

**ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

**Humanitarian Situation Report [# 3]
COVID-19 – [Uganda]
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY Uganda

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
52	00	00
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
Kampala Metropolitan	40	00	00
SOURCE: National Ministry of Health or other reliable source			

Commented [MO1]: The cases reported are those of the travelers who are residents of Kampala metropolitan where we have an urban program. All these were tested during the period of quarantine

Commented [MO2]: Not yet at the level of testing for community transmission. All those tested were recent travelers and their contacts who were put on quarantine.

Any relevant background information about areas affected.

- 52 Cases are Ugandans (50) and Chinese (2) the majority of whom had recent travel history to Dubai, and other high-risk countries. 24 of those had no travel history but had links with a confirmed cases. Only 2 had no link to a confirmed case; 1 case is a boarder trader in Adjumani, and another is an 8months baby in Iganga whose father had a recent travel history to Kisumu-Kenya. Two cases are Chinese nationals who were part of the group of six re arrested when they were attempting to cross to DR Congo and had escaped from the quarantine center.
- The most recent were 11 cases of children from an evangelical city church called Watoto who travelled back from the UK and Canada on a musical tour.
- Over 400 cases tested in the past two days turned out negative, giving some reprieve to the country
- The government has decided to search for all travelers who entered the country between March 7th-22nd so as to have them tested and partially the reason for lockdown of the country.

- **Host government posture: Have they declared a state of emergency and/or requested outside assistance?** No declaration of the state of emergency yet and government is open to any response efforts.
- The Government has taken additional firm measure of a 14day lockdown with a curfew implemented from 7:00pm to 6:30am.
- Government allows only essential services to continue
- For two last days there was testing of suspected persons with no positive cases which is a good sign that the measures instituted by Government including a 14 days countrywide local may be working positively
- The private sector has come in to support government and donated cash and items (particularly medical supplies and equipment) worth \$540k.
- **Which nationwide measures has the government taken, e.g., limitation on meetings, internal travel, school closures etc.**
- International Boarders closed including the international airport and all international passenger flights banned except Cargo flights that are allowed with certain conditions such as quarantining of the crew in designated facilities/hotels.
- All schools, tertiary institutions and universities closed for 32 days effective Friday 20th, March 2020.
- The Government is emphasizing prevention (Social distancing, Handwashing, avoid coughing/sneezing in public, reporting suspected cases). Set up hotlines and mobile centers for picking up samples for testing.
- The Government banned all activities that require mass gathering like, religious gatherings, political gatherings, concerts, parties, bars, funeral ceremonies, marriage ceremonies.
- Government has activated country wide isolation centers
- Government is allowing in only cargo transportation country wide.
- Government has banned public transport, and nonfood markets, closed shopping malls and arcades

- Government on Monday the 30th issued more guidelines suspending all forms of transport including private cars except for emergency response, declared a nationwide curfew from 7:00pm-6:30am effective 31st March 2020. All these will run for 14 days.

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

- It is reported that government is planning to borrow from the World Bank and has so far presented a loan request of about \$90m to Parliament for approval.
- Government is engaging the private sector to produce needed essential items such as sanitizers and has committed to waive taxes on these items.
- Surveillance teams have been set up country wide.
- Isolation centers are being established and so far three are operational. Also 900 beds have been prepared at the newly refurbished national referral hospital.
- Government led by the president is providing updates and carrying out awareness on the pandemic using multiple media channels and routine briefings
- No weekly mass markets, all have been closed.

- Public and private transport banned with exception of only vehicles that offer essential services (Health and Security)
- Task forces have been put place in the local governments manned by the District Health office and security. Nationally there is a task force led by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Health
- Government intends to identify the very poor and provide them with dry food rations.
- Government launched the distribution of food rations targeting the vulnerable households whose livelihoods were eroded by the lockdown. Over 2000 families have so far benefited in Kampala capital city slum settlements.
- Ministry of education has issued preliminary guidance that schools may be reported on April 27th and tertiary institutions on May 2nd if the situation normalizes. Second and third terms were extended to allow for coverage of the syllabus and parents will not be charged additional fees when schools resume or face any fees increments. This is however dependent on the evolving situation and containment efforts.
- Parliament of Uganda passed a supplementary budget, realigning quarter four budgets to focus on COVID response. Ministry of Health is requesting for a supplementary budget of \$110m to respond to the pandemic.
- USAID realigned \$15m from its Maternal and Child health projects to support government in responding to Covid19.

