their communication trees and ensured that all staff members, including their facilitators have access to internet, cellphone or phone to be able to share contents during the coming weeks. To conduct those activities, they have reassigned underspent March budget, for a total amount of \$ 124,970 MXP (\$ 5,155 USD)
- Advances in the definition of cash transfer feasibility, guidelines, goals, in coordination with the other countries in the Americas region and external allies (UNHCR, Joining Forces). We have yet to determine the operativity of this intervention and the related budget.

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 determined a design proposal for family orchards (unitary cost = \$ 9,000 MXP / \$ 371 USD) and for community hygiene stations (unitary cost = \$ 71,000 MXP / \$ 2,930 USD, includes WC, water storage, sink, water filter). We have yet to define the scope of the proposal to come up with the general budget – including technical assessment for the implementation and follow-up

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.
- Finalizing the proposals (see above), launch a mapping of most vulnerable families and market assessment at community level with the 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 (closed since Friday 27 th)	0	0	0	24	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 Suspended for the month of April – only communication with	No/we have shared our actions Yes, jointly all activities have been

			participant families will continue	suspended and resources have been redirected to ensure SMS, Whatsapp communication with participant families.
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.

All Individual follow up or farm/orchard supervision visits have cancelled. In the case of Rio Arronte, we are considering virtual training for a F2F train the trainers workshop that had been scheduled for the month of April.

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)

- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- o **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.
- Letters have been sent to potential local donors and local sponsors on the response activities and we have activated our webpage for local donations (individual-corporate)
- Posts on prevention actions and video on self-care of the caregivers have been posted in our social media

- **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

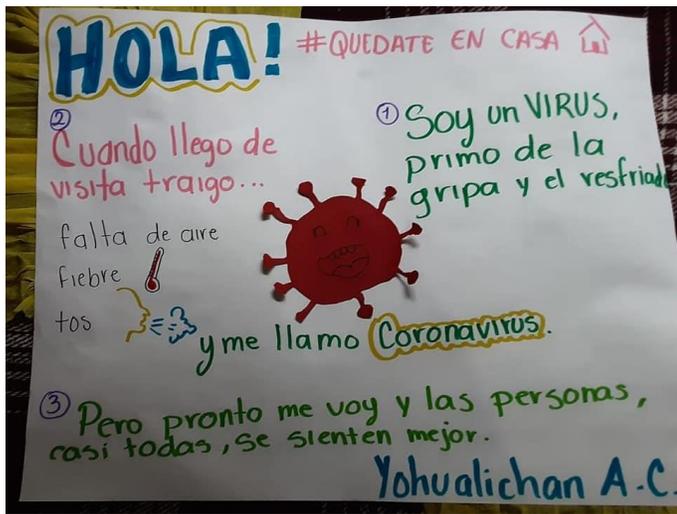
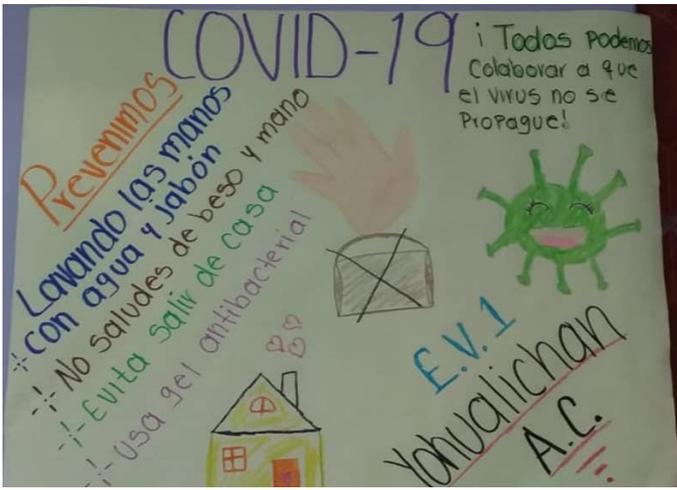
- **Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.**

Sharing the info in English and attaching the editable files of the materials

Example of activities and materials developed by the Local Partners:

LP #2068 YOHUALICHAN A.C. : using hand sanitizer + posters designed by young participants





LP #1 CASA DE LOS NIÑOS DE TEZONAPA – hand washing and flyers





LA CASA DE LOS NIÑOS DE TEZONAPA AC

Una práctica para la desinfección recomendada por la OMS

Protege a los tuyos del **COVID-19**

LAVADO DE MANOS (MÍNIMO 20 SEGUNDOS)

- MOJA TUS MANOS
- USA JABÓN
- PALMA CON PALMA
- ENTRE LOS DEDOS
- DETRÁS DE LAS MANOS
- DETRÁS DE LOS DEDOS
- PULGARES
- UNAS
- ENJUAGA
- SECA CON TOALLA (TORLLAS DE PAPEL)
- CIERRA EL GRIFO
- MANOS LIMPIAS