Again, there is a slowdown in the rate of infections: in November the WHO reported 733,000 new cases in the Americas, 43% less than October’s new cases. However, in some countries it is perceived that people is relaxing prevention measures; in addition, given the proximity of the Christmas season, a significant increase in infections is expected.

The wake of the ETA and IOTA storms set the context for Honduras and Guatemala. The experience in managing the COVID-19 emergency allowed an agile articulation and response by the Country Offices and their Local Partners. ChildFund's intervention areas were seriously damaged, which exacerbates the crisis and vulnerability of families.

*The term “Americas” is used to refer to the countries in the region where ChildFund is present: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Brazil*
This report reflects cumulative data on the response to the emergency provided by ChildFund in the Americas, from the beginning of the pandemic until November 30, 2020. Together, the response actions implemented by the Country Offices have reached an estimated of 810,955 direct beneficiaries in 2,539 communities.

810.955
People Benefitted

141.521
Families

2.539
Communities

Estimated Beneficiaries by Country (thousands)

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Américas - Total Estimated Beneficiaries
April - November

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**Achieved Results**


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- **30,435** Masks and gloves delivered to families
- **41,250** Families received hygiene kits
- **7** Community sinks
- **2,000,000** Water Purifiers delivered

**Hygiene products and PPE units delivered to health centers and other allied public entities.**

- **186,497** Hygiene products and PPE units delivered to health centers and other allied public entities.
- **217** Health Centers
- **112,075** Masks
- **7,209** Protective gears
- **11,901** Hygiene products
- **45,101** Pairs of gloves
- **10,211** Other
On food security, during the reporting period, more than 102,000 families were benefited with cash transfers, vouchers, food baskets and more sustainable initiatives such as poultry farming and family gardens. In November, most of the deliveries were made to families previously benefited.

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2 Ensure that children get the food they need.
COs continue implementing successful strategies used in previous months to promote violence prevention: dissemination of key messages on emotion management, positive relationships, as well as the strengthening Community-Based Child Protection Mechanisms' capacities and linking them to the formal protection system.

The dissemination of key messages is focused on the prevention of violence and the promotion of educational and recreational activities, with the dual purpose of contributing to the education of children and adolescents and, in turn, promoting family integration and violence prevention.

**Disseminated Contents**
- Violence Prevention: 27%
- COVID-19 Prevention: 11%
- Emotional Care: 28%
- Education & Recreation: 15%
- Other: 19%

**Dissemination Means**
- **4428** Posts in Social Networks and messaging services
- **2537** Infographics and printed materials
- **2351** Audio & Radio Spots
- **1150** Lives & Webinars
- **945** Videos
- **21** TV Programs
- **420** Other

**+ 100 MIL**
Families reached directly with key messages on violence prevention, hygiene, prevention of COVID-19, among others.
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**RESULTS**

### Help children continue learning

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**RESULTS**

1. **18** Schools provided with hygiene & prevention supplies
2. **3020** School Kits delivered
3. **47546** Teachers trained*

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*Data lower than the previous months, due to an adjustment for double counting debug.*
In November, the restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of the virus were further relaxed and official data on infections have not been updated since mid-month, although unofficial information on a possible increase in cases is spread. In many sectors, relaxation of the population is observed in compliance with measures such as the use of masks and physical distancing. A second wave of infections is feared between January and February, so the OP continues promoting prevention measures and supporting health centers with PPE.

### COVID-19 Response Overview

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**People benefited from cash and vouchers:** 27,910

**People received food baskets:** 8,325

**Families supported with cash, vouchers and food baskets:**

- **533 Infographics**
- **235 Videos**
- **142 Audio/Radio**
- **311 Posts in Social Networks**
- **20 TV Programs**
- **15 Lives/Webinars**
- **116 Other**

**Bolivia**

During this month, the CO and LPs continue strengthening the capacities of Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms. The pandemic has brought with it the accentuation of social problems, whereby the CBCPM works on updating their mapping of risk factors at community level and action plans to mitigate it. Increased consumption of alcohol, increased violence, and the absence of authorities in the localities are some of the risks identified and prioritized.
Jhostin is a very active boy who lives in El Alto, Bolivia. He is always asking everyone questions because he wants to understand the world he lives in. This curiosity makes him enthusiastically participate in our programs and he asks his parents to learn from them too.

