



COVID-19 RESPONSE

JUNE 2020

OVERCOMING COVID-19

Dear colleagues,

It has now been more than 3 months since we begun implementing our COVID-19 Response Plan in Africa. As of 28th July, at total of 59,464 cases of the coronavirus had been reported in our countries of operation, and 993 people had lost their lives. ChildFund salutes all health workers who have put themselves in harm's way every day to save lives and condole with families that have lost loved ones. It is evident that despite ongoing efforts by governments and development partners to fight the pandemic or at least flatten the curve, the numbers continue to rise in most countries.

Besides overwhelming our already struggling health systems, coronavirus has caused widespread social and economic disruption. Vulnerable families are struggling to put food on the table, cases of gender based violence and child abuse such as teenage pregnancies are on the rise, most schools remain closed with children lacking access to learning opportunities, access to clean water remains a challenge in most part of our countries. The list of problems brought by this pandemic is endless. Despite this, we continue to work tirelessly to connect children living in poverty with what they need to grow up safe, healthy, educated and skilled, no matter where they are.

This report highlights ChildFund's interventions in Africa to support thousands of vulnerable children and families. It outlines all interventions implemented as of 30th June and is aligned to the 4 priorities established in the global ChildFund COVID-19 Response Plan that aims to reach 6.3 million children and family members in 61 countries.

Colleagues, we are all in this together. Let us continue to adhere to the World Health Organization guidelines as we support our governments' efforts in fighting COVID-19. Take the personal responsibility of saving your family, friends, colleagues, and the public by observing the containment measures. Do not tire of applying these simple yet most effective individual and collective measures that are our best weapons against coronavirus. Wash your hands properly and frequently, wear face masks in public and adhere to social distancing guidelines.



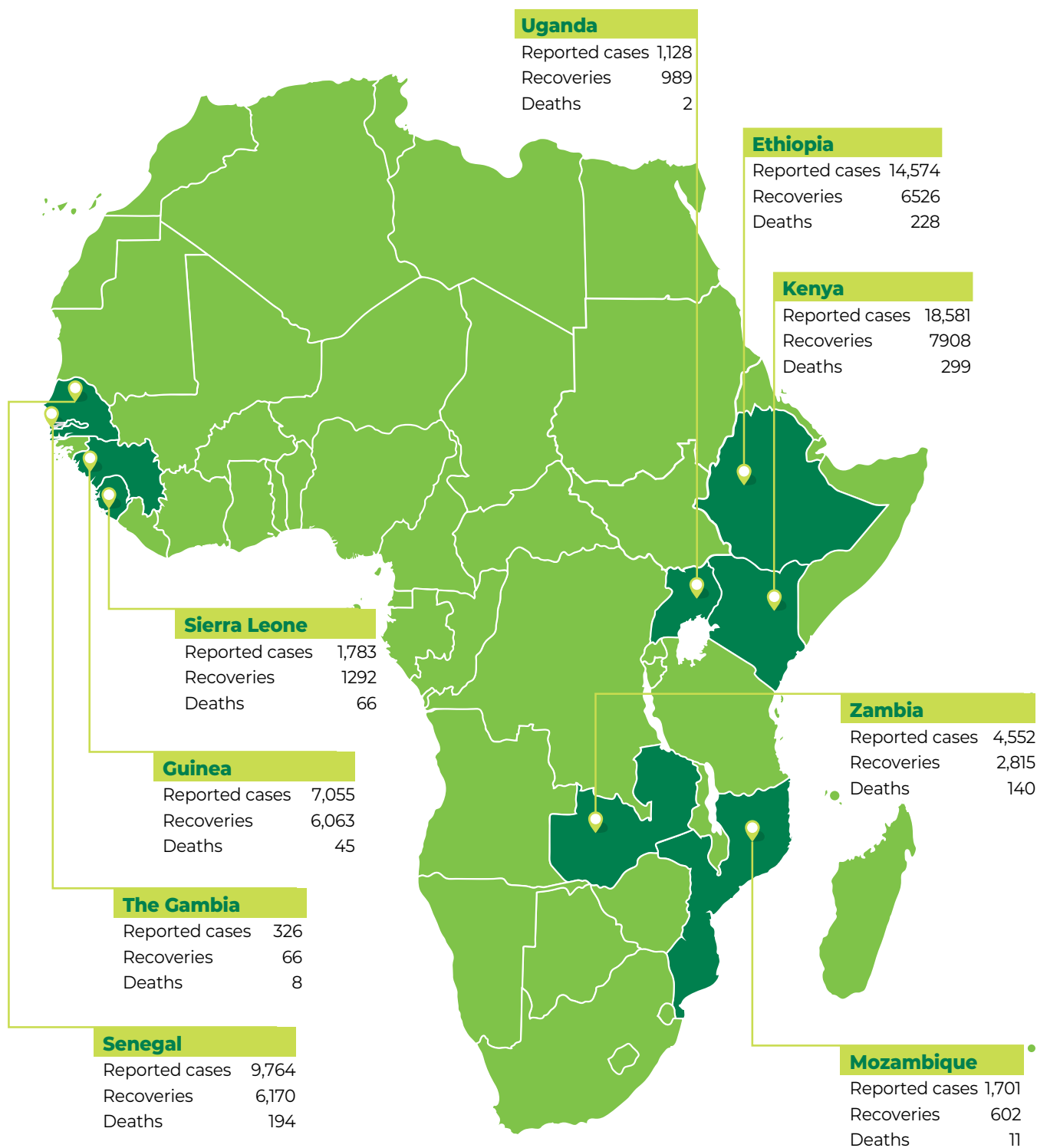
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COVID-19 Data

* Data as of July 28, 2020



EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY

The Africa Region's COVID-19 emergency response strategy is aligned to the 4 priorities established in the global ChildFund COVID-19 Response Plan. This \$56 million plan aims to reach 6.3 million children and family members in 61 countries. These priorities are:

PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



To help children and families protect themselves from COVID-19, we are installing community handwashing stands; educating communities about symptoms, hygiene measures and where to get tested or treatment; and distributing soap, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to families and frontline health workers. For children who are being treated for COVID-19 or are subject to quarantine measures, we are creating child-friendly spaces with age-appropriate toys and reading matter.

PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.

To ensure that the most vulnerable families can keep food on the table, pay rent and cover other basic needs, we are providing cash for those families most needing this support, such as those who have lost their income because of COVID-19, child or elder-headed households, and/or households affected by disability or chronic illness. Where possible, we are distributing food and basic household items directly, carefully abiding by COVID-19 protection measures.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



We are supporting community-based child protection systems that identify, respond to and refer cases of abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation. We are also providing virtual, online psychological first aid and counseling, and supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street, providing hygiene supplies, food and other basics. We are also arranging safe and appropriate care for children who are separated from their caregivers due to treatment or prevention measures.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY

PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.

