**ChildFund International**

**Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

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**COVID-19 – [Bolivia]**

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**Part 1: The Overall Situation**

**COUNTRY**

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| Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
| 255621 | 11858 | 199842 |
| SOURCE: https://www.boliviasegura.gob.bo/datos.php | | |

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.)

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| Geographical area (country or state/region/province | Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
| La Paz |  |  |  |
| Cochabamba |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz |  |  |  |
| Oruro |  |  |  |
| Tarija |  |  |  |
| SOURCE: <https://www.boliviasegura.gob.bo/datos.php> NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CEASED REPORTS DETAILED BY REGION AND THERE ARE ARE NOT CUMULATIVE DATA AVAILABLE. | | | |

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:
  + Continuous hours for public and private workers.
  + Social activities are closed, especially those above 100 people.
  + Travelers arriving from UK, Ireland and Iran are banned to enter national territory.
* March 17th, 2020, the Government establishes new restriction orders:
  + Full national border closure starting Thursday 19th.
  + International flights are canceled starting Thursday 19th.
  + All means of internal transportation are prohibited starting Thursday 19th.
  + Markets and other essential business are opened only until 15:00
  + 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.
  + Any car public or private is forbidden to drive.
  + 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.
  + Every person is forbidden to go out on weekends.
  + 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 fron 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 cese violent protest and allow the entrance to the Garbage deposit.
* **May 20th,** Corruption scandal in Health Ministry for the purchase of respirators overpriced more that 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 Pa, 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: Ministries 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 somo 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 goveernment 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 mosttly 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.
* July 4th, Members of Kara Kara community in Cochabamba protested on the streets with several petitions. There were violent repression actions from Police officers. Our Local partner is monitoring the situation, so far there are no enrolled families involved or suffering damage in their homes.
* July 10th, President Yanine Añez confirmed in her twitter account that she is infected with COVID-19 and will continue working in Quarantine.
* July 23rd, Electoral Supreme Tribune decided to modify the elections day, moving it to October 18th. This decision was controversial and National Laborer Union announced protest mobilizations and road blocking measures.
* August 2nd, Bolivian government announced the School year closure, because the State can’t ensure a proper education access. One of the main problems is the access of rural areas to internet connections and online classes. The government also informed that all students will graduate to next school grade.
* August 13th, After 2 weeks of social protest, the Electoral Court defined October 18th as the Elections date. Protest groups were asking an early date but finally they accepted the date defined by the Court.
* August 19th, A Judge from Constitutional Court declared the decision of closing School year as inconstitutional and orders the Government to prepare a public policy to ensure the right to Education to all children in the country.
* October 11th, Health Ministry confirms that 8 of 9 regions are decreasing Contagion curves. Only Tarija region has growing numbers.
* October 11th, Health ministry confirms than will buy COVID-19 vaccine only when WHO certifies it.
* October 18th, National elections day, to elect new President, and congress members happened without problems.
* November 9th, a new cabinet of ministers is appointed and transition to the new government begins.
* November 19th. National government ceased the daily update of COVID cases data. There is not any explanation about this.
* November 13th, National government stablishes a Supreme Decret to pay a Cash voucher of 1000 BOB (146.67 $US) to all citizens who do not have a permanent job and those who have some disability.
* **November 20th, the official COVID-19 reports webpage is no longer updating daily information. The last update is from November 19th. Health Ministry says it is a problem that Communications Ministry must solve.**
* November 30th, Health ministry assured the use of the polemic Clore Dioxid as a COVID-19 treatment.
* November 30th, National government presented Supreme Decret 4404, modifying several restrictions and approving cultural activities, sport activities as well as the use of natural and alternative medicine for COVID-19 treatment and prevention.
* January 16th, Education Ministry approves the new School year beginning by February 1st. With online inscriptions and 3 kinds of attendance: face-to-face, semi face-to-face and virtual.
* January 28th, Russian vaccine Sputnik V arrived to Bolivia and national government announced that will prioritize health staff as the first ones to get it.
* Febreuary 3rd, National government approved a new Emergency Health Law and the Health sector rejects it, asking the congress to review the law. There is a menace of a strike is the government does not hear their demands.

