

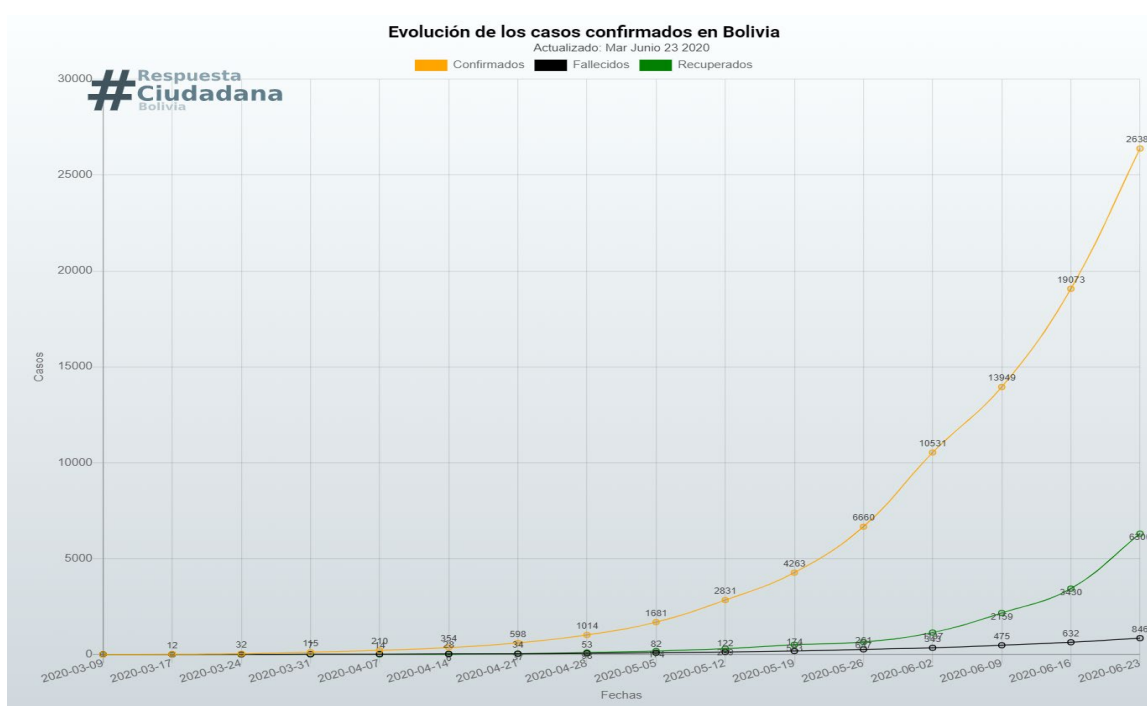
**ChildFund International
Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

**Humanitarian Situation Report
COVID-19 – [Bolivia]
[June 24th 2020]
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[Week of June 15th, 2020]**

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**Part 1: The Overall Situation
COUNTRY**

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
26389	846	6300
SOURCE: https://www.boliviasegura.gob.bo/		



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
La Paz	1966	64	351
Cochabamba	2775	125	95
Santa Cruz	15442	351	5589

Oruro	675	46	100
Tarija	299	8	22
SOURCE: https://www.boliviasegura.gob.bo/datos-oficiales/			

Any relevant background information about areas affected.

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?

- March 12th, 2020, Education Ministry closes all schools and universities, ordering children and youth to stay at home.
- March 15th, 2020, Official declaration of COVID 19 health emergency with several official orders:
 - o Continuous hours for public and private workers.
 - o Social activities are closed, especially those above 100 people.
 - o Travelers arriving from UK, Ireland and Iran are banned to enter national territory.
- March 17th, 2020, the Government establishes new restriction orders:
 - o Full national border closure starting Thursday 19th.
 - o International flights are canceled starting Thursday 19th.
 - o All means of internal transportation are prohibited starting Thursday 19th.
 - o Markets and other essential business are opened only until 15:00
 - o Public transportation in the cities are allowed until 16:00.
- March 18, 2020, National Senate approves Law project to use budget in COVID 19 contingency.
- March 20, 2020, total closure of international borders.
- March 21, 2020, Supreme electoral court announces suspension of electoral calendar for 14 days.
- March 25, 2020, Starting March 26th there is a declaration of State of Emergency for the entire country, and only under justified emergencies is anyone allowed to go outside.
 - o Any car public or private is forbidden to drive.
 - o Only one person per family can go out once a week to purchase food or medicines. This will be controlled with the Personal ID number.
 - o Every person is forbidden to go out on weekends.
 - o People who violate the quarantine will be sanctioned with a fine of 1,000 BOB, Drivers will have a 2,000 BOB punishment if they are caught outside.

