

**ChildFund International  
Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

**Humanitarian Situation Report [12]  
COVID-19 – [Sri Lanka]  
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**FOR UPDATES, PLEASE HIGHLIGHT UPDATED SECTIONS IN YELLOW**

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**Part 1: The Overall Situation**

**COUNTRY: Sri Lanka: As 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

<b>Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported</b>	<b>Number of Deaths</b>	<b>Number of Cases Recuperated</b>
<b>1469</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>732</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are 727 active patients in country.</li><li>• 75 persons under hospital observation.</li><li>• 59,165 persons have been undergone PCR test.</li><li>• Most of the recent infected cases during last week are from Navi Persons and International Returnees.</li><li>• There are no isolated/lockdown villages in the country now.</li><li>• From 26<sup>th</sup> May onwards, Police curfew was lifted from all districts from 4.00am to 10.00pm during weekdays. Island wide curfew is yet imposing from 10.00pm to 4.00am every day.</li><li>• Most of public and private organizations have reopened. Roads are crowded by vehicles and people and most of retail shops are open. Public transport services have started by both Government and private sector.</li><li>• Hand washing facilities have established at workplaces, shops and public places. All most all people are wearing face masks on in public and workplaces.</li><li>• Schools are yet remaining closed.</li><li>• Government has established special air travel facilities for Sri Lankan returnees. However, international travels are yet restricted.</li><li>• As of 19th May, about 10,000 persons have completed camp based quarantined and currently 3200 persons are doing camp based/center-based quarantine.</li><li>• As of 19th May, about 68,000 persons have completed home based quarantine under the supervision of health authorities and currently 18,300 persons are doing home based</li></ul>		
SOURCE: <a href="http://www.epid.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=225&amp;Itemid=518&amp;lang=en">http://www.epid.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=225&amp;Itemid=518&amp;lang=en</a>		

**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.)

Local Partner	Geographical area (country or state/region/province)	Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated	Remarks
VOICE	Puttalam	35		2	
	Polonnaruwa	1			
AUL	Batticaloa	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 42 persons are currently under center based quarantine.</li> <li>- 9 persons are currently under home based quarantine.</li> </ul>
Abhimana	Monaragala	4			- 1361 Persons are currently under center based quarantine
	Matale	2			
	Anuradhapura	2			- 447 Persons are currently under home based quarantine.
	Hambantota	0			
CDF	Trincomalee	0			- 5 persons are currently under home based quarantine.
T Field	Nuwara Eliya	0			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 28 persons are currently under center based quarantine.</li> <li>- 873 persons are currently under home based quarantine.</li> </ul>
ChildFund Direct Programs	Mullaitive	0			
SOURCE: <a href="http://www.epid.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=225&amp;Itemid=518&amp;lang=en">http://www.epid.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=225&amp;Itemid=518&amp;lang=en</a>					

**Any relevant background information about areas affected.**

(Instructions: Host government posture: Have they declared a state of emergency and/or requested outside assistance? Which nationwide measures has the government taken, e.g., limitation on meetings, internal travel, school closures etc., What responses has the government put into place to address the health crisis and/or the economic impact? What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?)

**Declaration of State of Emergency:**

- Government has not declared "State of Emergency".

- However, Government has reached to UN, other countries, donors, INGOs and NGOs for humanitarian assistance. Government has established a COVID-19 Relief Fund and has requested public to support.

**Control Measures**

- All passenger arrivals suspended from all countries at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in Katunayake effect from 18th March until March 31, however, it is reported that cargo, departures and transit are to be continued. The Jaffna International Airport (JIA) is closed for two weeks with effect from 16th March for two weeks. On arrival visa is cancelled for all countries till further notice.
- All schools, universities, religious education and private classes and preschools in the island are closed off from 13th March.

**Government Response:**

- Reported on 3<sup>rd</sup> May that the payment of Rs.5000.00 cash allowance for month of May begun from 4<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Identification of the possible infected through the identified cases is doing rigorously and they are under strict guidance for quarantine.
- Government has established a new coordination structure called National Emergency Operation Centre for COVID 19 Response which coordinate overall response actions in the country. This platform is headed by Army Commander and this network include mainly government institutes. From the Development Sector, only WHO is part of the structure at the National level.
- In addition to the medical services, government has initiated following programs.
  - LKR 5000 (\$ 30) Monthly basis cash assistance program to families whose livelihoods are affected.
  - Provision of weekly basis dry food rations for under food insecurity concerns
  - A supplementary allowance is providing for families supported under social protection program of government. Vulnerable families having below income of poverty line is consider in this.in this program.
  - Government has also announced financial institutes postponed due installments of commercial loans for 3 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	Remarks
	Sponsored	Enrolled				
VOICE	2,445	2,998	No	No	No	
Abhimana	2,961	3,604	No	No	No	