The last time he visited us, he was curious about what can we do at home to prevent the virus. He already knew about hand washing and practiced with his other friends.

They are Deysi, Julio Cesar and Nataly, three Bolivian children who received a dental kit last week.

“We are happy to receive this bag with many things. Each of us has a toothbrush, toothpaste, and hand cream! And my parents taught me to use them every day”, says Deysi.

They and other children are learning about hand washing and dental hygiene at home. Their community is part of the “Safe and Protected Childhood” program.
Brazil is currently facing a second wave of infections, with an average of 588 deaths per day nationwide from COVID-19. Ceará and Pernambuco, states where ChildFund operates, are among the 17 states with the highest increase in deaths. Despite this, commerce and schools continue to reopen, although in most cases education is maintained virtually.

To date, the Country Office and Local Partners have distributed nearly 111,000 food kits and more than 7,600 vouchers, benefiting 30,287 families affected by the pandemic. Although the Americas Country Offices have notably reduced the scope of this type of assistance, mainly due to the availability of resources, during November, Brazil achieved to benefit 6,845 food kits and hygiene products and 4,847 vouchers, which were delivered to almost 12,000 families that remain in high vulnerability situation.

**COVID-19 Response Overview**

**Brazil**

**Families supported with food kits and vouchers**

- Food kits delivered: 110,927
- Vouchers delivered: 7,647
- Families benefited: 30,287
- Average cost per food kit: $15
- People Benefited: 121,148

**Investment**

- ChildFund: $1,735,172
- Other Donors: $78,231

**Disseminated Contents**

- Masks and gloves delivered to families: 29,058
- Water purifiers, equivalent to 10 Million liters of safe water: 1,082,880

In October, disseminated contents focused mainly on the promotion of hygiene measures and COVID-19 prevention.
"Being young during the pandemic has been difficult, it has been frustrating. I think that all young people who finish school are always eager for university, friends, new experiences, but due to the pandemic and social exclusion none of this was possible and especially for those who study in public schools and universities, due to the lack of digital interaction, that is very complicated.

For me it has been very bad not being able to take my classes, not being able to meet with friends and especially having to stay home and live with everyone at home and with their peculiarities that I had not yet noticed that people here at home had, and even more has emerged and that is often difficult to manage. But we are learning to deal with the way of being of others."

"My name is Silviana, I am from the rural community of Pindaiba, I am 33 years old and I am married. I have a 13-year-old son and we are enrolled in ChildFund Brasil. In this difficult period that we all go through with this pandemic, this kit has helped a lot, not only my family but all the families enrolled in ChildFund Brazil.

It is very important and gratifying to receive this help. We are very happy to receive it. I want to thank all of you on behalf of all the families. Thank you for your kindness and dedication."
In Ecuador, program model’s implementation is gradually resumed in a virtual and face-to-face way. Families express their interest to continue participating since the activities are not only learning spaces, but also allow interaction and emotional release. The offer of psychological first aid is very limited in rural communities, therefore, since April the CO has attended 2,751 cases and it is considered necessary to continue providing these services, given the negative impact of the pandemic on mental health, a problem that could be being relegated by the economic affectation.

The families previously benefited with cash transfers, vouchers and food kits now receive training and supplies for the implementation of family gardens and raising small animals. To date, 3,273 families received this type of support.

On protection, in the last 3 months there has been a sustained growth in the number of people who access content on the safe use of the Internet through the different networks of the organization, as well as through telephone and radio.
"My name is Luis Santiago, I live in Ecuador with my parents, we are still at home to be safe.

After lunch I wash the dishes and clean my room. When I finish, I do my homework and the exercises that my teacher sends me; And I have the afternoon to take care of my chicken!

ChildFund gave us chickens to care for and feed, and I love watching them play, eat, and run around the backyard! When they grow up, we will have eggs to eat and sell, says my mother." - Luis Santiago (6).

"Last week I received a gift from ChildFund! Well, my family received it. It was a box full of chickens, little yellow chickens! My sisters and I take care of them, we prepare a warm place for them to sleep and we have hours to feed them and clean the pen.