- Health Ministry takes charge of all Departmental Health Services to coordinate them directly.
- This new quarantine begins on March 26th until April 15th.
- President Yañez presented the new Health Minister. The new Health Minister is Marcelo Navarro. Former minister presented his resignation for personal reasons.
- April 14th, 2020: National government extends quarantine until April 30th. Implements new cash bonds for people that might not have an economical income.
- April 29th, 2020: National government extends quarantine until May 10th, By May 11th there will be a Dynamic Quarantine: that means some areas and cities can have a less rigid quarantine, each Municipal government should decide quarantine rules in their regions. However, international frontiers remain closed until May 31st. School activities are also suspended as well as massive public events. Elder people and children can go out to parks or near streets in specific schedules.
- April 30th, Oruro Departmental Government declares a total quarantine from May 4th, to May 10th, with a complete business closure. Population may buy food and other necessities from May 1st to May 3rd.
- **May 7th**, Bolivian government approved a decree as a strategy to stop disinformation, however many journalists and citizens questioned the new measure, they claim that it violates the right to freedom of expression. Today May 13th the UN Human Rights office asked to modify the decree and offered her collaboration.
- **May 11th**, community members from Kara Kara community broke the quarantine and blocked the entrance to the garbage deposit in the area. They asked to relax the quarantine measures, alleging the lack of money and food to live. There were clashes with the police and the use of Molotov bombs by the protesters was reported.
- **May 20th**, Kara Kara neighbors sign an agreement to cease violent protest and allow the entrance to the Garbage deposit.
- **May 20th**, Corruption scandal in Health Ministry for the purchase of respirators overpriced more than 2 times. Health Ministry and other public officials are arrested, and an investigation begins.
- **May 20th**, La Paz Governor decrees the circulation of public transport vehicles with biosecurity measures.
- **May 27th**, Beni Department is one of the most vulnerable in the country. It has registered an increase in reported cases and deaths. National authorities are afraid the local hospitals might collapse. Doctors from other cities as well as private donations are sent to the region to prevent a catastrophe. ChildFund does not work directly in the area but might coordinate humanitarian actions with National Humanitarian Team (with other NGOs involved) if it is necessary.
- May 27th, Santa Cruz area registers a record of confirmed cases in one day: 478.
- **May 28th**, National government improved a new Decree that extends the dynamic quarantine until June 30th, and gives more responsibilities to regional authorities.
- From all regions where ChildFund Bolivia works, La Paz, Oruro and Cochabamba authorities relaxed some restrictions. While Santa Cruz and Tarija maintain strict restrictions on the movement of the people.
- **June 1st**, Street vendors and public transportation in Cochabamba and El Alto don't respect new restrictions implemented by local authorities. There is an evaluation if this should be more strict.

- **June 5th**, Bolivian government decides to close 3 Ministeries and 2 Embassies: Ministeries of Culture, Communications and Sports were closed and its staff moved to other ministeries, as well as bolivian embassies in Nicaragua and Iran in order to save some money and use it for the health emergency. However, several groups of artists showed their disagreement and began some protests on the streets and Social networks.
- June 6th, Education Ministry launches Regulation for Distance education, that explains basic characteristics that each school should have in order to offer an online education system. However it receives several critics due to the delay and the fact that several families don't have a home internet connection.
- **June 8th**, National government decided to "encapsulate" the entire region of Chapare, in Cochabamba, due to a high increase of COVID-19 infections. Closing all access and pedestrian cirtulation. This region is mostly populated with coca leaf producers and was the strongest political region from former president Morales. Their local authorities say this action is only political while national government claims it is to protect their inhabitants and stop the disease spread.
- **June 15th**, Tarija local government decided to return to a rigid quarantine status until June 30th, due to an increase in the number of infected people in the region.
- **June 17th**, La Paz local government decided to return to a rigid quarantine for 3 days: from Saturday 20th to Monday 22nd, due to an increase in the number of infected people in the region.
- **June 17th**, Cochabamba local authorities evaluate if the entire region returns to a rigid quarantine. Local health department suggested this action, but local authorities are still evaluating if it's possible.
- **June 20th**, more than 1100 military volunteers began home visits in Santa Cruz city to identify new cases of COVID-19 and stop contagion. Local authorities informed that this new method will take 14 days to cover all neighborhoods.
- **June 21st**, President Añez enacted the National elections Law. She states it is doing it under the pressure of their political opponents. The new date for national election is September 6th.

