



**ChildFund Alliance
Humanitarian Situation Report Template
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**Humanitarian Situation Report 1
COVID-19 – Kiribati
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

Kiribati

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
None.	None.	None.
SOURCE: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6		

ChildFund-supported areas (Provide only if you have reliable data on this. You can report on a consolidated basis or by program state/region/province/etc. if you have this detail.)

Geographical area (country or state/region/province)	Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
Betio community, South Tarawa, Kiribati	None.	None.	None.
SOURCE: National Ministry of Health or other reliable source			

- **Any relevant background information about areas affected.**
The Government of Kiribati has implemented strict border controls for the next two weeks, whereby no one entering from a country with a confirmed case of COVID-19 can enter the

Kiribati. To date, there has not been one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the country and the government has largely been focused on stopping people from entering the country.

Disease outbreak has always been a major risk to Kiribati's communities. For families in South Tarawa, cramped living conditions, poor access to healthy food, water, and sanitation, and limited healthcare facilities means that disease can spread quickly. With a lack of resources and an overburdened health system, as well as high rates of non-communicable diseases (diabetes, heart disease, and lung disease), Kiribati is not equipped to cope with a major epidemic.

Recent statistics show that approximately 22 percent of Kiribati's population lives beneath the "basic needs" poverty line. Many I-Kiribati people live in unregulated housing without access to clean water, sanitation or other basic hygiene utilities.

In addition, Kiribati has a high rate of Tuberculosis (TB) and Diabetes. The country has an estimated TB incidence of 429 per 100 000 population and an estimated prevalence of diabetes in adults aged 25–64 years of 29%.

- **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.**

The government has not issued a state of emergency or requested outside assistance. Over the weekend (21/22 March), The Office of the President announced Alert Levels, of which Kiribati is on Alert Level 1. The response actions for Level 1 are: 1) Awareness to all levels of the public at large; (2) Gathering are not encouraged; and (3) Physical spacing between people is 2 metres.

Schools are not closed at this time and internal travel is still allowed.

- **What responses has the government put into place to address the health crisis and/or the economic impact?**

ChildFund Kiribati is coordinating with the Office of the President, Ministry of Health, and WHO, to support the development and rollout of awareness raising activities. IEC materials are currently in an approval process and will be distributed in the coming days.

- **What travel restrictions has the government put in place for travelers entering the country?**

The government has implemented strict travel restrictions at their borders. A person cannot enter Kiribati if they have been in a country with COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days. There are no exceptions for Kiribati citizens.

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			
Partner 1: ChildFund Kiribati		ChildFund Kiribati works with approximately 1600 households (approx. 13,000 people) in Betio community, South Tarawa, the country's capital.	None.	None.	None.
Partner 2					
Partner 3					
etc.					

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with Partner organization and child ID from salesforce) diseased as a result of COVID19. (Note: These need to be reported immediately following the regular sponsorship protocols.)

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)?					
	Program Implementation	CVS	M&E Level 2	Enrollment /Disaffiliation	Sponsorship Communication	DFC
Partner 1: ChildFund Kiribati	Operational					
At this time, ChildFund Kiribati is operating as usual. The team are performing their scheduled household visits and undertaking their usual activities. The team are, however, looking at how they can adapt project activities to support awareness raising efforts with a focus on hygiene, handwashing and social distancing.						

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.)?**

Currently, it is business as usual in Kiribati. However, if the Alert level increases then schools will be closed and parents may have difficulty accessing food.

- **Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis situation.** There are no child protection risks associated with COVID-19 at this time.

Part 3: ChildFund's Response

- **Who is or will be leading/managing the response?**

As discussed in the next question, ChildFund Kiribati is working with government, councils, WHO, and NGOs in order to deliver a coordinated response.

- **Planned, desired or ongoing response – inside or outside current operational areas.**

ChildFund has been successful in its advocacy for key stakeholders and partners to meet and coordinate in Betio. ChildFund Kiribati's partners include Betio Town Council, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS), Office of the President, WHO, UNICEF, and Red Cross.

A plan for raising awareness around health promotion and prevention is currently being agreed to, whereby a series of awareness raising meetings will be held in communities.

- **Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?**

As mentioned, ChildFund Kiribati's partners include Betio Town Council, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS), Office of the President, WHO, UNICEF, Red Cross and ChildFund.

- **What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? 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? The 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?**

At this time, no response activities or interventions are being implemented by the government (apart from border controls). In the coming days, in coordination with Betio stakeholders and government, ChildFund Kiribati is preparing to rollout awareness raising activities through community meetings. With the government's approval, IEC materials, designed in partnership with community stakeholders, will be distributed through these meetings.

ChildFund Kiribati is also providing health promotion and handwashing information through its social media sites.

There are no clusters organised in Kiribati, at this time. The Office of the President is currently acting as the coordination mechanism, with whom ChildFund Kiribati is engaged. ChildFund Kiribati is attending meetings coordinated by the Office of the President and is aware of, and coordinating with, other local and international development and humanitarian agencies in-country.

- **Next steps**

ChildFund Kiribati's next steps are to continue supporting Betio Town Council and working with Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS), Office of the President, WHO, UNICEF, and Red Cross in the planning and rollout of the awareness raising campaign with a particular emphasis on prevention.

- **For sitreps submitted after ChildFund response has been initiated, what is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?**
N/A

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

Notes:

- **Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR.** None
- Special leave as per [COVID19 Administrative Guidelines](#).

Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training.

None <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>.

Part 5 Human Resources

- **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).** N/A
- **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

- **Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner?** Yes.
- **Are the courts still operating?** Yes.
- **Are there reports of looting or increased criminality?** No.
- **Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities?** No.
- **Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area.** Yes, families are safe at this time.
- **Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment?** Currently being updated.
- **Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted). There are no recommendations.** The situation is still evolving and it is unlikely travel bans will be lifted in the coming weeks.

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)

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)

- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- o **List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.**
Bonar Bell, ChildFund New Zealand Director of Engagement for Impact:
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 - o **Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?** TBD
 - 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.