

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT #11

24 June 2020

On 11 March, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic. As of 23 June, 9,074,624 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in more than 190 countries and territories, resulting in 471,640 deaths and 4,511,603 recoveries.¹

This SitRep will provide an overview of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on ChildFund’s programs, operations and people, and provide updates on how we are responding to the risks facing the children and communities with whom we work.

TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES ²			
Country	22 June 2020	10 June	Increase
Australia	7,461	7,260	201
Cambodia	129	126	3
Fiji	18	18	0
Laos	19	19	0
Myanmar	290	242	48
Papua New Guinea	9	8	1
Philippines	30,052	21,895	8,157
Solomon Islands	0	0	0
Timor-Leste	24	24	0
Vietnam	349	329	20

OUR PEOPLE

There are no confirmed cases among staff, and no employees are in self-isolation. Of our 15 offices, 2 have varying forms of working from home arrangements in place (down from 4 the previous week). Office teams have been working through and adopting appropriate return to the office strategies. The Sydney office is taking a phased approach to returning to the office in line with govt social distancing requirements and general easing of restrictions.

- Cambodia: 3 new cases in last fortnight; no travel bans; schools however still remain closed. All offices are fully operational.
- PNG: With the exception of 1 staff member, all employees returned to full-time duties from 9 June. SMT will continue to work 1-2 days from home.
- Timor-Leste: The state of emergency has been extended to 27 June, however ChildFund office has now re-opened and domestic travel allowed with permission. Political tensions easing.
- Vietnam: All schools have reopened, and all staff are now working from ChildFund offices. Compulsory quarantining for all incoming travellers remains in place.
- Laos: After a month lockdown period, all three offices are open and are fully operational.
- Myanmar: Schools to reopen in July. All staff now working from the office with appropriate measures in place.
- Regional Office: staff working from home and/or office depending on location.

OUR OPERATIONS

The ChildFund Australia Board has approved the budget for the next financial year, and Strategic Directions Plan for FY21 has been approved.

¹ [John Hopkins University](#)

² [World Health Organisation COVID-19 Situation Report 154, 22 June 2020](#)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Media

Margaret has been interviewed by ABC's PNG correspondent on ChildFund's new Infectious Disease report. It is expected to be published on TV/Radio/Online.

Regular givers

Two F2F suppliers relaunched activities in Shopping Centres on 1 June. The results have been strong, with an expected 574 supporters recruited in the last month of the financial year.

Week	Start date	Cancellations	Holds
13	22 nd March	248	120
14	29 th March	127	103
15	6 th April	74	64
16	13 th April	71	74
17	20 th April	140	36
18	27 th April	78	22
19	4 th May	64	17
20	11 th May	74	46
21	18 th May	99	19
22	25 th May	60	7
23	1 st June	40	15
24	8 th June	96	48
25	15 th June	53	14

Week 25 saw both cancellations and holds decrease from the previous week. Week 25 fell on the direct debit (DD) payment run so any DD cancellations will not be processed till Week 26. Holds are normally low during the payment run period.

Appeals

The Tax appeal is currently at \$130K and this is \$15K above the same time last year. We are expecting donations to increase over the next 8 business days until the end of the financial year.

PROGRAMS

- The third and final round of reporting on ANCP COVID-19 pivot activities is due to DFAT on 3/7, including indication of activities completed, number of beneficiaries reached and approximate spend. Please note that the reporting should be cumulative.
- As an essential service, the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain (Helpline) in PNG remains open to provide essential counselling support, with the number of counsellors increased and hours extended due to additional funding secured from UN Women and UNICEF.

Highlight

Under the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP), ChildFund was involved in a number of initial short-term COVID-19 activations in Fiji, PNG and Timor Leste. In recent weeks DFAT has announced further funding available for these countries (and also Laos) for 18 months for COVID-19 response and recovery activities and ChildFund Country Offices and local partners are currently preparing submissions in each country due on the 26th of June. Proposed activities to be led by ChildFund Country Offices and partners include protection, WASH in schools, health and hygiene messaging in schools and communities, inclusion and livelihoods.

CHILDFUND ALLIANCE & CHILDFUND INTERNATIONAL

ChildFund International

- Monitoring COVID-19 rates and responses in all country offices they manage (ChildFund Australia supports thousands of sponsored children across Africa, India, and South America).
- Have issued *Minimum Standards for Program Implementation During the Coronavirus Outbreak* to country offices, focussed on protection and prevention of the coronavirus for children, communities and staff.