Information source: <https://www.boliviasegura.gob.bo/categoria/noticias/>

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			
1022 – Estrella del Sur	2803	3070	25	None	None
2948 - Renovación Madre Niño	1915	2138	185	None	None
1021 – Nueva Vida	1210	1547	None	None	None
4040- Obispo Anaya	1041	1464	25	None	None
2942 - Tiquipaya	1110	1319	57	None	None
4250 – Consejo de Salud Rural Andino	897	1117	None	None	None
2586 – Centro Integral Las Lomas	1756	2232	64	None	None
2588 – CEPAC	1435	1846	10541	None	None
1016 – Esperanza Bolivia	2372	2961	129	None	None

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with a 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.)

None.

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
1022 – Estrella del Sur	<p>Field activities suspended. Media material sent to families via whatsapp, facebook and text messages via telephone mostly oriented to child protection and hygiene.</p> <p>Local partner will make and interview via mobile calls, 578 families already interviewed.</p> <p>It's planned to have cash transfers to 635 prioritized families.</p> <p>17/06/2020 172 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 \$US Each</p> <p>24/06/2020 184 new families received Cash</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	<p>Child enrollments–suspended.</p> <p>Child disaffiliations in partial operation</p>	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process

	transfer – 71.8 \$US Each					
2948 - Renovación Madre Niño	<p>Field activities suspended. Media material sent to families via whatsapp, facebook and text messages via telephone mostly oriented to child protection and hygiene.</p> <p>Local partner will make and interview via mobile calls, 314 families already interviewed.</p> <p>17/06/20 152 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 \$US Each</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process
1021 – Nueva Vida	<p>Field activities suspended. Rural and disperse geographical area. All activities suspended due to quarantine and few families with smart phone access (30%). Community network (leaders, guide mothers and local staff) in operation</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process

	<p>24/06 Local partner began cash transfer program with more than 500 families. It is estimated to complete all families in 2 weeks. 80\$US each.</p>					
4040-Obispo Anaya	<p>Field activities suspended. Media material sent to LS1 families via whatsapp. LS2 and LS3 groups in creation with the same purpose of sending programmatic contents to the families</p> <p>Local partner is selecting the most deprived and vulnerable families to make Cash transfer. Now they are training families to install an App to receive Cash transfer.</p> <p>109 families received Cash transfer</p> <p>24/06 44 new families received Cash transfer</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters	March DFCs in process

2942 - Tiquipaya	<p>Field activities suspended. All activities suspended due to quarantine. Partner is contacting families via whatsapp and text messages</p> <p>24/06 133 new families received Cash transfer</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process
4250 – Consejo de Salud Rural Andino	<p>Field activities suspended. 12 whatsapp groups conformed and sending COVID 19 messages to families. LS1 25% of access; LS2 40% of access and LS3 65%. Information of around 40 families that temporarily migrated to rural area</p> <p>Local Partner is training families to use the App TigoMoney to receive cash transfer.</p> <p>They have phone interviews with families to know which one might need an urgent help or cash transfer. 502 families</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process

	<p>were already interviewed. 68% of those families have the App installed.</p> <p>142 families received Cash transfer</p> <p>24/06 201 new families received Cash transfer</p>					
2586 – Centro Integral Las Lomas	<p>Field activities suspended. Whatsapp groups under supervision of local staff, guide mother and youth leaders to report emergency situations of the families linked to community-based protection mechanisms. PACTO model contents are being piloted in a platform called “1000 aulas”</p> <p>LP is training families to use an App to receive Cash transfer. 340 families already have the app installed.</p> <p>LP is interviewing families via phone call to</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process

	<p>know about their situation and prioritize those with more need. 512 families already interviewed.</p> <p>284 families received Cash transfer</p> <p>24/06 146 new families received Cash transfer</p>					
2588 - CEPAC	<p>Field activities suspended. Whatsapp groups under supervision of local staff to report emergency situations of the families. LS 1 50% of access; LS2 70% of access and LS3 80% of access</p> <p>LP is making phone calls to families to know about their situation and prioritize those who might need urgent help. 800 families already interviewed.</p> <p>402 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 \$US Each</p> <p>47 families received Cash</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process