CDF	2,153	2,552	No	No	No	
T Field	2,481	2,758	No	No	No	1 Enrolled family is under home based quarantine.
AUL/VDO	1,511	2,619	No	No	No	
PTK Direct Project	934	1,858	No	No	No	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,485</b>	<b>16,389</b>				

**Child Deaths:**  
**(Instructions 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 Deaths**

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
VOICE	Office operations have slightly started. However all staff are working from home except 1 employee. Field base Programs Suspended					
Abhimana	Office operations have fairly started. 17 working from officer and 9 staff working from home. Field base Programs Suspended					
CDF	Office operations have fairly started. 20 staff are working from office. Field based Programs are yet Suspended.					
AUL	Office operations have fairly started. 19 staff members work from office and 1 staff member work from home. Field based Programs Suspended.					
T Field	Office operations have slightly started. However all staff are working from home. Field based Programs Suspended					
PTK Direct ChildFund Program	Field based Programs Suspended under sponsorship program. Office remains closed. 2 staff members engage in field based COVID-19 Response Actions.					
Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.						

**Part 3: ChildFund’s Response**

**3.a. Overall Response**  
 (Instructions: Who is or will be leading/managing the response? How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The

<p>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?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Partners have submitted their COVID-19 Response Proposals and Proposal were reviewed by Technical Team.</li> <li>ChildFund Sri Lanka has developed a COVID-19 Response Strategy</li> <li>Effective from 16th March, ChildFund Sri Lanka all staff are working from home till further notice.</li> <li>ChildFund Sri Lanka is progressing to establish e platforms for all life stage programs, Child Protection and Service Provider coordination. Currently, about 2000 children and youth members could be reached through e platforms.</li> <li>All travel internal and international travel halt. All sponsor visits are postponed till further notice. Next sponsor visit scheduled for June.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>3.b. Program Response</b>                  (Instructions: Please organize your program response report as per the 4 objectives included in our global response plan. You can add an additional category if you have response activities planned or executed that do not align with these objectives. For each objective use the questions below to guide your report.)</p>			
<p><b>What kind of response activities or interventions have been executed?</b></p>	<p><b>What is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?</b></p>	<p><b>Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?</b></p>	<p><b>What kind of response activities are you still planning for the coming period?</b></p>
<p>Due to mobility restricts, different virtual and e platforms have been established in reaching children and community.</p> <p>National level Risk Communication and advocacy Action</p>	<p>Accordingly, 2200 youth and community and service providers are directly connected through e platforms. Additionally, those direct contacts could reach to 20,008 children, youth, parents and community members as their outreach.</p> <p>CFSL as the co chair in the National Action Coordination Group of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children , facilitated the process of streamlining the risk communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Partners</li> <li>Pre School Education Systems</li> <li>School Communities</li> <li>Service Providers</li> <li>National and sub national level organizations work with CP process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve e platforms for effective communication</li> </ul>

	<p>materials related to children disseminated by the its membership and channel them through numerus means as both national and sub national level</p> <p>Same forum initiated an advocacy process with the Ministry of Education to make sure the safety in the schools once they are back in operation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INGOs and National and sub national level CP organizations</li> </ul>	
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**3.b.1. Stop COVID-19 from infecting children and families**

<p><b>ChildFund’s Global Response Plan</b>  <b>To help children and families protect themselves from COVID-19, we are installing community, handwashing stands; educating communities about symptoms, hygiene measures and where to get tested or treatment; and distributing soap, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to families and frontline, health workers. For children who are being treated for COVID-19 or are subject to quarantine measures, we are creating child-friendly spaces with age-appropriate toys and reading matter.</b></p>
<p>ChildFund Sri Lanka has identified this intervention as the first intervention in the immediate period of response and CO has target to reach 40,000 children and 40,000 adults through this intervention.</p> <p>Accordingly, ChildFund Sri Lanka has developed several IEC materials on following. Those materials have been shared in the above said e platforms for raising awareness among children and community. Developed IEC Materials are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to prevent from COVID-19 Infection targeting children</li> <li>• Essential WASH Practices for children and community</li> <li>• Supporting children at home targeting parents</li> </ul> <p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A video developed by Health Promotion Bureau, UNICEF and ChildFund Sri Lanka on health and safety concerns on COVID-19 is currently telecasting in few major TV channels reaching community island wide.</li> <li>- ChildFund Sri Lanka together with Ministry of Education and Health Promotion Bureau are currently developing the next video on school reopening practices under COVID-19 Situation.</li> </ul>

