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In alliance with Facebook, Johns Hopkins university carried out a study on people’s knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding COVID-19. The study was conducted with a sample of more than 300 thousand people in 67 countries. Although there could be differences between the results and the reality in the areas where ChildFund operates - mostly rural, with limited access to the internet and social networks -, given the statistical rigor and breadth of the sample, analyzing this data could be useful to orient the type of messages that we, as an organization, should produce and disseminate to contribute to prevent the virus spread, especially now when reopening is a fact.

On practices, the result for the Americas is quite positive. On average, 91% of people wear masks, 88% wash their hands regularly, and 78% practice physical distancing. Self-isolation, on the other hand, is observed only by 44% of the population. Two elements could affect this result: 1. Economic reasons, people need to get out and work, to get money and food. 2. The study began in July 2020, when some mobility restrictions were relaxed.
Regarding **attitudes**, a potential risk is identified. Although 77% recognize COVID-19 as a danger to their community and 74% believe they are likely to contract the virus, less than 50% fear serious consequences should they become infected. As this belief strengthens, people could relax their own prevention measures, which in turn increases the risk of massive contagion.

The knowledge results suggest that the dissemination of information on the disease, its symptoms, forms of contagion, vulnerable groups and promotion of prevention measures should be intensified. 40% are unaware that there is still no vaccine or approved treatment for COVID-19; 38% do not recognize people with a higher risk of infection, and 28% are not able to identify 3 of the main symptoms of the disease. Misinformation could motivate attitudes such as those described above or lead to inappropriate prevention and/or treatment measures being taken.
This report reflects cumulative data on the emergency response provided by ChildFund in the Americas, from the beginning of the pandemic until September 30th, 2020. Together, Country Offices (COs) have reached an estimated of 805,135 direct beneficiaries in more than 2,500 communities.
Stop COVID-19 from infecting children and families.

Taking into account the reopening, Country Offices continue to provide PPE for first line responders. Together, the COs have supported 217 health centers by providing more than 126,000 hygiene products and personal protective equipment.

In addition, many key messages shared with families promote hygiene measures to mitigate the risk of contagion by coronavirus.

- **24,255** Masks and gloves delivered to families
- **37,754** Families received hygiene kits

- **7** Community Sinks
- **1.8 MILLION** Water Purifiers

- **126,206** PPE & Hygiene Products delivered to health centers and public entities

- **217** Health Centers supported

- **64,701** Masks
- **43,101** Pairs of gloves
- **4,821** Protective gears
- **11,047** Hygiene products
- **2,536** Other
As mentioned before, given the relaxation of confinement, families have the possibility of working and generating income, therefore, the COs prioritize prevention actions. However, some families continue to be assisted through food kits, transfers, and vouchers, although, to a lesser extent than at the beginning of the pandemic. Likewise, support is provided for the implementation of family gardens and poultry initiatives.

The availability of resources is a limitation for these modalities. Part of the assistance delivered in the September was thanks to contributions from other donors.

**ACHIEVED RESULTS**

2 Ensure that children get the food they need.

Families supported with cash and vouchers: 24,508

Families received food baskets: 67,556

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Food Security

Families supported April - September

![Graph showing food security data for different months](image-url)
After 7 months facing a new reality in which the risk of violations increases, reflections arise on the need to strengthen not only their capacities in child protection matters, but also their in use of technology and the linkage with the formal protection systems, whose operational capacity has also been affected due to the pandemic.

Country Offices have learned the importance of articulating their work with Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms, through whom the emergency response plans were operationalized. This included logistical support to distribute cash, voucher and food assistance, dissemination of key messages on violence prevention and child protection, as well as to the accompaniment to families, follow-up and referral of child rights violation cases.

**Disseminated Contents**

- **Violence Prevention**: 29%
- **COVID-19 Prevention**: 27%
- **Emotional Care**: 19%
- **Education & Recreation**: 15%
- **Other**: 10%

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Families reached directly, through messaging apps, printed materials and other similar means.

- **2476** Messaging, posts in social network.
- **1278** Audio & Radio Spots
- **21 TV Programs**
- **1723** Infographics & printed materials
- **650** Videos
- **1553** Other

**ACHIEVED RESULTS**

3 Keep children safe from violence — physically and emotionally.
The continuity of children and youth education remains as the most challenging area. In several countries there are already dialogues about progressive return to face-to-face school activities, however, it hasn’t yet materialized and children lacking computers, smartphones and / or access to internet, are unable to participate or keep up with attempts of a virtual education process.