	<p>transfer – 43.1 \$US Each</p> <p>24/06 218 new families received Cash transfer</p>					
1016 – Esperanza Bolivia	<p>Field activities suspended. Whatsapp groups under supervision of local staff to achieve communications for sponsors. LS 1 60% of access; LS2 60% of access and LS3 80% of access.</p> <p>LP will prioritize those families who might need urgent help to make them a cash transfer. They will begin with phone interviews with families.</p> <p>232 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 \$US Each</p> <p>24/06 79 new families received Cash transfer</p>	Rescheduled to September 2020	Rescheduled to September 2020	Child enrollments–suspended. Child disaffiliations – partial operation	<p>Partial operation - WL and Portal Letters</p> <p>Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters</p>	March DFCs in process

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.)?

- Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis.
- Stress from being quarantined
- Exposure to potential higher levels of domestic violence
- Limited access to CBCPM and formal protection mechanisms either because the quarantine or because the formal systems are not working (in the case of Bolivia for lack of facemasks and gel)
- Limited access to timely and quality health services
- Risk of stigmatization for children of families affected by COVID-19
- Not being able to go to school on the long run may result in drop-out
- Reduced access to food due to decrease or absence of family income
- **June 1st**, Schools are not still allowed to open, so children remain home, however their parents now have permission to go out and work, then they might stay home alone or with another person, sometimes it is only the older brother or sister.

Part 3: ChildFund's Response -

3.a. Overall

- **Who is or will be leading/managing the response?** : CD along with SMT
- **Planned, desired or ongoing response** – inside or outside current operational areas. Focusing primarily within current operational areas with some support to formal protection system to ensure that the response units continue to operate

- **Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?** OXFAM, GOB and the Humanitarian Country Team, Joining Forces and potentially the Global Compact

- **What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided?** We are still in the planning phase to decide where we can best support Emergency plan has been completed and we are in the process of implementing. Emergency response will focus on families whose food security is at risk; provision of PPE for government officials and CBCPM leaders to ensure continuity of protection system; campaign to inform and sensitize children and families on risks and preventable behaviors.

- **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?** We are **part of the Protection Group and the Communication Group within** the Humanitarian Country Team. In addition, the CD meets with the high-level group of the HCT.

By April 28th a donation was made to the police division dedicated to preventing violence against women and children, ChildFund Bolivia delivered 7430 facial mask and 6600 pairs of latex gloves. An investment of around 5,170 \$US.

June 10th, Cash transfer program began in 3 regions, families in Cochabamba, El Alto and La Paz received an amount of money via electronic transfer. It is expected to continue with this program in other 2 regions: Oruro and Santa Cruz.

June 17th, Cash transfer program continued in other regions: Oruro, Tarija and Santa Cruz continued with cash transfer with the same system. 324 families in Oruro, 449 families in Santa Cruz and 232 families in Tarija.

June 24th, Cash transfer program continued in all regions where ChildFund works in Bolivia: Oruro, La Paz, Cochabamba, Tarija and Santa Cruz continued with cash transfer with the same system. 1005 new families received Cash transfer.

- **The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund?** The CD is representing ChildFund. The next relevant meeting is with the Global Compact.
- **Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?** None yet
- **Next steps. Define our response in coordination with the HCT and the Regional Director**
Cash transfer program began in some areas with prioritized families. Phase 1 began in La Paz, Oruro, Cochabamba areas. Santa Cruz and Tarija will begin next week.
- **For sitreps submitted after ChildFund response has been initiated, what is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?**

3 of 5 regions planned for Cash transfer program began its operation, coordinating with Tigo mobile company and local community authorities. 535 families received Cash transfer.

June 17th, All 5 regions where ChildFund works in Bolivia have families receiving Cash Transfer

3.b. Program Response

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.

3.b.1. Stop COVID-19 from infecting children and families

We have begun a campaign using different social media and radio to inform children and families of the risks associated with Covid-19. The campaign is being implemented in Spanish and two native dialects. We are also in the process of implementing a needs assessment survey in the areas that have been prioritized for our first response should conditions change.

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

Our response plan is to ensure that children can obtain the food they need is focused on cash transfer, for which we are preparing and expect to be able to start transferring in 2 weeks. Activities have included identification of the telephone company with adequate capacity to reach all prioritized communities and families, updating of the data base of family contact information,

preparation of training for families on mobile money mechanism and finally looking out for other potential partners who can provide food donations.