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

**Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works**

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| 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 – 2948 Estrella del Sur \* | 4687 | 5119 | 9947 | 0 | 0 |
| 1021 – Nueva Vida | 1272 | 2080 | 41 | 0 | 0 |
| 4040 2942 CEMSE \*\* | 2143 | 2637 | 17202 | 2 | 0 |
| 4250 – Consejo de Salud Rural Andino | 886 | 1102 | 16410 | 1 | 0 |
| 2586 – Centro Integral Las Lomas | 1795 | 2330 | 3318 | 0 | 0 |
| 2588 – FUNDESOC \*\*\* | 1467 | 1829 | 66133 | 0 | 0 |
| 1016 – Esperanza Bolivia | 2317 | 2776 | 12786 | 5 | 0 |

\* Local partner Estrella del Sur merged with Renovación Madre Niño Local partner.

\*\* New Local partner CEMSE administrates the areas from former LPs Obispo Anaya and Tiquipaya

\*\*\* New Local partner FUNDESOC administrates the area from former LP CEPAC.

**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.

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| 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 | Field activities suspended. Media material sent to families via whatsapp, facebook and text messages via telephone mostly oriented to child protection and hygiene.  Local partner will make and interview via mobile calls, 578 families already interviewed.  It’s planned to have cash transfers to 635 prioritized families.  17/06/2020  172 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each  24/06/2020  184 new families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each  01/07/2020  61 new families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each, and 310 new families received cash transfer – 43 $US each.  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via TV and radio to Adolescents and youth (LS3)  SEPT.  LP delivers program sessions via internet, radio programs and printed material. They are prioritizing school reinforcement for Primary grades and workshops with teachers.  This LP begins administrating a new area from former LP Renovación Madre Niño (2948). | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations in partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 2948 - Renovación Madre Niño | Field activities suspended. Media material sent to families via whatsapp, facebook and text messages via telephone mostly oriented to child protection and hygiene.  Local partner will make and interview via mobile calls, 314 families already interviewed.  17/06/20  152 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each  01/07/2020  67 new families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each, and 152 new families received cash transfer – 43 $US each.  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via TV and radio to Adolescents and youth (LS3)  SEPT.  LP delivers program sessions via internet, phone calls and email. They are also coordinating advocacy actions with local government and local representatives  **This organization is no longer a ChildFund local partner since February 2021.** |  |  | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | |  | | --- | | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | | March DFCs  in process |
| 1021 – Nueva Vida | Field activities suspended. Rural and disperse geographical area. All activities suspended due to quarantine and few families with smart phone access (30%). Community network (leaders, guide mothers and local staff) in operation  24/06  Local partner began cash transfer program with more than 250 families. It is estimated to complete all families in 2 weeks.  80$US each.  01/07/2020  255 new families received Cash transfer – 80 $US Each  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via Zoom, ClassRoom and other online platforms as well as TV and Radio to children and adolescents (LS2) with self protection, resilience and other content from Safe and Protected children Program  SEPT.  LP began a new contact with local authorities with advocacy issues. They are organizing families to return to activities. | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 4040- Obispo Anaya | 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  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.  109 families received Cash transfer  24/06  44 new families received Cash transfer  01/07/2020  115 new families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each, and 318 new families received cash transfer – 43 $US each.  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via Zoom, ClassRoom and other online platforms to Adolescents and youth (LS3) with Reproductive rights and sexual education.  SEPT.  LP is delivering program activities through social media and internet classrooms; Community guides began family visits and there are strategic areas to deliver food kits and program activities in public squares and churches.  **This organization is no longer a ChildFund local partner since February 2021.** |  |  | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 2942 - Tiquipaya | Field activities suspended. All activities suspended due to quarantine. Partner is contacting families via whatsapp and text messages  24/06  133 new families received Cash transfer  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via Zoom, ClassRoom and other online platforms as well as TV and Radio to children and adolescents (LS2) with self protection, resilience and other content from Safe and Protected children Program  SEPT.  LP delivers program activities through internet and social media, as well as radio broadcasts. Youth leaders in each community coordinate with the community for attendance via internet.  **This organization is no longer a ChildFund local partner since February 2021.** |  |  | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 4040 / 2942 CEMSE | This new LP administrates the areas of former LPs Obispo Anaya and Tiquipaya since mid-January 2021. | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions |  |  |  |
| 4250 – Consejo de Salud Rural Andino | 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  Local Partner is training families to use the App TigoMoney to receive cash transfer.  They have phone interviews with families to know which one might need an urgent help or cash transfer. 502 families were already interviewed. 68% of those families have the App installed.  142 families received Cash transfer  24/06  201new families received Cash transfer  01/07/2020  136 new families received cash transfer – 43 $US each.  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via Zoom, ClassRoom and other online platforms to Parents (LS1) with Early child development content.  SEPT.  LP delivers program activities through internet and SMS, they began working with local authorities as part of a Pedagogic network to improve children’s education access. | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 2586 – Centro Integral Las Lomas | 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”  LP is training families to use an App to receive Cash transfer. 340 families already have the app installed.  LP is interviewing families via phone call to know about their situation and prioritize those with more need. 512 families already interviewed.  284 families received Cash transfer  24/06  146 new families received Cash transfer  01/07/2020  361 new families received cash transfer – 43 $US each.  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via Zoom, ClassRoom and other online platforms to Parents (LS1) with Early child development content  SEPT:  LP prepared material to deliver program activities at family homes.  They are also part of the Pedagogic network to improve children’s education acess. LP is preparing one of their areas for The Ends initiative. | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 2588 - **FUNDESOC** | 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  LP is making phone calls to families to know about their situation and prioritize those who might need urgent help. 800 families already interviewed.  402 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each  47 families received Cash transfer – 43.1 $US Each  24/06  218 new families received Cash transfer  01/07/2020  148 new families received cash transfer – 43 $US each.  SEPT:  LP delivers program activities through whatsapp and phone SMS. They continue with food kits deliver to families.They are prioritizing sponsorship cases.  The area is now administrated by other organization: FUNDESOC since mid-January 2021. | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters | March DFCs  in process |
| 1016 – Esperanza Bolivia | 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.  LP will prioritize those families who might need urgent help to make them a cash transfer.  They will begin with phone interviews with families.  232 families received Cash transfer – 71.8 $US Each  24/06  79 new families received Cash transfer  AUGUST:  Local partner started a pilot program to deliver program content via Zoom, ClassRoom and other online platforms to Adolescents and youth (LS3) with Reproductive rights and sexual education.  SEPT:  LP organized families within whatsapp groups. They share videos and other material. They are also working with Health centers to coordinate emergency response. | Rescheduled to February 15th, 2021 | There will not be a Level 2 process due to COVID-19 restrictions | Child enrollments– suspended.  Child disaffiliations – partial operation | Partial operation -WL and Portal Letters    Suspended - CIL and Sponsor Letters. | 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 of 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.
* August 10th, National government announced the closure of School year 2020, because they can’t reach all students, especially in rural areas where internet connections does not exist. There is a big difference with big cities where online classes are more regular. UNICEF expressed a severe preoccupation for this decision because the Education Right might be in danger.