Within this context, Country Offices and Local Partners are reaching families through phone calls, text messages, printed material, among others, with diverse content and activities to contribute keeping children and youth connected to schools and to continue learning and developing their skills.

RESULTADOS

18 Schools provided with hygiene & prevention supplies
2,366 School and play kits
57,955 trained*

*The value is lower than previous months, due to an adjustment to eliminate double counting.
The country has entered a phase of unconfinement. Families resume their economic activities, there is stability in prices and reduction of travel times to obtain food. In this context, although some families continue to be assisted with transfers and food, the priority is to strengthen prevention at the community level. Thus, health centers, public entities and families have received to date about 65,000 units of PPE, hygiene products, medicines, among others.

The generation and dissemination of key messages continues, and, in a complementary way, some children have participated in writing supportive letters to families in their communities with COVID-19 patients.

In some cases, in communities where restrictions have been lifted and under strict prevention measures, face-to-face programmatic activities are been carried out, mostly through the Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms.
I like teaching my daughter, I realized that she loves to play with me, so I teach her new things through games. Megan learned how to wash her hands and the importance of staying healthy with her little brother. ‘My husband and I are very happy to have two healthy children and we strive to give them good advice.’

Drisley.
Despite financial constraints, more than 9,300 food kits were distributed in September, of which 974 were delivered to new families. This month the National Meeting of the Youth Network (REJUDES) was held, in which more than 300 young people discussed about health and the importance of income generation to their families. These organized youth groups also run campaigns to promote coronavirus prevention.

COVID-19 new cases in Brazil has dropped significantly. The situation in the ChildFund intervention areas remains stable, however, the economy shows signs of affectation.

Despite the increase of almost 43% in the value of the assistance provided to each family, in September, Local Partners faced difficulties in purchasing the food kit products, due to the increase in prices.

Brazil's COVID-19 Response Overview

- **1,000** Vouchers delivered
- **96,161** Food kits delivered
- **30,287** Families benefited
- **$15** Average cost per food kit
- **121,148** People benefited

**Investment**

- **$1,487,000** ChildFund
- **$78,231** Other Donors

**Families supported with food kits and vouchers**

- April: 17,315
- May: 24,487
- June: 26,634
- July: 29,313
- August: 29,313
- September: 30,287

**Disseminated Contents**

- Violence Prevention: 30%
- COVID-19 Prevention: 44%
- Emotional Care: 17%
- Education & Recreation: 9%
- Other: 7%

Water purifiers, equivalent to 10 Million liters of safe water

Disseminated contents focused mainly on the promotion of hygiene measures and COVID-19 prevention.
Thank God we are in good health, although we are concerned about this pandemic.

I am Melissa, I am 12 years old. I miss my friends and school. I hope this passes soon, so we can return to what it was before. I really liked the puzzle, I thought it was great! It was a bit difficult at the beginning, but afterwards it was great.

This game helped me to distract. Thank you!

My name is Simone, I am a mother of 5 children. We live in a small house, in a small community. I was very happy to receive the "compaixão kit", it was a great help. During this pandemic I have not felt very well because we only spent time at home. In our city, COVID-19 cases continue to increase, and we are increasingly concerned.

My name is Camila, I have two children and I am very grateful for the help ChildFund Brazil has given us. We live in a small house, in a small community.

I thank you for the "kit compaixão", it has been a great support for me and my children. God bless you.
In September, the number of infections decreased and public transport and supplies registered normality; however, schools remain closed. In addition, the lack of technological infrastructure, as well as the lack of resources from families to afford internet expenses, makes the continuity of education a great challenge. In response, the CO is providing trainings to improve teachers’ technological skills and, at the time, conducts a local fundraising campaign to support families with internet expenses and help children continue their education.

Despite the end of confinement, difficulties persist in accessing protection services, so the hotline continues to be active and supporting families with information, psychological first aid (PFA) and referring cases to the competent authorities. To date, this service has attended more than 2,400 calls, of which 972 received PFA.

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"I am Carlos and I am 15 years old.

My family and I are very grateful to ChildFund and FEDACC for this food kit, it is very helpful because the quarantine did not allow us to go out and sell our animals.

My family incomes source is raising animals, growing corn and other cereals. I take care of feeding the animals and cleaning the corral. I hope we can get back to the market soon.

When David (6 years old) wakes up he has a busy schedule. After breakfast he does his homework, and his mother sends it to his teacher by WhatsApp. Then, he goes to the yard and ride his bike, this is what he likes to do the most, because the bike was a gift from his sponsor. Or, if it is cold outside, David has fun with other toys.