While schools remain closed, we are supporting children's learning through activities and tutoring sessions online or by radio. We remain vigilant and prepared to address the increased risk of online sexual abuse that accompanies children's greater exposure to the internet. For students in places where internet access is unavailable or unreliable, we are distributing home learning kits with materials and guidelines for their use.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Premature baby saved by oxygen machine donated by ChildFund Zambia

When 28-year-old Dorothy delivered her baby girl through caesarean section at Luangwa District Hospital, she started panicking after being told that the baby had breathing difficulties. Her labour was prolonged and when health personnel recommended a caesarean section, there was a power failure at the hospital resulting in her labour being prolonged further.

"I knew that my pregnancy was not full term when I went into labor. Having lost my last 2 pregnancies at 6 months, I worried about the safety of the baby I was carrying," Dorothy explained.



Premature baby saved by oxygen machine donated by ChildFund Zambia

Luck was on her side as power was restored and Dorothy was rushed to theatre. “I was overjoyed that after losing 2 pregnancies, my new baby girl was born alive. Despite the pain, that was the happiest moment of my life,” she said. However, Dorothy’s joy was short-lived as she was told the baby’s heart rate was falling due to oxygen deprivation.

“My joy vanished immediately I was told that the baby had breathing difficulties, I had no idea at the time that ChildFund had donated an oxygen concentrator alongside other COVID-19 prevention and treatment materials that week.” Dorothy added. Health personnel acted fast and Dorothy’s baby became the first patient to use the oxygen concentrator. The baby remained on oxygen for 3 days before making full recovery.

“This oxygen concentrator came at the right time and this baby would not have survived without it. We really thank ChildFund for donating this machine alongside other prevention materials,” Chilufya, a midwife at the hospital stated.

Dorothy who has since named her baby Miracle is grateful that she has been discharged with a healthy baby who is now breathing normally. “I do not even know where to begin, immediately I saw my baby struggling to breathe, I cried thinking it was the end, suddenly I saw the hospital staff coming to the ward with an oxygen machine and she was able to breathe. I’m

so grateful to ChildFund, it’s a miracle that this baby survived and that is why she is called Miracle,” Dorothy reiterated.



“It is comforting to know that babies born prematurely now have equal chances of making full recovery because of this gesture by ChildFund. I cannot thank you enough, I know a lot of their babies will be saved,” she added.



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PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund Ethiopia installed 82 community handwashing stations in 6 districts within Addis Ababa, North Shoa and Buee areas in communal areas such as markets, health facilities and schools. Over 50,000 people use these facilities.



Community water supply

- 85 water storage tanks, of different capacities were installed in 6 districts within Addis Ababa City, North Shoa, Oromia and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR) regional states. Over 20,000 people benefit from these water tanks.



Medical supplies, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

- ChildFund Ethiopia distributed more than 68,908 bars of soaps, 225 liters of liquid soaps to communities in 13 operational areas.
- 446 liters of hand sanitizer, 390 liters of alcohol, 10,200 hand gloves, and 4,650 face masks were distributed to volunteers, health workers and communities.
- 50 pairs of shoes were donated to health workers in a health center in Arada district in Addis Ababa City.



Sensitization Campaigns

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the CO printed posters, infographics and banners containing information on coronavirus, signs and symptoms, prevention measures and how to keep children engaged during this period. These were shared via social media and posted in communal areas including offices of community child protection committee members.

ChildFund Ethiopia conducted the following sensitization campaigns via TV and radio stations (Fana, Walta, Arts and Ye Ethiopia Lijoch):

- A Public Service Announcement (PSA) on TV sensitizing the public about protecting children from violence, abuse, and exploitation.
- A PSA about the importance of planting tree seedlings with a message on measures that can be taken to stop the spread of the pandemic.
- Members of children's parliaments from different regions held a virtual discussion with H.E. Filson Abdualhi, Minister of Women Children and Youth.
- Broadcasted a message from the Country Director, Lilly Omondi on the commemoration of the Day of the African Child, as well as uplifting messages to children on how to get through these trying times.
- Broadcasted a news segment on Day of the African Child by children anchors, that summarized messages

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shared by Heads of different leading organizations working with children.

- Broadcasted a TV message with sign language interpretation advocating for children as change agents, underscoring the importance of child participation in all aspects of development, ending violence, academic achievement and healthy citizenship.
- Held a TV panel discussion involving Child Protection Specialist, Tigist Tarekegn, on the responsibility of parents, community-based actors and religious leaders, in responsive parenting and educating their children while they stay at home.
- Community awareness raising campaigns conducted using vehicles and megaphones.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 8,695 households received a total of 332,061 USD via the cash transfer program. Families received USD 40 each.



Food and other basic household items

- 10,656 liters of edible oil and 33,950 Kg of wheat flour was distributed to 1,273 households in Dilla, Wonago, Sodo Bue, Fentale and Boset districts.

- 700 kgs of rice was distributed to 56 households affected by displacement in Fentale District, 10,800 kgs of maize to 216 families in Silti Aynage area and an additional 15,000 kgs of maize grain to 300 families displaced by clan conflict in Fentale District.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- Through our activated CPCBMs, the CO mediated and supported 2 cases on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and child reunification with medical and legal services. Follow up on these cases in partnership with government authorities is ongoing.
- Strong case identification, reporting and management system has been put in place linking community volunteers, child protection committees, LPs and ChildFund. The district level court which had been closed due to the pandemic, has resumed special operations to hear child protection cases only.
- Brochures were developed and disseminated to households on how and where to report cases of child abuse, procedures to be followed and contact persons.



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- Technical support provided to informal CBCPM groups comprising of youth volunteers and other social groups to mainstream child protection in their work e.g. while distributing sanitary towels.
- The CO is working with health extension workers, and the Office of Women and Children Affairs to increase awareness on child protection matters among communities.



Supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street

- ChildFund provided sanitary pads to 900 women and girls among the Internally Displaced Persons in Fentale District.



PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING

- 3,607 street children and families received food items and sanitary pads from ChildFund through the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth.



Learning materials/ home learning kits

- 410 children received exam books, while an additional 2,650 students in Arada, Siraro, Dugda and N/Shoa areas received worksheets.



ChildFund Ethiopia CD Lilly Omondi (right) donating sanitary pads and powdered milk for children, girls and women living in temporary shelters to H.E Filsan Abdullahi Ahmed, Minister of Women, Children and Youth.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Thank you ChildFund!

Tigist Begashaw lives in Merkato area in Addis Ababa City with her daughter Hana, a 9-year-old grade 3 student. Her husband destested them and is not willing to



Tigist and her daughter Hana

support his daughter. Hana does not go to school since schools were closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. To earn an income, Hana's mother, Tigist bakes Injera (sour flatbread) and washes clothes for other people.