**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.

CO is still delivering cash transfer vouchers to families that need it more, in a lower level. As well as prevention messages through radio broadcasting, SMS and social media pages.

* **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 planed 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.

There are pilot programs running in different regions to measure the families response to online program implementation. There will be results in January 2021.

**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 transfering 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.

Cash transfer are on hold now. National government and municipal governments are running different cash transfer programs as well as food kits deliver programs.

***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***

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| **Date** | **Beneficiaries** | **Amounth transferred (BOB)** | **Amount transferred (SU$)** | **Transfer mechanism** | **Observations** |
| By May 2020 | 172 | 45240 | 6500 | Food kit | Subsidy distributed to LPs |
| By 06/08 | 17703 |  | 30000 | Biosecurity material | Indirect beneficiaries. Material distributed to Health centeres |
| By 06/09 | 249 | 124500 | 17887.93 | Mobile money |  |
| From 06/10 to 06/17 | 284 | 142000 | 20402.29 | Mobile money |  |
| From 06/18 to 06/24 | 1287 | 634500 | 91163.79 | Mobile money |  |
| From 06/25 to 06/30 | 2101 | 728500 | 104669.54 | Mobile money |  |
| From 06/25 to 06/30 | 85 | 34700 | 4985.63 | Mobile money |  |
| From 06/25 to 06/30 | 250 | 78400 | 10117.94 | Cash voucher |  |
| From 06/25 to 06/30 | 1172 | 130650 | 18771.55 | Food kit |  |
| By 06/30 | 40000 | 34797 | 5000 | Biosecurity material | Estimated beneficiarires. Material distributed to Police office force. Materials will be distributed until the end of August 2020 |
| **CUMULATIVE FY20** | **63303** | **1953287** | **309498.67** |  |  |