ChildFund Alliance

- Has launched a joint appeal, instigated regular fortnightly meetings of CEOs, and is coordinating joint opportunities for new COVID programming.
- Alliance Committee members have identified key topline activities to be carried out across Programs, Policy, Partnership, Voices, Fundraising and Monitoring as part of an Alliance FY21 Strategic Plan focused on the COVID-19 response and recovery.

Total Confirmed Cases in CFI Country Offices (CFA Group One Priority only) ³			
Country	22 June	10 June	Increase
Kenya	4,738	2,767	1,971
Ethiopia	4,532	2,020	2,512
Zambia	1,430	1,154	276
Uganda	755	745	10
Indonesia	45,891	31,186	14,705
India	425,282	256,611	168,671
Sri Lanka	1,950	1,835	115

³ [World Health Organisation COVID-19 Situation Report 154, 22 June 2020](#)

COUNTRY	OFFICE	OFFICE STATUS			
		Open, fully operational	Majority of staff WFH	All Staff WFH	Closed, non-operational
Australia	Sydney		X		

PROGRAM OPERATIONS					UPDATE
75 - 100%	50 - 74%	25 - 49%	< 25%	0%	
Kiribati	Solomon Islands		Fiji		<p>26/6 All Sydney staff minimum of one day in the office and the rest WFH; up to 28 people in the office in one day</p> <p>26/6 Solomon Islands: State of emergency in place until 27 July. Program activities are continuing and Swipe safe pilot was launched in communities across June. Frontline worker training, continues online with lower numbers. New grant agreement progress with Plan and DFAT for phase two.</p> <p>In Fiji, FCOSS, Empower Pacific and Rainbow Pride Foundation continue to carry out risk communication and community engagement on COVID-19. All AHP actors are adjusting activities to include COVID-19 in implementation plans where possible. New AHP funding round for COVID19 happening now.</p> <p>ChildFund Kiribati is coordinating with Government, WHO, and other NGOs to deliver communication</p>

										materials on COVID-19 prevention practices to communities. ChildFund is actively preparing prevention activities and activating clusters to work on CP activities. Kiribati are applying to MFAT for funds to undertake child protection activities addressing COVID-19 and preparedness. All programs in Kiribati remain operational.
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	x								22/6 Three new cases reported since last SitRep; none in operational areas. ChildFund and partners are implementing reviewed workplans, as well as a project to respond to COVID-19 phase II with support funds from ChildFund Korea (May-June 2020).
	Kratié	x								
	Battambang	x								
	Svay Rieng	x								
Laos	Vientiane	x								24/6 Laos has had no new cases for 56 days. AHP funds for COVID-19 response activities has been received. COVID-19 IEC materials are being distributed to schools and education bureaus, as well as hygiene kits.
	Houaphan	x								
	Xiangkhoang	x								
Myanmar	Yangon	x								22/6 48 new cases reported; mostly returnees. Project specific responses through partners are ongoing. Revised Q4 plan with COVID-19 activities is being implemented. One new project (DRR+SEL) postponed from July start to October.
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby	Semi								11/5 Reduced movement restrictions in NCD and Central have resulted in increased field activities. Context still unpredictable but programs have maximised increased access. Strong engagement with government/cluster plans and provincial-led responses. ChildFund needs to continue building these

Regional Office		x						Laos, Vietnam	Philippines	Timor-Leste, Cambodia	relationships while exploring different ways in support of PHAs and PAs. Focus is on regular deliverables as well as COVID-19 programming. This week's focus is expenditure tracking for reforecast, and budget and staffing arrangements and changes related to scenario 2 in the new FY.
Timor-Leste	Dili	x						x education health, youth	x education, DRR	x youth	22/6 State of Emergency to continue until 27 June, although some restrictions have eased. Food security is expected to worsen. ChildFund continuing to support Ministry of Health in COVID-19 response.
Vietnam	Hanoi	x						x			22/6 Ongoing delivery of the final ER Phase 2 commodities and planning for COVID-19 Preparedness, Response, Recovery Plan. ChildFund taking part in UNICEF/MOLISA Blue Heart Campaign to end violence against women and children with a focus on the increase of violence due to COVID-19 control policies.
	Hao Binh	x						x			
	Cao Bang	x						x			
	Bac Kan	x						x			