My mom used to sell food, but now she stays home with us. We don't want her to get the virus. When these chickens grow up, we will sell their eggs."
During COVID-19 global crisis, Guatemala has been affected by two consecutive storms (ETA and IOTA). In response, the CO and their Local Partners, ADP and Tierra Nueva, activated to support families in shelters. 285 families have received cash transfers and provision of food and hygiene products. The action plan contemplates to assist 631 families through these modalities, and support 25 families to rebuild their homes.

The CO continue providing support to people affected by the pandemic; Together, the response to both emergencies served 1,760 families in November.

The Playful Parenting Project has concluded; however, alliances are managed to continue promoting the involvement of caregivers in recreational activities with their children, taking advantage of the communication products generated by the project.
"My name is Nancy, and this is the food we bought with the coupon ChildFund gave us.

Many things have changed since the COVID quarantine was declared in my community.

We cannot spend time with our neighbors and friends, and if someone wants to visit a house, we must first disinfect our shoes, clothes, and hands.

This is something we all had to learn, and I hope it keeps us safe.

- Nancy (16).

"Today I received this brochure from ChildFund, my mom explained to me that she is learning about our family and how to play with me!

Every afternoon we listen to the radio because ChildFund also has a radio show there and we like to listen to it together.

- Kimberly (9).
In Honduras, CO and LP continue supporting families affected by the pandemic. In November, 774 of them received cash transfers, vouchers, and food kits, nonetheless, the wake of ETA and IOTA has left serious damage in ChildFund intervention areas, specially to roads, houses, water distribution system, power lines and loss of many crops, so during this month, response actions focused on addressing this new emergency.

In coordination with the protection entities, 549 families in 32 shelters were assisted with medicines, food and other first need goods.

**COVID-19 Response Overview**

**Investment**
- **ChildFund**: $603,424
- **Other Donors**: $707,589

**Disseminated Contents**
- 183 Infographics
- 118 Videos
- 217 Audio/Radio
- 195 Posts on Social Networks
- 11 Webinars / Lives
- 73 Other

In alliance with other donors, 900 hygiene kits, 7,360 baby kits, 500 solar lamps, more than 37,000 masks and other supplies and personal protection equipment were delivered. Additionally, games and recreational activities have been carried out in the shelters, where Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms remain permanently monitoring to avoid situations of children rights violation.
Communication activities have been coordinated that go directly to prevent some situations regarding subsidence and protection problems. We have also coordinated activities that go from direct training to the families who are in the shelters, they have arrived with food, they have arrived with medicines, clothes, which in some way helped to leverage the situation of the families.

- Elsa Díaz, Manager of ADASBA, ChildFund’s Local Partner.

Ana Lidia lives with her husband Adolfo and their three children. We visit their home to deliver a food kit for the family. They have some corn crops, but the hurricane has affected them too.

Many families are still suffering from the restrictions of COVID-19 and the effects of the hurricane.
In November, another 1,887 hygiene kits were delivered, as part of the actions implemented by the CO to ensure that deprived families count on the resources to prevent the contagion. Similarly, 23 health centers and 19 community stores received this type of assistance. To date, Mexico has delivered over 76,000 units of PPE and hygiene products to families, community stores, health centers and public entities.

Through infographics, radio spots, text messaging, among others, key messages are disseminated to promote the population to continue taking preventive measures such as hand washing, correct use of a mask and social distancing, as well as to promote flu vaccination. On the other hand, according to each stage of life, educational and recreational content is shared for children and their caregivers.
"My name is Hilaria Ramos Juárez, I am one of the families who received financial support. I am very grateful, the truth, this helped me a lot. Due to this contingency, unfortunately there is no work.

Thanks to this financial support, my family, which consists of 4 members, has been able to cover out basic needs and we have not lacked food.

Thank you!"

"In my community there is no case of coronavirus, but we must keep a healthy distance, constant hand washing, the use of masks and if there is nothing important to do on the street, stay at home.

If I take care and you take care of yourself, we all take care of everyone.

Thanks again for the help."

"I send you a big greeting and I thank you for the help you give us. We buy the food we need with the money. I have 3 children and now, due to the pandemic, no work can be found."
The organization's resources have been redirected to assist the families most impacted by the pandemic in a timely and effective manner. Between April and November, ChildFund* has invested more than $4.5 million in the Americas. Similarly, during the reporting period an investment of more than $2.1 million has been financed by other donors.

*ChildFund investment includes contributions from individual donors, emergency funds, among others.