"The quarantine has made my family stay home all the time; I feel very happy when I am with my parents. They can be with me because we received a ChildFund food kit"
Mobility restrictions have been lifted in the country, which facilitates the interaction of people and the economy reactivation. However, the Country Office’s efforts to mobilize resources continue in addition to the local fundraising campaigns, several proposals have been submitted to get financial support from public and private donor. Moreover, alliances have been created to implement joint emergency response actions. Thus, in September 2,650 families received transfers and food kits. To date, 16,500 Guatemalan families have been supported with this type of assistance.

Guatemala’s COVID-19 Response Overview

Most of families have access to radio, that’s why many program contents have been adapted to this format. By the end of September, the broadcasting of Playful Parenting spots began in the two main radios in ChildFund intervention areas. At the same time, progress is being made in the digital strategy; Through these media, over 83,000 users were reached in September, who generated 12,147 interactions.
My name is Adela, I am very grateful to ChildFund. I have learned very useful things with them and my daughter, Matilde, who is growing very healthy. We received a food kit, and I was relieved that my little girl could eat well. We also received very valuable information, they visited us and gave us printed guides on how to take care of our children and family during the quarantine.

Ana Lidia, 6 years old.

"My mom and dad are very happy that we received a box of food from ChildFund. So, they can feed us with delicious food.

We raise rabbits to sell in the market and I hope that soon my dad can come out with his mask."
Since it is not possible to carry out face-to-face activities and there are limitations on access to communications and to the Internet, one important challenge is to keep the Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms active. In September, a first draft of the regulations for these Mechanisms was delivered to Local Governments, which will serve to guide their operation and articulation forms with Municipal Protection Councils.

In rural communities mobilization is still limited, as consequence, in some areas food prices have increased. The CO has built alliances to continue supporting vulnerable families: in a coalition with UNICEF and the National Government, more than $ 391K were invested to assist 4,235 families with food, vouchers and transfers. In addition, 3,242 children under two years received cereals to treat nutritional deficits, and another 7,000 families received hygiene kits and training on COVID-19 prevention.

Honduras' COVID-19 Response Overview

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- Average transferred per family: $37
- Average cost per food kit: $30
- 32 Health Centers supported
- 3 Community Sinks
- 10,455 PPE & hygiene products delivered
- 23,101 Families reached with key messages

Disseminated Contents

- 145 Infographics
- 90 Videos
- 176 Audio/Radio
- 182 Posts for Social Network
- 11 Webinars / Lives
- 65 Other
When the quarantine began, my husband Alex was very worried. He is a taxi driver and suddenly his job was banned in our community. What was he supposed to do? We have a beautiful son, David Gael, he is only 3 years old, and he is everything to us.

We both started doing little things to earn some money, but we were still worried about not being able to get food.

Luckily, ChildFund and CASM sent us food and a hygiene kit. I am so relieved to have this meal, as I know that my little David will not feel hungry in these uncertain times.

Etanislao, father of 7 children.

“We had difficult moments with the coronavirus, my family has 11 members, we are 4 adults and 7 children, in addition, we take care of other children when their parents have to go to work. Sometimes we get worried about not having food, but now we are thankful to ChildFund for the food kits they delivered to our community.”
Programmatic action continues by alternative means: 12,600 people receive content through messaging services, others received play material, brochures and/or information via perifoneo, mainly on violence prevention, self-protection, complaint channels, among others. In turn, the Country Office and Local Partners make efforts to adapt the contents of the Growing With You program to be delivered under virtual modalities.

On food security, 98 families received support to implement family gardens and another 33 families received food kits. Also, 29 poultry initiatives were financed.

Mexico's COVID-19 Response Overview
Lucía, madre comunitaria:
Les agradezco por el apoyo de 1,600 pesos que nos han entregado. Con esta cantidad pudimos comprar chile, cebolla, tomate, papas, arroz, aceite, frijol, azúcar, leche, galletas, papel higiénico, lentejas, sopa de fideos y cloro. Compramos suficiente. De corazón les agradecemos por esto que ha sido de gran ayuda.

Claudiolina, community mother:
I hope you are all in good health. I want to thank you for the nice support you gave us within these 3 months.

With this COVID-19 pandemic our family could not go out to work and with this support my family and I ate very well and recovered. We are all very grateful.
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 May, ChildFund * has invested more than $3.8 million in the Americas. Similarly, during the reporting period an investment of more than $1.8 million has been financed by other donors.

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