

Humanitarian Situation Report 5

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
7.858	388	780
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	26	3	No available information
Imbabura	34	5	No available information
Pichincha	674	33	No available information
Cotopaxi	45	9	No available information
Tungurahua	47	6	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 70,6% 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 decrease community transmission in some provinces and avoid it in others. The strategy includes among others the following actions:

- Mandatory quarantine and restrictions on internal and external mobility including border closure
- Public 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 with cash transfer and food kit deliveries initiatives
- On April 10, the Ministry of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources confirmed that Ecuador has declared force majeure on its oil exports due to the rupture of the two pipelines that transport national crude
- Since Monday April 13, government will implement traffic light restrictions according to territories affectation. Traffic lights start with the color red and will remain so until next Sunday, April 19. After April 19, new measures will be released regarding restrictions by each province.
- Ecuador government present law projects related to reducing working hours and wages proportionally to hours worked, for up to two years, and with the option of renewing for up to two more years.
- According to official calculations, because of the crisis caused by the Covid-19, almost 508,000 people in Ecuador could be left without work and another 233,000 enter informality.
- Law projects also includes measures related to define companies and citizens contribution to the crisis with a part of their salaries for the next 9 months.

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	2760	3507	5	0	No available information
FOCI 477	2548	2947	No available information	No available information	No available information
FONAP 1309	2075	2181	45	0	No available information
FENPIDEC 4063	2804	3479	7	0	No available information
CACTU 2679 y 4068	4546	5588	3	0	No available information

Source: <https://twitter.com/PichinchaGob/status/1250462106438307840>
https://twitter.com/Salud_Ec/status/1250456269871292418 - Infografía 51

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
FOCI 477	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Enrollment Suspended Disaffiliation Operational	Suspended	Partially Operational
FONAP 1309	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Enrollment Suspended Disaffiliation Operational	Suspended	Suspended
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 Healthy Food: 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.

Affecting the right to protection against violence: confinement, loss of livelihoods, lack of food and economic resources begin to cause situations of domestic violence in some families.

Affecting psychological health: Due to the loss of caregivers and other family members, children are emotionally affected.

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, scripts are being designed. Local partners are producing streaming radio programs about psicological support, one of them in coordination with Education Ministry.
- 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. ChildFund has been invited by UNICEF to be part of the coordination team for psicological support with HIAS and Catholic University of Ecuador.
- 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. CO has sent a list of specific supplies needed to IO
- 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 and 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
- 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. The proposal has been approved by the "Fideicomiso Por Todos"
- Local partners staff will provide psychological first aid to people who required it in the crisis. Local partners are receiving virtual capacity building workshops in psychosocial support.
- LPs have prioritized vulnerable communities in their territories for the delivery of food and hygiene kits, which will be delivered in coordination with local authorities.
- LPs have prioritized vulnerable families in their territories for the transfer of cash in the amount of \$ 60 per month for two months, which will be delivered through banking services.
- With the support of P&G CO will deliver protection implements to medical personnel in hospitals; 3,500 personal hygiene kits in coordination with Ministry of Social and Economic Inclusion approximately 227,000 sachets for water purification in the provinces of Guayas and Los Rios in coordination with SENAGUA (Government Institution), and 20.000 USD for protective equipment for health workers.
- Jesus Divino Preso Foundation approved 5.000 USD for food an hygiene kits.

3.a. Cash Transfers

Cash transfers executed

- Pichincha Bank approved a bank account for ChildFund in order to use the bank platform for SMS cash transfer mechanism.
- Fideicomiso POR TODOS approved ChildFund proposal for 333.360 USD for cash transfer to 2.712 families of prioritized communities where ChildFund have operations. The amount of US\$ 166.680 were transferred to ChildFund account effective April 15. The rest of the funding will be provided in the next 7 to 10 days.
- CO Procedures for Cash transfer aligned with Cash transfer principles are being developed by the SMT with support of the Auditor Global Assurance for Americas, prior to implementation.

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

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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 10 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 has been modified focusing their activities in train to teachers in the use of digital tools for education in coordination with the Ministry of Education, there are more than 25.000 teachers enrolled in the different courses available.

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
Fideicomiso Por Todos	Cash transfer	US 333.360	Y	Y
Jesus Divino Preso	Food Kits	US 5.000	Y	Y
Procter & Gamble	Personal hygiene kits, sachets for water purification and protective equipment for health workers.	3,500 personal hygiene kits 227,000 sachets for water purification US. 20.000 USD for protective equipment for health workers.	Y	Y

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 being design as part of accountability for donors.

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

In coalition with international and national organizations, ChildFund will develop a strategy to evaluate Ecuador compliance to the CRC measures to protect child rights in the emergency.

In coordination with Plan International, CARE, World Vision and KNH, ChildFund will present a communication to National Assembly in order to promote and encourage the prisonization of Child National Law reform process in order to approve a quality law in spite of the emergency.

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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.