**FY21**

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| **Date** | **Beneficiary familes** | **Amounth transferred (BOB)** | **Amount transferred (SU$)** | **Transfer mechanism** | **Observations** |
| **August 31st** | **514** | **436,900** | **62,772.99** | Mobile money | **Some beneficiaries received 300 BOB and others 500 BOB** |
| **September 30th** | **169** | **67,500** | **9,698.27** | Mobile money | **Some beneficiaries received 300 BOB and others 500 BOB** |
|  | **237** | **43,371** | **6,231.46** | Food and hygiene kit | **Each food kit costs 183 BOB (26.29 $US)** |
| **October 31st** | **174** | **52,200** | **7,500** | Mobile money |  |
|  | **134** | **67,000** | **9,626.43** | Bank Check |  |
|  | **1** | **500** | **71.83** | Food kit |  |
|  | **1** | **312.40** | **44.88** | Medicine kit |  |

**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.

Bolivia CO printed and distributed 10,000 infographic posters with information about COVID-19 prevention measures. The distribution occurs in all 5 Regions where ChildFund is working in Bolivia.

August 10th, ChildFund Bolivia, as part of Joining Forces coalition presented a Violence prevention campaign prepared with other International NGOs and national government.

November 30th, ChildFund Bolivia with other 6 INGOs released a national campaing to prevent violence against children. With Social media messages, videos and information. This campaign has also Radio broadcast and printed material distributed in all NGOs regions. .

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

8 Local partners are working on Pilot projects, testing the way to send lessons and programs to children and youth through TV and Radio signals, because Internet is not a good option in all Bolivia regions.

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

**Below Sections for Internal Use Only**

**Part 4: Office and Staff Status**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 | 3 | 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](https://childfundintl.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/News/COVID-19/ETFAT1mC_8BHjamXXOqMs3gBRsmi2thcbUO4qLhyddl4kA?e=zYbNiC).

Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training [https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/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?** 
  + 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 injuried 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.

July 1st, HR confirmed that Bolivia CO will remain closed until September 30th, any staff who might need to go to the office to work or develop a specific task must first ask for authorization with HR Officer. In the meantime, all CO staff is working from home via internet.

* **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:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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)** |
| ChildFund International | Subsidy Funds | 181,080 | No | Yes |
| Esperanza Bolivia | Emergency response | 13,793 |  | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |

* Budget
  + Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.
  + 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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| July, 1st | 30 community radio stations with Aymara language | 3 radio messages, 1 for COVID-19 prevention.  2 messages to prevent child abuse or home violence. | 22 days broadcast plan. |
| July 1st | 29 community radio starions with quechua language | 3 radio messages, 1 for COVID-19 prevention.2 messages to prevent child abuse or home violence. | 22 days broadcast plan. |
| July 1st | 6 municipal radio stations with spanish language | 3 radio messages, 1 for COVID-19 prevention.2 messages to prevent child abuse or home violence. | 22 days broadcast plan. |
| August 31st | Radio | Local Partners in Oruro are still broadcasting two radio programs per week with program models content, interviews with experts and peers. |  |
| August 31st | TV | In collaboration with a local partner we produced 1 TV spots to be broadcasting in one local tv station. |  |
| August 31st | Internet | We published by whatsapp 3 videos. | Link:  <https://childfundintl.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/programs/Americas/Bolivia/Shared%20Documents/Comms%20y%20MMs/Spots?csf=1&web=1&e=GsQjcV> |
| October 31st | 24 messages about violence prevention | This action includes zoom meetings, videos, infographics, radio broadcasts and printed material. |  |
| October 31st | 47 messages about hygiene and health | This action includes zoom meetings, videos, infographics, radio broadcasts and printed material. |  |
| October 31st | 21 messages about educative activities for home | This action includes zoom meetings, videos, infographics, radio broadcasts and printed material. |  |
| October 31st | 23 messages about emotional selfcare | This action includes zoom meetings, videos, infographics, radio broadcasts and printed material. |  |
| November 30th | 2 TV Programs produced with LPs. | Program activities shaerd through TV programs with Child, youth leaders and Guide mothers’ participation |  |

* + List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Location | Contact Info | Language Spoken |
| Leslie Gamero | La Paz – Bolivia | [lgamero@childfund.org](mailto:lgamero@childfund.org), Phone: +591 75811844 | Spanish, English |
| Patricia Monje | La Paz – Bolivia | [pmonje@childfund.org](mailto:pmonje@childfund.org)  Phone: +591 68421990 | Spanish , English |
| Abraham Marca | La Paz – Bolivia | [amarca@childfund.org](mailto:amarca@childfund.org)  Phone: +591 77744312 | Spanish , English |

* + Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?
  + 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.