What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?

- No international travel for passengers. No entry and exit except for those negotiated by the UN and individual embassies but also those must only come with empty plans to evacuate their passengers.

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			
1490007 ACFP	1808	2344	N	N	N
1490003 BUACOFE	2713	3001	N	N	N
1490006 CECE	2882	3364	N	N	N
1490001 JIACOFE	3439	4145	N	N	N
1490005 KAFOC	1780	2209	N	N	N
1490002 MAFOC	3273	4039	N	N	N
1490004 PfcW	2796	3457	N	N	N
1490009 MACDEF	2698	3175	N	N	N
1490008 LACCODEF	2820	3503	N	N	N

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
1490007 ACFP	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	Enrolments halted /Departures will continue virtually	All new correspondences that require interaction children are on hold. Others will	The Country Office will not be able to deliver DFCs effective April

					continue virtually	
1490003 BUACOFE	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490006 CECE	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490001 JIACOFE	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490005 KAFOC	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490002 MAFOC	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490004 PfCW	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490009 MACDEF	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above
1490008 LACCODEF	Contingency planning	Halted	Halted	As above	As above	As above

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.)?

- Children are home because of school closure with very minimal reading and learning taking place at home
- Children in urban areas are facing food shortage. Caregivers are already rationing food in order to sustain the 14 days restriction on movements.
- Safety concerns are being raised for the young adolescents and youth who escape from their homes to join their peers
- High likelihood of violence in low income households that survive on hand to mouth.
- Likelihood of children not resuming school timely due to the economic hit on parents.
- Learning from home by rural school age children who have no access to instructional and learning materials.

Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis situation.

- Likelihood of violence against children, neglect due to loss of livelihoods especially for urban poor as well as increase in SGBV cases.
- Police is reporting an increase in domestic violence which exposes children to harms.

Part 3: ChildFund’s Response

- Who is or will be leading/managing the response?
- The CD will over see national response
- Planned, desired or ongoing response – inside or outside current operational areas. The desired response will likely be both in operational and non operational areas.

Partners are being supported to redraft Contingency plans to redirect the budget to the critical needs of the households such as hygiene, cash transfers for basics as well as health needs and protection needs of the children.

The partner plans have been submitted to redirect and adapt programming. Implementation starts later this week.

An E- learning platform was developed by UNICEF and NITA Uganda and approved by the National Curriculum development center. It is called the KOLIBRI E- Learning platform that helps children to keep studying and learning during the COVID 19 pandemic. The content is in Science and Mathematics for secondary school learners and inclusive Education for primary level section.

A link has been provided to enable parents and learners to access the materials.

The CO has been shared with IP managers to see how it can be accessed to our children and youth in secondary schools as well as those with disabilities.

Through the 9 Implementing partners ChildFund is engaging with District level response task forces and support the awareness campaign through radio talk shows.

The Country office is procuring handwashing facilities to be distributed to households, health facilities in one Kampala where one of the Partner operates.

ChildFund is participating in webinars hosted by the IASC, UNHCR and UNICEF and the CP Sub working Group. A technical Note on Child Protection in Humanitarian action by the IASC has been shared and ChildFund is making reference to it. The CP Specialist has been participating in these meetings

ChildFund has also contributed to the Business Continuity Plans consolidated by UNHCR highlighting awareness creation as our focus area in response to COVID-19

Awareness messages for parents, youths and young children on COVID-19 and how parents can support children and keep them engaged have been developed and are being disseminated through child protection working groups and IPs including one of the leading dailies. Messaging through upcountry media stations has been shared with the local partners to engage the radio stations in their respective locations supported by the Communications Officer.

- Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?
Joining Forces coalition for a press statement and advocacy with the Ministry of Gender.
Vision Group for messaging through its online and social media channels including print
- 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?
Followed up with Unicef for possibility of a response, Followed up with Standard Chartered Bank for a possible Concept Note

Commented [MO3]: This will mostly only benefit those with smart phones and can afford data

- ✓ Most important for communities will be access to basic hygiene and handwashing kits including soap
 - ✓ Right now most engagements are at the level of government and missions as well as WHO however, we have requested to join MOH partner coordination meetings
 - ✓ Cash transfers, Awareness messages, Hand washing facilities are being considered as first line for most vulnerable households.
 - ✓ Invited to join MOH sub group partners meetings but will only be possible once we get a waiver for a vehicle to move which we are pursuing
- Next steps.
- ✓ Support partners complete their contingency and adapt program interventions to support households and work with government.
 - ✓ CO plans to redirect some of the PEF budget to support partner response plans
 - ✓ Concept notes
- The CO is redirecting upto 370,000USD for COVID response(prevention and control measures and cash transfers for enrolled families)
- For sitreps submitted after ChildFund response has been initiated, what is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?
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- 3.a. Cash Transfers*

Commented [MO4]: Coming from PEF and subsidy

-Is your CO planning or implementing cash transfers as part of COVID19 response?

Yes Uganda is planning to implement cash transfers

- If so, brief description of progress to date.

a) Communication and guidance has been developed and shared with the Partners to prepare for execution of the cash transfers

b) Request for subsidy and PEF funds has been submitted to treasury and expect funds by Wednesday 8th

Cash transfers executed

Total	Beneficiaries		Amount transferred (US\$)	Transfer mechanism (i.e. mobile money, banking system other financial service provider etc,
	Gender (if available)			
	Female	Male		

Commented [MO5]: To be populated in the next sitrep once it has commenced. Uganda will mainly use mobile money and probably agency banking depending on feedback from the parents. However, first transfers will be through mobile money.

Below Sections for Internal Use Only

Part 4: Office and Staff Status

Office Status (Open/Closed)	Number of Staff: 51				
	Diagnosed with COVID19	Diseased from COVID19	Working from Office	Working from Home	On Special Leave
Closed	00	00	00	47	04

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?

- No

Are there any other major HR issues?

- No, however we requested 3 drivers to take leave as well as two admin support staff who cannot work from home by the nature of their work.

Part 6 Safety & Security

- **Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner?**
Yes
- **Are the courts still operating?**
Yes via video link and restricted number
Only receiving new cases but not adjudicating
- **Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?**
No
- **Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities?**
No Yes effective 31st there is a countrywide curfew from 7:00pm
- **Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area.**
Staff are safe and working from home
- **Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment?**

Partially

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

- Postpone all travels for now.

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)
12-0379D	Busia ECD	ChildFund Korea	Reduced	No
12-0380D	Busia MNCH	ChildFund Korea	Reduced	No
12-0384D	Kitgum ECP	ChildFund Korea	Reduced	No
12-0411D	Kitgum Household Resilience	ChildFund Korea	Reduced	No
12-0442D	Moyo BREPs/Refugee Response	KOICA/ChildFund Korea	Suspended for one month	No
25-052D	P & G Safe Water, Kiboga	P & G	Reduced	No

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

There will be slow down in implementation because of the activities that require group trainings, group or mass meetings. Focus now will be on only individualized activities and offsite activities

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)
Stanchart Bank	Community Resilience and recovery			
EU -DEVCO	Child Protection			

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Commented [MO7]: Potential via Joining Forces but no confirmation yet

- 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.

- Vision Group and Nation Media group will be contacted for any press releases
- A press release will be developed and shared with Vision Group, Nation Media, Observer, Soft Power News once the Country Office finalizes the planned response together with the IPs
- We have developed posters with messages on parenting and children engagement during this period. These have been shared widely through the staff and through our online platforms
- Developing messages on child protection to disseminate through the same channels
- We are working on translating the same messages into local languages for dissemination via Radio stations in the communities of operation
- List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.

Moses Otai + 256792 666620, based in Kampala, Uganda.

Email: motai@childfund.org

Skype:motai@childfund.org

- Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?
- No outsider will be allowed in country. In case of any need for content collection, the Communications officer will handle depending on the situation if not under total lockdown.
- Working with IPs to take pictures of the materials CO will be donating to communities and families before dispatching them.
- IPs will reach out to recipients of these items for quotes and statements via phone calls. This information will be collated by the Communications Officer and shared with IO
- No outsider will be allowed in country

Commented [MO8]: Dependent on community accessibility

Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.

- Any messaging that is contradicting government or WHO position on COVID 19 response
- Criticism of government efforts
- The CO is circulating government awareness messages and keeping our audiences informed about COVID19 through our social media platforms: Twitter and Facebook
- The developed information messages based on MOH guidelines that we are designing to be shared as e-posters with all our stakeholders

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

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- Fundraising once the concept notes are ready