The family lives in a small cramped one-room rented house. The Covid-19 outbreak affected Tigist's daily income greatly. She does not wash clothes and her customers have stopped buying her Injera. People no longer engage daily workers due to fear of COVID-19.

Tigist was unable to feed her child and pay house rent. Her world was falling apart. Thankfully, ChildFund came to the rescue and she got selected for financial support. "I had no income to buy food. Had I not received financial support from ChildFund, we would not have survived. With this money, I can now buy food and pay rent." Tigist said.



Community members washing hands at a hand washing station installed by ChildFund Ethiopia.



ChildFund Ethiopia staff conducting community sensitization on COVID-19 using a vehicle, banners and public address system.



GUINEA



PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund installed 33 handwashing stations in Kindia and Dabola prefectures in public places including markets, bus stations and health facilities. The installation was preceded by demonstrations on proper handwashing.
- This initiative was implemented with support from volunteers (Reco) who also conducted home visits to sensitize households on coronavirus, symptoms, and prevention methods. The volunteers conducted contact tracing in Kindia region with support from the Prefectural Directory of Health and other partners. Personal Protective Equipment such as face shields and sanitizers were also distributed to these communities.



Household handwashing stations

- 296 handwashing kits were installed in households - 109 in Dabola and 187 in Mamou prefectures, respectively. These households were also sensitized on proper handwashing.



Community water supplies

- ChildFund Guinea drilled and equipped a borehole in Foundeng Health Center in Dabola Prefecture to ensure constant access to clean water thus improving the quality of healthcare. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by local

government authorities in the presence of community members.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

- ChildFund Guinea distributed individual protection kits to COVID-19 Response Actors operating in districts covered by the Malaria (NMF2) project. The kits comprised of 11,223 face shields for volunteers, CBO leaders, town criers, heads of health centers and SSR agents; 97 sanitizer boxes (500 ml each) distributed to Sub-Sub-Recipient staff and 18,471 bars of soap distributed to actors involved in project implementation in Kindia, Télimélé, Mamou, Pita, Dalaba, Dabola, Faranah and Dinguiraye regions.



Sensitization Campaigns

- The CO conducted 41,199 awareness sessions on COVID-19 led by volunteers and town criers. The messages relayed the following information: general knowledge on the disease (definition, mode of transmission and symptoms), prevention methods, and demonstrations on handwashing techniques with soap or chlorine.
- A total of 6,213 posters were distributed and displayed in public places.
- Radio programs and radio debate sessions on COVID-19 prevention measures, child protection in emergencies were conducted reaching over 392,342 people - 187,973 in Kindia, 39,160 in Dabola and 165,209 in the TB / HIV project coverage area.



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- In a bid to advocate for the prioritization of child rights in Guinea by government, ChildFund organized a virtual call with children from Kindia Region, government ministers and the UNICEF Country Resident Representative. The call provided an opportunity for children's voices to be amplified and used to inform decision-making processes.

Child-Friendly spaces

- ChildFund working with LPs established the "Children and Youth's Voice in COVID-19" initiative comprising of children and young people who are committed to fighting the spread of the virus. Through this initiative, ChildFund contributed 221 boxes of soaps, 48 sanitizers, 33 handwashing kits, 54 face shields to households and conducted awareness sessions via radio and caravans. The children participated in 20 radio programs with 60 rebroadcasts on Kindia, Soleil FM de Dabola and Espace



Kania radio stations. The group also sensitized communities on prevention measures through 3 awareness caravans in Dabola and Kindia prefectures.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 1,570 households with 12,009 people (5,609 men and 6,400 women) benefitted from ChildFund's cash transfer program. The households received 500,000 FG (about 51.93 USD) to enable them to meet their basic needs. The identification and validation of vulnerable households was done by area communal committees with support from LPs.



ChildFund supported children and youth to host radio shows to increase awareness on coronavirus and the need to protect children during this period. The CO also distributed hand washing stations to families and sensitized them on proper hand washing techniques

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"I am Fanta Kourouma, a 42-year-old woman, living in Dar-Es-Salam community in Kindia. I live here with my 5 children. It was on March 11, around 11am that my hut caught fire and everything was burnt. The items that were burnt included clothes, kitchen utensils, a sum of 1,500,000 Gnf, 13 bags of groundnuts, 11 bags of rice and farm working tools. I was in total despair. I was identified by the committee through a field staff who heard my story. A few days later, I received 512,000 Guinea Francs

which I was not even expecting at all. This support gave me hope of living in this period of coronavirus where almost all activities are cancelled.

This is why I thank ChildFund for support poor families like mine. This is not the first time ChildFund is making this grand gesture in our communities for the benefit of needy children. My thanks also go to the FMK (LP) through its field staff who are always by our side to solve our problems.



(From left) Fanta and her children standing outside their burnt hut. Fanta smiling after receiving cash from ChildFund.

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KENYA



PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund Kenya installed 164 community hand washing stations in 8 counties (40 in Nairobi, 30 in Kisumu, 12 in Samburu, 15 in Nakuru, 64 in Machakos and Kitui, 2 in Nyeri and 1 in Meru) in communal areas including health facilities, informal settlements and public facilities.



Household handwashing stations

- 2975 hand washing tanks were distributed to 2975 households in 5 counties –Samburu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Narok and Kajiado.



Community water supply

- 2,350 water storage tanks were distributed through e-vouchers to 1,350 families in informal settlements in Nairobi (Mukuru and Kasarani) to purchase water tanks and soaps.
- 2 water tanks, 10,000 liters each, installed in 2 community water points serving over 10,000 households in Kajiado and Narok counties.



Water purifying kits

- 810,000 water purifying sachets were distributed to 9,000 households in Kitui and Machakos counties.



Medical supplies, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

- ChildFund Kenya donated assorted essential medical supplies (400 face Masks boxes, 50 N95 Masks, 1500 pairs of Surgical Gloves, 20 Protective Gowns and 20 Plastic Face shields to health care workers in Kitui County through the Ministry of Health.
- The CO also distributed 10,480 face masks, 820 hand sanitizers (500ml), 3,630 bar soaps, 700 litres of liquid soap to 4670 households in 10 counties – Nairobi, Samburu, Makueni, Kajiado, Kitui, Machakos, Tharaka-Nithi, Embu, Kisumu and Narok.



Sensitization campaigns

- Distributed 1,300 posters and 1,000 brochures on COVID-19 to communities in 4 counties – Nairobi, Samburu, Kajiado and Narok. The posters contain information on coronavirus, signs and symptoms, prevention measures and how to keep children engaged during this period.
- The CO conducted sensitization campaigns on COVID-19 through local and national radio and TV stations. The radio talks and radio spots contained information on COVID-19 signs and symptoms,



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prevention measures and how to keep children safe and engaged as well as cautioning communities on the rising cases of Gender Based Violence and child abuse.