- ChildFund Sri Lanka has signed a MOU with Health Promotion Bureau on development of risk awareness materials. Accordingly, a video is developed together with UNICEF and Health Promotion Bureau.
- 2200 families with leading youth volunteers, Lead mothers, community volunteers and leaders, preschool teachers and school-teachers including are directly connected with E Platforms for information communication and risk awareness.
- Total outreach of 24,000 families including enrolled families are connected through E Platforms as direct and secondary information receivers based on peer to peer communication links.

**3.b.2. Ensure that children get food they need**

**ChildFund’s Global Response Plan**  
**To ensure that the most vulnerable families can keep food on the table, pay rent and cover other basic needs, we are providing cash for those families most needing this support, such as those who have lost their income because of COVID-19, child or elder-headed households, and/or households affected by disability or chronic illness. Where possible, we are distributing food and basic household items directly, carefully abiding by COVID-19 protection measures**

ChildFund Sri Lanka has prioritized cash and food assistance. ChildFund Sri Lanka is planning to reach about 5000 families who are in the current need through this intervention.

Progress

- 2100 families are provided with one-week dry rations packs.
- ChildFund Sri Lanka has developed a SOP for distribution of food.

**3.b.2. 1. Cash Transfers and vouchers**  
**(Instructions: Is your CO planning or implementing cash transfers or vouchers as part of COVID19 response? If so, brief description of progress to date.)**

Childfund Sri Lanka has planned to provide cash assistance for families whose livelihoods are affected. Our planed is to reach about 5000 families who are identified as families in need. However, due to unavailability of funds, ChildFund has not yet executed any interventions on cash programs.

**Cash transfers or vouchers executed**

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

<b>3.b.2.2. Other responses in relation to objective 3.b.2:</b>
N/A

<p><b>3.b.3. Keep children safe from Violence : physically and emotionally</b>  <b>ChildFund’s Global Response Plan</b>  <b>We are supporting community-based child protection systems that identify, respond to and refer cases of abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation. We are also providing virtual, online psychological first aid and counseling, and supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street, providing hygiene supplies, food and other basics. We are also arranging safe and appropriate care for children who are separated from their caregivers due to treatment or prevention measures.</b></p>
<p>ChildFund Sri Lanka has identified this intervention as a priority and have targeted to reach about 30,000 children through CP and PSS programs.</p> <p>Accordingly, ChildFund Sri Lanka has expand its representation in several key government and UN networks on initiating CP and PSS programs and have contributed to include these concerns in national plans on response.</p> <p>The established E Platforms are vastly contributing to follow up states of children while due mobility restrictions. Regular follow up is conducted through local partners to find out the situation of children in weekly basis.</p> <p>ChildFund together with UNICEF and Child Protection Authorities have planned to reach national media on conducting few TV programs on CP and PSS services and necessary arrangements for initiating programs have put in place.</p> <p>Since the regular Child Protection Services are not functioning due to curfew, ChildFund Sri Lanka is supporting Child Protection Authorities to train CP and PSS officers attached to government in North Central and North Westerns Provinces on possible CP and PSS measures that could apply on virtual and e basis.</p> <p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ChildFund Sri Lanka is leading an advocacy initiative through SAIEVAC to obtain children CP concerns on the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and bring attention of higher government officials to take necessary actions. Program has successfully conducted and TV Program has been recorded. On 30<sup>th</sup> May, program will be telecasted on National TV Channel at 6.00pm.</li> <li>- ChildFund Sri Lanka is connected with UNICEF on consulting children through U-Report to obtain children concerns on the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and plans are under way to consult children in coming weeks.</li> <li>- 2900 children are supported with CPIE and PSS Activities.</li> <li>- 8 Divisional level virtual CP meetings have conducted with leaders of community-based child protection committees for monitoring of children status.</li> <li>- A system has established to follow up child protection status over regular phone calling.</li> <li>- Psychosocial Support Officers attached to NCPA in North Western and North Central are trained on PFA and PSS.</li> </ul>





### **3.b.4. Help children continue to do their job: Learning**

#### **ChildFund's Global Response Plan**

**While schools remain closed, we are supporting children's learning through activities and tutoring sessions online or by radio. For students without reliable internet access, we are distributing home learning kits with materials and guides for their use.**

Education is major component of the ChildFund Response program and our target is to reach 42,000 children through education support interventions.