3.b.2.1. Cash Transfers

-Is your CO planning or implementing cash transfers as part of COVID19 response? Yes, we are planning to implement cash transfers.

- If so, brief description of progress to date.

Country Office will carry out 1500 surveys with families in 3 Local partners located in areas of greatest need. This will allow us to select the first families that will receive cash transfer vouchers.

June 17, Surveys to families in order to prioritize those with the most urgent need, so far 3587 families were interviewed via phone call.

Cash transfers executed

Date	Beneficiaries	Gender (if available)		Amount transferred (US\$)	Transfer mechanism (i.e. mobile money, banking system other financial service provider etc,
		Female	Male		
	Total				
06/10/2020	535 families			38,433.90	Mobile money
17/06/2020	1540 families			110,921	Mobile money
24/06/2020	1005 new families			64,841.95	Mobile money

3.b.2.2. Other responses in relation to objective 3.b.2.

3.b.3. Keep children safe from Violence: physically and emotionally

_ChildFund released a media campaign through internet social media: Facebook Adds and Whatsapp. We reached 421,248 users, 1,038,346 impressions and an investment of 361 BOB\$ on Facebook. 13 messages regarding health and hygiene practices as well as violent prevention at home.

The same 13 messages are sent through Whatsapp groups, reaching 96% of our population and their families. Those messages were also translated into the main native languages: Quechua and Aymara to ensure a proper communication.

In addition to the messaging to prevent violence against children, we are supporting the providing PPE to officials that are a part of the Country s formal child protection system as well as to CBCPM leaders.

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

3.b.5. Other responses

Below Sections for Internal Use Only

Part 4: Office and Staff Status

Office Status (Open/Closed)	Number of Staff: 17 (CO 10 – GSS 4 - Multi-country 2 - International staff 1)				
	Diagnosed with COVID19	Diseased from COVID19	Working from Office	Working from Home	On Special Leave
Closed	0	0		All the staff	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>.

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Part 5 Human Resources

- **Which visitors are there in the country?** Currently no visitors and none foreseen in the near future. 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)
- **Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams?** No
- **Are there any other major HR issues?**
 - o Tele work mode has been implemented with all Staff due to COVID-19 emergency grade in Bolivia. This work mode will be active until August 30th. And each employee will receive an addendum in their contracts.

Part 6 Safety & Security

- **Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner?** Police, Armed force, Medical staff and public servants related to services such as gas, telephone, and others are working
- **Are the courts still operating?** Only for special cases.
- **Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?** No
- **Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities?** Yes, in the international border with Chile, when many bolivian citizens tried to cross the border to Bolivia. Some violent issues happened near a town called Pisiga with some injured people. The army controlled the situation later. Source:
<https://www.paginasiete.bo/seguridad/2020/4/7/unos-300-bolivianos-amenazan-con-ingresar-la-fuerza-al-pais-por-pisiga-251975.html>
- La Paz and El Alto local governments are opening some activities and allow public transportation with biosecurity measurements. Starting May 25th.

- **Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area.** All are safe. The CO has partnered with the UN Security system and we are now informed of all safety and security issues. We also have a protocol for any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 among our staff. The protocol includes reporting to the UN Operations Department, having pre-identified doctors that we can access and a complete referral.

- **Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment?**

Administrative staff is working in the office some days per week. They are following all biosecurity measures.

All Staff received a hygiene and biosecurity kit at home, with basic elements such as chinstraps, gloves and a plastic suit if they need to go out for work or an emergency. As well as stationery.

- **Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted) Not applicable.**

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)
12-0448D	School violence prevention	Barnfonden	Reduced	NO

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)
<u>ChildFund International</u>	<u>Subsidy Funds</u>	<u>131.403</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>

- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.
 - o Subsidy funds to be used either in emergency/sanitization kits or cash distribution. The proposal will come from Local Partners once needs are assessed.

Part 9 Media/Communications

List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.

- o List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.

Name	Location	Contact Info	Language Spoken
Leslie Gamero	La Paz – Bolivia	lgamero@childfund.org , Phone: +591 75811844	Spanish, English
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Abraham Marca	La Paz – Bolivia	amarca@childfund.org Phone: +591 77744312	Spanish , English

- o Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?
 - o Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.
- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.