Child-friendly spaces

- The CO is supporting the establishment of 4 child-friendly spaces within isolation centers in 4 counties (Nairobi, Kajiado, Machakos and Kitui).



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 6,377 households in 13 counties benefitted from the cash transfer program totaling to USD 153,916. The counties are Nairobi, Kisumu, Isiolo, Samburu, Marsabit, Narok, Machakos, Kitui, Kajiado, Siaya, Murang'a, Kiambu and Baringo.



Vouchers

- 2,450 e-vouchers worth USD 30 each were issued to 1,350 families in informal settlements in Nairobi (Mukuru and Kasarani) to purchase water tanks and soaps.



Food and other basic household items

- 90 households in Kajiado County received food items worth USD 15 each. The food items included maize, beans, porridge flour, cooking oil and salt.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- There has been an outcry on the number of teenage pregnancies across the country. ChildFund Kenya is in the process of conducting a mapping exercise with the aim of determining the numbers in 3 counties with the highest prevalence.



Psychosocial support

- 95 children received psychosocial support in Kisumu County.



Supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street

- 27 street children in quarantine centers in Isiolo County received food items (maize flour, sugar, milk, rice and beans) and mattresses worth USD 570.



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PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.



Learning materials/ home learning kits

- Learning guides were distributed to 2,100 children in Nyeri and Laikipia counties.



Radio or online lessons

- Information on how to access lessons through the media as provided by the Ministry of Education was shared with parents and children. Child-friendly messages on COVID-19 shared on ChildFund and LP social media platforms including Facebook and Whatsapp.



8-year-old Margaret and her brother Baraka thanking ChildFund supporter, Jake Lyell, for buying them various food items.

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STORIES FROM THE FIELD

One in eight people globally live in urban informal settlements like Mukuru where 25-year-old Mary Kasiva lives with her 2 children, 3 siblings and both her parents in a small ten foot-by-ten foot house made of corrugated iron sheets.

“Life before COVID-19 was much bearable than it is now,” says Mary who made some money doing laundry at a nearby middle-class estate. “I used to make some Ksh. 1500 a week that I used to support my parents and siblings but now nobody allows me into their home for fear of infecting them with COVID-19.”

Despite the lack of jobs, the cost of living and expenses continue to rise for everybody. Mary and her parents still must pay rent, buy food, face masks, medicine and clothing. Many are the days when

the family has gone hungry or survived on just a meal. “My niece is almost 2 years old but is unable to walk or stand on her own because of severe malnutrition. Her mother (my sister) is also epileptic and we are not able to afford her weekly dose of medicine which costs Ksh.1800. It is a miserable life we are living since COVID-19.”

The lack of running water or toilets in the slums have only made matters worse for Mary and her family who cannot adhere to the government COVID-19 guidelines of washing hands, sanitizing, and using masks in public. For now, Mary like many others can only rely on well wishers like ChildFund that has enrolled her family in the cash transfer program that enables them to pay rent, buy food and other necessities.



Mary and her son listening to Ann, a ChildFund Kenya Community Volunteer outside their house in Mukuru slums, Nairobi County,



Families living in urban informal settlements buying water tanks and soaps from a supermarket through e-vouchers from ChildFund Kenya.



ChildFund Kenya donated 33 computers to Childline Kenya in support of the fight against child abuse. Childline works in partnership with the government to stop child abuse by offering the only nationwide helpline service dedicated to children that runs 24 hours toll-free.



ChildFund Kenya Programs and Sponsorship Director, Dr. Issa Kiera, testing a hand washing station received from Coca Cola Beverages Africa for distribution to communities.



Children receiving food baskets in Mozambique.



Donation of assorted PPEs and Infection Prevention and Control materials by ChildFund Mozambique to Ka Mavota and Zavala District governments.



MOZAMBIQUE



PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund Mozambique installed 44 communal handwashing stations in 3 districts in 2 provinces. 65 manual pulverization pumps were distributed in densely populated areas such as community markets, bus stops, health facilities and handwashing stations.



Household handwashing stations

- 146 buckets with taps (25 liters each) were distributed in 20 communities in Zavala District.



Community water supply

- 8 water storage tanks benefitting about 4,500 families were installed in Zavala District.



Medical supplies, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

ChildFund Mozambique donated assorted essential protection material to the Ministry of Health to benefit 3 health centers in Inhambane and Maputo provinces. The materials included: 664 liters of alcohol, 577 boxes of soaps, 2200kgs of chlorine, 987 masks, 120 boxes of surgical gloves, 200 pairs of plastic boots, 3800 disposable gowns,

1300 protective jumpsuits, 207 goggles and 16 thermometers. ChildFund Mozambique was recognized by the government of as the first NGO to have donated several materials to the health facilities.



Sensitization campaigns

- Approximately 8,000 posters with messages on COVID-19 prevention were distributed in 3 districts to enhance awareness to prevent spread of the virus. The posters containing information on prevention measures, hygiene procedures, transmission, signs and symptoms and case reporting procedures, were displayed in different public areas such as bus stations, shops, health facilities, offices and washing stations. The posters have reached over 139,616 people so far.



Distribution for Community Health Volunteers

- ChildFund Mozambique distributed 202 bicycles to community health volunteers and development agents to enable them to reach more communities faster in their sensitization efforts.

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Child-friendly spaces

- ChildFund signed MOUs with Television of Mozambique, and Mozambique National Radio to promote child-friendly programs on coronavirus and disseminate child protection messages, including promotion of the 116-child help line, where children can report cases of abuse, neglect, trafficking and violence.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 2,884 households in 3 districts in Inhambane and Maputo provinces benefitted from the cash transfer program totaling to 87,215 USD. Each household received approximately 30 USD to meet basic household expenses, mostly buying food.



Food and other basic household items

- 1,106 families in 3 districts in Inhambane and Maputo provinces received food baskets estimated at 30 USD each. The food items consisted of cooking oil, sugar, salt, flour, sanitizers, beans, peanuts, sardines, soap, a bucket with a tap and a water gallon.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- ChildFund Mozambique conducted sensitization campaigns on child protection, reporting systems targeting community mobilizers, community development agents and facilitators.
- Child-friendly posters on prevention and reporting mechanisms were distributed in coordination with Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Affairs, Police and Child Help Line (Linha fala Criança).
- Radio programs on child protection risks and how to address them were broadcasted by children in local languages.
- Complaint boxes placed in strategic areas in coordination with Child Help Line.
- Food kits, 2 wheelchairs and health materials were donated to the Provincial Orphanage of Inhambane. Amongst the items donated were; 55kgs of rice, 35kgs of beans, 5 packs of powdered milk, 25 packs of peanuts, 10 boxes of soap, 4 packs of toilet paper, 25 packs of bleach, 25 liters of disinfectant, 4 buckets + taps, 150 pairs of gloves, 760 masks, 4kg of spaghetti, 12 packs of cream bleach, 1 box of jam, 519 water containers and 2 wheelchairs. Over 40 children living in the orphanage benefited from this initiative.