ChildFund Sri Lanka is representing the Education Cluster which has been established by UN HCT and has been regularly supported to include priority concerns in the national plan of response.

Targeting the Education Program, few special e platforms have been established. As per the current progress, about 12,000 children could be reached through e platforms of education programs. Since, government has introduced a pretty systematic reduction program through national media, our first effort is to encourage children to attend with such programs. This is planning to conduct through regular calls and e-based quiz exercise as a follow up action.

Further, ChildFund Sri Lanka is maintaining a good rapport with Ministry of Education and we are planning to support education ministry to develop e based educational materials.

#### **Progress**

- ChildFund Sri Lanka participated with Ministry of Education (Sri Lanka) (MoE), UNICEF, National institute of education sri lanka (NIE), Australia in Sri Lanka and Maldives, Room to Read Sri Lanka, Save The Children Srilanka to develop home-based learning material for over 665,000 lower primary school children. Program was Launched on 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- About 8,900 children are encouraged to engage in regular educations programs in all districts.

### **3.b.5. Other responses**

- 4 District Secretariats, 5 Divisional Secretariats and 5 MoH Offices are provided with staff PPE Kits, Automatic Disinfection Sprayers, and cleaning supplies.
- Provision of 400 face masks for government servants attached Monaragala District Secretariat Office who are attended in essential community services
- Provision of 10 NFIs kits for persons attended in quarantine at Hambantota hospital
- Provision of 5 disinfecting sprayers for District Secretariat Office in Trincomalee.

### **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>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>No</u>
Notes: - Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR. - Special leave as per <a href="#">COVID19 Administrative Guidelines</a> . Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training <a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training</a> .					

**Part 5 Human Resources**

Questions	Answers
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?	No
Are there any other major HR issues?	No

**Part 6 Safety & Security**

Questions	Answers
<b>Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner?</b>	Functioning, considered only priority cases
<b>Are the courts still operating?</b>	Functioning, considered only priority cases
<b>Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?</b>	No, but there were few cases reported due to economic burden.
<b>Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities?</b>	Yes, Army media report that about 40,000 individuals belongs to try forces have deployed.
<b>Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area.</b>	No special concerns reported yet
<b>Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment?</b>	EPP Available
<b>Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted)</b>	Postponed till further notice

**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)
12-0373D	Inclusion of children with disability in the North of Sri Lanka (CBR 2)	ChildFund Germany, BMZ	Suspended till further notice	No cost extension proposed to till end of November. Pending for approvals form BMZ.
12-0410D	Eco-system based, youth-led Disaster Risk Reduction Project	ChildFund Korea	Suspended till further notice	Revised workplan submitted. Project variation request needed to submit to CFK
12-0422D	Child Protection and Education Project – Mullativu	ChildFund Korea	Suspended till further notice	Revised workplan submitted.
3-0376D	Disaster Risk Reduction through engagement of children -CCDRR	UNICEF	Suspended till further notice	
12-0435D	Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Sri Lanka through Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)	LIPOID foundation and ChildFund Germany	Suspended till further notice	Project no cost extension approved from LIPOID up to 30 <sup>th</sup> June.
12-0397D	Water and Sanitation in Schools and Communities – Batticaloa – Phase 2	ChildFund New Zealand	Suspended till further notice	Agreed to cover the staff salaries till we start the field level work.

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

**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)	Funds Received (Y/N)
ChildFund IO Revised Subsidy Funding	Overall Response Actions (Revised Internal Resources)	126,614.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
ChildFund Korea	Education and Child Protection	76,920	Yes	Yes	Not yet
ChildFund Germany	Targeting Children Disabilities (Revised Internal Resources)	20,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
ChildFund Germany	Targeting children with Disabilities	25,000	Yes	Not Yet	Not Yet
BMZ	Targeting Children with Disabilities	75,000	Yes	Not Yet	Not Yet

**Budget?**

(Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.)

- ChildFund Sri Lanka has developed an overall strategy for overall COVID-19 response program
- ChildFund Sri Lanka has received COVID-19 Response Proposals from Local Partners based on needs.
- Resources will be allocated to local partners for implementation of response programs accordingly.

**Part 9 Media/Communications**

Questions	Answers
List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.	Under preparation
List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.	Nominated CD, PD, RDD of Sri Lanka.
Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?	Not yet planned

Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.	Will be considered
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<b>Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support in possible resource mobilization efforts</li></ul>