MOZAMBIQUE



PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.



Radio / Online lessons

- ChildFund Mozambique promoted distance learning through local radio station (Rádio de Moçambique), in Zavala district in Inhambane Province. An estimated 55,799 students from different grades are benefitting from this intervention.



Learning materials/ home learning kits

- 7,196 children in Zavala district received home learning packs to enable them study while schools are closed. The packs also contained child-friendly information on coronavirus and how to keep safe and healthy during this period.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD



“COVID-19 has worsened my poverty. I am a widow and I have children. I also live with my children’s grandfather who is disabled. I used to wash clothes and clean people’s homes or work in the field where i was paid in cash or with food products. I was very concerned about how i would feed the children because we have been struggling. I thank ChildFund and Reencontro for giving us food. I was in despair. With this package, we are secure for the next month and a half. Thank you very much.” Lina Torres



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SENEGAL



PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund Senegal installed 60 community handwashing stations in public spaces like schools, entrances to municipalities and health posts.



Household handwashing stations

- 12,611 handwashing stations were distributed to 12,611 families and 103 Koranic Schools (daaras) located in Thies, Kolda and Ziguinchor regions; 369 stations were distributed to 369 VS&L groups in Dakar.



Community water supplies

- ChildFund contributed to the purchase of a hydraulic pump for Touba Peykouk borehole. The borehole, which serves 3 villages with a population of 6,500, broke down at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, making it impossible for the community to find drinking water. In addition, the CO installed a water storage tank in Ndiassane elementary school at Mbour City.



Medical supplies, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

- ChildFund Senegal donated masks, gloves, hydro-alcoholic gels, liquid soaps and thermo-flashes to 54 health centers and 5 town halls.
- Through the Proctor & Gamble project, 1500 households in Dakar, Mbour and Ziguinchor received hygiene kits to help in the fight against COVID-19.
- To support the Ministry of Education in preparing for the reopening of schools, ChildFund distributed hygiene products consisting of hydro-alcoholic gels, liquid soap, masks and thermo-flashes to 32 schools in Ziguinchor, 46 schools in Kolda and 67 schools in Mbour regions respectively. A total of 6,503 masks and 31 thermo-flashes were distributed, to ensure successful resumption of learning for students in examination classes.
- 12,611 households and 103 Koranic Schools/daaras received basic hygiene kits comprising of alcohol gels, soap, bleach and handwashing guides. This initiative benefitted over 104,699 people in 5 regions. 369 Voluntary Savings and Loans Associations operating in the Pencum Ndakaru community also received these basic hygiene kits.
- 8,590 branded masks were distributed to communities in Thies and Ziguinchor regions.



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Sensitization campaigns

ChildFund Senegal conducted various sensitization campaigns on COVID-19 during this period. They include:

- 30 radio broadcasts and 111 info-spots aired with focus on increasing awareness on coronavirus, i.e. prevention measures, mode of transmission, signs and symptoms, case management, child protection during this period and ongoing ChildFund programs.
- 10,450 flyers and posters disseminated and posted in communal areas. The posters contained information on coronavirus signs and prevention measures.
- Home visits to 12,744 families in 4 regions.
- Telephone calls reached 3,656 children in Dakar City.
- 494 community workers trained on COVID-19 community sensitization.
- ChildFund in partnership with other Joining Forces Initiative (JFI) members in Senegal launched a campaign dubbed «Aar Xaleyi/Protegeons nos enfants» in April. This campaign sought to raise awareness on the plight of children and the increased risks to violence, in addition to the health risks associated with the virus.



Strengthening community response to COVID-19

The CO supported the Ministry of Health (MoH) to strengthen community

engagement in fighting COVID-19 by:

- Supporting the Community Health division in drafting an orientation guide and implementation tools.
- 302 team members were oriented on community engagement in COVID-19 response.
- 322 community health actors were trained on community engagement in COVID-19 response.
- 1740 new CVACi (comité de Veille et d'action Communautaire intégré) members were trained on community engagement in COVID-19 response.

In addition, USAID/ISD-Neema distributed the following protective equipment to community actors: 22,945 masks, 5,532 bottles of hydro-alcoholic gel and 2,928 boxes of gloves. Beneficiaries included 4,019 community health actors and 1,010 members of the CVACi from 7 regions.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 1580 families benefitted from the cash transfer program in all 5 regions of intervention. Each family received an average amount of 44 USD each.



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Vouchers

- 3754 vouchers with an average value of 38 USD each were issued to an equivalent number of families and 171 daaras.



Food and other basic household items

- 3,583 households with over 40,854 people received food items worth 38 USD each. The food items comprised of rice, sugar and cooking oil. In addition, 300 families in farming communities in M'bour region received seedlings.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- The CO supported the Departmental Child Protection Committee (CDPE) in mapping informal Quranic schools/ daaras in 2 regions.



First aid and/or counselling sessions

- Distributed basic hygiene kits and food items to 3 welcome centers and 2 CDPE in Dakar, Thies and Mbour where children have temporary shelter before joining homes.



Supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street

- ChildFund Senegal supported a project on the withdrawal of street children in Dakar Thies and Diourbel regions, by the Ministry of Women, Family, Gender and Child Protection by contributing 4,862 USD. To date, 430 children have been reunited with their families.
- The CO contributed 3,237 USD for the implementation of the Joining Forces Initiative communications plan on ending violence against children during this period.



PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.



Distribution of learning materials

- The CO printed and distributed 400 booklets to students in Diourbel to help them to study while at home and ensure continuity of the learning process.



Radio or online lessons aired

- ChildFund supported the “learning at home” program by the Ministry of Education through the Academy Inspectorate of Thies by sponsoring



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lessons for pupils on TV. These sessions benefitted all children living in Thies region.

- 288 courses were produced and broadcasted in Diourbel Region through community radio stations and social networks reaching over 8,614 students in examination classes in formal schools and vocational centers.

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40 Koranic schools (daaras) where most street children live received food commodities from ChildFund Senegal in a bid to ensure that the children stay in the schools instead of begging in the streets.

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“I overcame COVID-19” - Adja’s story

“One of our neighbors brought the virus into our district. A group test was initiated and the next day I was informed that I was positive. I cried when I received the information. 10 people in our house were positive and 18 people were quarantined.

The most difficult thing about being in the hospital was the loneliness. I could no longer see my family and friends.

I was very happy when I received phone calls from Uncle Pape Diouf, the Federation Community Mobilizer. I could talk with him and he gave me good advice and reassured me. My mother also listened to his advice and that made her very happy.

I have since started my revision in preparation for school when they reopen because I no longer worry about the stigma I faced previously.

When we left the hospital, we received foodstuffs from Pencum Ndakaru (LP) through ChildFund. This helped us a lot because for many days our house was put in quarantine and all my family’s activities were stopped. This donation enabled us to have meals for several days. My family sincerely thanks the Federation and ChildFund for their support. Thank God we are all doing well now”. Adja, a 16-year-old 10th grade student.

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Emelia Mansaray, a Program Assistant, demonstrating proper hand washing techniques to children in Sierra Leone.



Matthew Bangura, a man with special needs smiling while counting money received via ChildFund's cash transfer program in Sierra Leone. He is a community teacher who relies on contributions from community members to teach their children but since schools closed he has no source of income.



ChildFund Sierra Leone donated buckets, soaps and posters to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, for distribution in market places.



ChildFund Senegal distributing learning kits comprising of books and other study materials to children.



A boy washing his hands at a hand washing station installed by ChildFund Senegal.



Children in Senegal from Kajor Jankeen Federation zone thanking ChildFund for purchasing a hydraulic pump to enable the functioning of a community borehole.

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PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- A total of 500 community handwashing stations were installed in 4 districts (Falaba, Koinadugu, Kailahun and Bombali) in communal areas including health centers, lorry parks, court yards, markets, police check points, community centers, and media houses/ radio stations. Over 101,545 people in 183 communities are benefitting from the handwashing kits and posters that were also distributed on proper handwashing procedures.



Water purifying kits

- 561,089 water purifying sachets were distributed to 8,400 households to providing safe drinking water for about 42,000 people in 7 districts (Moyamba, Bo, Kono, Tonkolili, Falaba, Koinadugu, Kailahun and Bombali), through the Procter & Gamble project.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

- 3,980 soaps, 1,790 hand sanitizers, and 3,500 masks were distributed to 1,990 households in 3 districts – Bombali, Koinadugu and Falaba.



Medical supplies

- ChildFund on June 1, donated a second batch of pharmaceutical and medical supplies (mostly anti-malarial typhoid and prenatal) items to Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation. The 40-foot container load of drugs included: Ciprofloxacin, Aspirin, prenatal supplements, Acetaminophen, Empaglifloxin, among other malaria and typhoid drugs.
- As part of its initial response, the CO had previously on 30th March donated essential medical supplies to the Ministry in support of ongoing government efforts. The donated items included assorted essential drugs and medical supplies (hand gloves, respiratory and normal masks), some of which were in short supply at the time.



Sensitization campaigns

- 3,960 posters distributed were to communities and posted on houses and communal areas including lorry parks, community centers, health centers, markets, police station, court yards, check points in 6 districts (Falaba, Koinadugu, Kailahun, Bombali, Western Area Rural and Western Area Urban)
- ChildFund supported the airing of government messages on COVID-19 prevention and control in 11 community radio stations. The CO also supported 24 weekly

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radio discussions and house-to-house awareness creation in 4 districts (Koinadugu, Kailahun, Bombali and Falaba) reaching over 300,000 people.

Mobile Phones



- The CO donated 50 mobile phones to Koinadugu District Emergency Operation Center to support contact tracing efforts.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 6,456 households with over 25,824 members in 4 districts (Falaba, Koinadugu, Kailahun and Bombali) benefitted from the cash transfer program. Each household received 30 USD to meet their basic needs

e.g., buying food commodities, handwashing items, personal protective gear and paying hospital bills.



Food and other basic household items

- 50 bags (50 kg each) and 13 bags (25kg each) of rice were donated to 2 District (Bombali & Koinadugu) Emergency Operational Centers for distribution to quarantine homes, officers at crossing points and youth manning checkpoints.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- Through its activated CPCBMs, ChildFund Sierra Leone mediated and settled 3 child neglect cases in Kailahun and Koinadugu districts.

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PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.



Radio or online lessons aired

- ChildFund Sierra Leone, being a member of the distance learning pillar of the Ministry of Education participated in review meetings of the ongoing national radio teaching program for students.
- In addition, the CO distributed high quality solar-powered radio sets to 430 pupils in 4 districts (Falaba, Koinadugu, Kailahun and Bombali) to enable them to participate in the national radio education program. Over 1,290 pupils are now benefitting from this intervention.



ChildFund Sierra Leone CD, James Pimundu (right) donating pharmaceutical and medical supplies to Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation. The CO donated a forty-foot container load of drugs including anti-malarial, typhoid and prenatal medicines.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD



Learning cannot wait - Gbassay's story.



Gbassay catching up on lost lessons on his radio.

Gbassay, 17, was preparing for his West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) when the coronavirus pandemic hit Sierra Leone, forcing the government to close schools as one of the containment measures.

"I was so scared this school closure was going to affect my education, especially my chances of going to university," says Gbassay. "With school closing, we only had previous notes given to us by our teachers—nothing new to learn from. When I think about the syllabus not fully exhausted before my examination, I fear for my future and those of my colleagues who will be taking the examination with me."

In order to mitigate the impact of school closures, the government and other partners came up with

strategies for reopening schools for public examinations. Learning from the experiences of the Ebola outbreak, the government reintroduced the radio teaching program. But Gbassay did not have a radio. "The radio program is a good thing. But without a radio, it is meaningless. I couldn't afford it. Gbassay's parents are struggling farmers whose priority is to provide food for the family.

In a bid to ensure continued learning for children like Gbassay, ChildFund Sierra Leone, with support from ChildFund Korea donated 430 multi-purpose solar radio sets to children in remote communities in Bombali, Koinadugu, Falaba and Kailahun Districts. Gbassay is one of 430 beneficiaries. "I thank ChildFund for this radio. In just 2 days of listening, I have been able to catch up on the areas I had missed. Now, when my friends visit, we all learn together."

To make up for lost lessons, ChildFund approached The Teaching Service Commission which provided lessons on SSD cards. The radio has an slot which picks up and plays from the SSD.

Gbassay does not have to worry about buying batteries to power his radio. The radio is solar-powered, and when charged under sunlight lasts for 8 hours. It also has a flash light and a bulb that can be used for 4 hours when fully charged.

THE GAMBIA



PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- A total of 347 community handwashing stations were installed in 10 districts in communal areas including markets, health facilities, Community Associations, and border entry points, etc.



Personal Protective Equipment and Infection Prevention and Control material

- ChildFund The Gambia distributed 929,740 bars of soap, 320 bottles of liquid soap, 269 bottles of bleach and 470 bottles of hand sanitizers to households in 10 districts. The CO had earlier in March handed over a 20-foot container of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals to the Ministry of Health. This Gifts-In-Kind (GIK) consignment comprising of face masks, gloves and lab coats came as a huge boost to the country's health sector at a time when the government was badly in need of PPEs for frontline health workers.



Sensitization campaigns

- The CO printed 1,500 COVID-19 posters approved by the Ministry of Health and an additional 3,000 child-friendly posters, 750 posters for 32 Communities



Associations, Community centers (bantabas) and border posts in 10 districts. These posters were placed in communities, health institutions, individual compound gates, LP offices, CO premises. The messages on the posters were: Always wash hands with soap and clean running water, Avoid close contact with people that are sick, Avoid touching your hands, nose and mouth, parenting during COVID-19, activities for adolescents and youth during this period, and what children can do to fight the virus.

- The CO conducted sensitization campaigns through local radio stations. The talk shows focused on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, prevention measures and how to protect and engage children during this period.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- ChildFund The Gambia in collaboration with Local Partners commenced its cash transfer program in May benefitting 1,411 families in West Coast Region and Kiang West district in the Lower Region. In June, a second phase of the cash transfer program reached 1,441 families. Most families used this support to buy food items such as rice, cooking oil and sugar.

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Sponsored youth rallies support for needy families.



(From left) Mariama loading food for distribution on a wheelbarrow and sensitizing community members about coronavirus.

ChildFund ambassador Mariama is a sponsored youth whose difficult past spurred her to sensitize and rally support for less privileged families hard-hit by COVID-19. Life was never easy for Mariama and her family while growing up. "When I was young, there were days that we did not have food, no shoes to wear and also days when you would love to put on beautiful clothes but they were never available," she recalled.

Fast forward to today when the coronavirus pandemic disrupted many livelihoods, Mariama embarked on a journey to support needy families. "I came across handwashing stations placed in different locations. I also saw a lot of youth conducting sensitization, then one morning, I woke up, put on my uniform as a student nurse, I went from one compound to the other, raising awareness on the virus. On the first day, I was able to reach 53 households." She said.

Having realized that her messages were being listened to, Mariama, who was then preparing for exams as a final year student at the School for State Registered Nurses, could not stop. The next day when I went to do more sensitization rounds, some families explained to me how much they needed handwashing materials. I decided to make an appeal on Facebook. Immediately, an organization called Assembly of Gambian Muslim Youths gave me 4 buckets which I distributed.

But Mariama was not done. With needy families struggling to buy food, she again turned to Facebook, asking for support. "My friends helped raise some money and out of this, we were able to buy and distribute essential food items like rice, sugar, cooking oil and other stuff. That was just amazing." She explained

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Mariama also sensitized a women's gathering on the safety precautions they needed to follow while meeting e.g., social distancing protocols. She also reached out to school children encouraging them to stay at home and follow the online learning sessions provided by the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education on radio and TV.

Now that the 22-year-old has completed her SRN program and based on the experience she has gathered from the Covid-19 pandemic, Mariama is keen to pursue a career in global health and touch more lives beyond the Gambia.

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“Without ChildFund, we wouldn't have a roof over our heads”- Lissa

In the months leading up to this year's rainy season in The Gambia, 14-year-old Jabou, her eight siblings and mother worried about how they would put a roof over their heads.

“We were worried about what would happen to us,” says Lissa Camara, Jabou's mother. With COVID-19 putting the brakes on petty trading, which is the family's source of income and Lissa being a widow, life had taken a turn for the worst.



Lissa, was able to revive her small vegetable business after receiving cash from ChildFund

Amidst the doom and gloom, ChildFund came up with an unconditional cash transfer program and Jabou's family was lucky to be one of the beneficiaries. “With the money received, I bought corrugated iron sheets and some rice for my children,” Lisa explained.

Thanks to ChildFund, Lissa is back to selling vegetables at the local market where Jabou has been helping her with business at a time when schools were forced to close due to the pandemic.

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PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund Uganda distributed 120 handwashing stations (including water tanks and antibacterial soaps) to community offices, ECD centers, primary and secondary schools in Kampala and Wakiso districts.



Sensitization Campaigns

The following campaigns were conducted during this period to raise awareness on coronavirus:

- 21 radio talk shows were aired in 26 districts to disseminate messages on prevention of COVID-19 transmission.
- Bulk SMS shared with approximately 10,000 parents of enrolled children with messages on parenting and child protection.
- Translated and printed COVID-19 prevention messages in Bari and Arabic languages used by South Sudan refugees) and distributed in Parolinya refugee settlement in West Nile region
- Messages on COVID-19 prevention, parenting, children and youth engagement were shared on New Vision media social media platforms. New Vision Facebook page has a following of 1.6 million and 659K followers on Twitter.
- Supported a television station (NTV) to

broadcast messages daily focusing on parenting during the COVID-19 period, how children can prevent spread of corona Virus, and activities for engaging adolescents and youth during the lockdown

- LPs used telephones and community structures to communicate critical information on child protection and referral pathways to communities.
- Engaged online community on Facebook and Twitter Country Office pages with messages on parenting in the era of COVID-19.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- 27,887 households benefitted from the cash transfer program in April, while 12,754 benefitted from the program in May. Each family received between 13 and 27 USD, to enable them access necessities such as food, soap, and healthcare services. These families include those living in urban settlements, and along the Kenya border and currently having constrained livelihoods because of restricted cross-border trade, those with disabled or chronically ill caregivers.

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PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- The CO supported TV stations to broadcast daily messages focusing on parenting during this period, how children can prevent the spread of coronavirus, and activities for engaging adolescents and youth during the lockdown.



PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.



Learning materials/ home learning kits

- A total of 19,191 children, adolescents, and youth in 29 districts received copies of home study materials developed by the Ministry of Education and Sports in conjunction with the National Curriculum Development Center. Parents of ECD children also received Parents Boost Guides to enable them to support their children's learning.



ChildFund Uganda through its LPs distributed learning materials to children to ensure that they continue studying while at home.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD



Cash transfer brings hope to families



Doreen's family planted simsim, ground nuts, maize, sorghum, and cassava early this year. Her father Simon was hoping for a good harvest in order to have enough for consumption and sell the surplus to meet other necessities like medical care and education for his 7 children. Their village in Kobuin began experiencing heavy rains in March at the onset of COVID-19 lockdown. The rains intensified

in April and destroyed their crops. The crop loss increased the family's worries. The family was running out of savings from the previous crop sales. They had to cut down their meals to eating once a day.

Simon was resigned to the fate that would befall the family as they continued to struggle to get food. The family was excited to receive the UGX 50,000 (about 13 USD) from ChildFund. Doreen said they bought soap, maize floor, and beans which has changed their diet. "The cash transfer was timely, and it gave us hope to push on in managing the impending food shortages we were facing," Simon added.

Although the family lost crops, the cash gave them hope to thrive as they plan for other sources of income once the lockdown is lifted.

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ZAMBIA



PRIORITY 1: STOP COVID-19 FROM INFECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Community handwashing stations

- ChildFund Zambia provided hand washing facilities and soaps in all community centres and rural markets where community members ply small businesses. In addition, the CO supported health and community facilities with WASH consumables e.g., soap and hand sanitizers.
- 303 handwashing stands were installed in 7 districts in communal areas including schools, health centers, community officers, communal water points, screening points.



Community water supplies

- 1 solar-powered water point was drilled benefitting 350 households in Chibombo District. 2 defunct boreholes benefitting 600 households were also repaired in Shibuyunji District.
- Two water storage tanks and a borehole were installed at Chikupi School in Kafue District benefitting 1,300 pupils and teachers.



Water purifying kits

- 30,000 water purifying sachets were distributed to 10,000 households in 2 districts.



Medical supplies, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) material

- ChildFund supported 101 health facilities with hand washing facilities, soap, hand sanitizers, face masks, infra-red thermometers, oxygen concentrators, methylated spirit, soaps, disinfectants, beds and blankets for quarantine centres. Over 100 beds and mattresses have been donated to COVID centers.
- ChildFund also supported mass screening of community members in hotspots such as Chilanga, Kafue and Luangwa.



Sensitization Campaigns

- ChildFund through its 6 LPs in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Zambia National Information Services conducted sensitization activities on prevention of COVID-19 through mobile vehicle campaigns, posters, flyers and community radio stations. About 519,619 people were reached in 10 districts and 31 communities where ChildFund operates.

ZAMBIA



Child-friendly spaces

- ChildFund provided toys and reading materials to University Teaching Hospital and Levy Mwanawasa Hospital children quarantine centers to create child-friendly spaces for children in quarantine. For now, the toys and reading materials will be used to stimulate children to learn and play which is a key development factor and also help them feel less anxious about being admitted in the COVID-19 centers without familiar faces around them. Once COVID-19 is over, the toys will be put in children's play corners so that children can be stimulated while they wait to receive the routine services such as growth monitoring and vaccination services.



PRIORITY 2: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET THE FOOD THEY NEED.



Cash transfers

- ChildFund will participate in the cash transfer program immediately the Ministry of Community Development flags off the intervention. The organization already has ZMW 1,800,000 for disbursement to 6,000 households.



Food and other basic household items

- ChildFund partnered with Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) to distribute 27,815 bags of mealie meal to 16,707 vulnerable households in Mumbwa, Rufunsa and Chongwe districts.



Farm Animals

- ChildFund distributed 1,923 goats to 628 vulnerable households in Mumbwa, Shibuyunji, Chongwe, Rufunsa, Chibombo, Chisamba and Luangwa Districts. The CO also distributed 2,157 free-range chickens to 429 vulnerable households within Rufunsa and Chongwe districts.



PRIORITY 3: KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM VIOLENCE – PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.



Community-based child protection systems

- ChildFund is working with Local Partners to strengthen existing community and district level child support structures. Circles of support from the district and community structures have been kept active with communication lines open for any case of abuse to be reported quickly. ChildFund is supporting community child protection advocates to ensure that abuse and violence against children continues to be monitored and reported.



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- ChildFund sponsored community radio programmes on COVID-19 sensitizing community members especially caregivers on upholding children's rights.
- Child-friendly materials on hand washing, parenting during COVID-19 period and what children can do to stop the spread of COVID-19 were distributed in 31 communities where ChildFund works.
- ChildFund supported traditional leadership in sensitizing communities against child marriages.
- ChildFund through LPs provided airtime and stationery to Child Protection Committee members in all 31 communities to enable them to continue operating smoothly and report any child protection issues to the organization and other stakeholders such as the Social Welfare Department and the Victim Support Unit of the Zambia Police.



Counselling sessions

- 23 counselling sessions were conducted in collaboration with the District Health office, to affected persons, families and communities at health posts in Chibombo district.



PRIORITY 4: HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE LEARNING.



Learning materials/ home learning kits

For children in non-examination classes, ChildFund printed and procured learning modules so that they can study while at home. These include:

- 228 study materials distributed to 114 grade 12 learners in Luangwa district.
- 17,391 learning materials distributed to 28 schools and resource centers in 2 districts.
- 2,000 children in Chibombo district were supported with assorted examination study materials.



Radio lessons

- For ECD children, ChildFund procured 200 radios and developed radio scripts in Tonga, Nyanja and English languages with messages on the importance of play and communication, that were put on SD Cards for caregivers with children aged 0 to 3 years. This will ensure that they continue stimulating children to attain their developmental milestones.



Computers for schools

- ChildFund Zambia donated 21 computers loaded with government approved learning and teaching materials to 7 schools to support children in examination classes.

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Sensitization campaigns for teachers

- The CO sensitized teachers in 25 schools in 2 districts on prevention and response measures to be enforced when schools reopen such as need for hand washing facilities and reliable clean water supply.

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Preventing infections in schools

- With schools re-opened on 1st June 2020 for examination classes only – Grades 7, 9 and 12, ChildFund supported 141 schools in 10 districts with 277 handwashing facilities, 547 boxes of soap, 104 boxes of hand sanitizers, 56 infra-red thermometers, 100 paper towels, 224 packs of disinfectants, 250 copies of ICE materials on COVID-19 prevention in schools, 5,520 masks, 125 face shields for teachers and 2,640 liters of fuel for the DEBS offices to distribute materials to schools.
- All 141 schools that ChildFund supports reopened successfully and ChildFund will continue supporting the school children with COVID-19 prevention interventions.



ChildFund Zambia donated various toys, reading books and other stimulation materials for children to the Ministry of Health. The materials were distributed to COVID-19 isolation centers for children to help them cope with unfamiliar surroundings once admitted.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Making masks for free distribution

At 20, Josephine is using her tailoring skills to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in her community. She makes masks that are distributed for free to the elderly and children whose families are unable to buy due to financial constraints.

Josephine, a sponsored child from Mutamino community bought her first sewing machine after receiving a monetary gift from her sponsor amounting to \$100 in December last year.

“I bought the sewing machine to help me raise money for my college education, but when the President declared the mandatory wearing of masks in March, I saw that a lot of people especially the elderly being turned away from the health center if they had no masks. I was volunteering my services at the health center and I decided to help by making masks that I started giving for free to those that were coming without any,” Josephine explained.

The first born in a family of ten children, Josephine says making and distributing free masks in her community has given her a new passion and something to do as she waits for colleges to be opened.

“As movement is restricted, I spend my free time making masks, I carry them to the health center and each time I spot patients that arrive without masks, I offer



mine, it feels nice to be of help to other vulnerable children. My sponsor helped me by buying the sewing machine for me and I'm also using it to help others.

Josephine added that she also makes some masks for sale alongside other tailoring jobs that she is given.

“Despite giving most of the masks I make for free, I still sell some at the local market, sometimes I receive orders from people in the community and I charge them. I also make simple outfits and have started saving for my college education”, She said. Josephine's parents are subsistence farmers and they are happy that their daughter is making efforts to raise her college fees.




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