



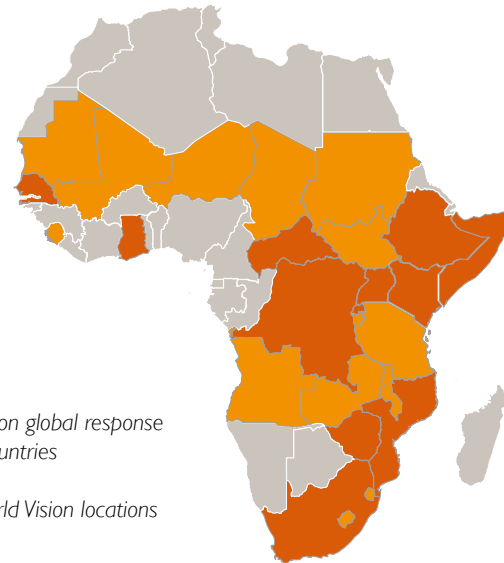
COVID-19 Emergency Response

World Vision

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World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in **26 countries in Africa.**

Our **US\$ 350 million global response** aims to reach **72 million people, 36 million children,** especially the **most vulnerable.**



Latest Africa COVID-19 statistics as at 2 June, 2020*

153,325
Cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Africa

4,356
Cases of COVID-19 deaths in Africa

64,793
Cases of COVID-19 recoveries in Africa

*Sources: WHO, Africa CDC



RESPONSE GOAL
To limit the spread of **COVID-19** and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

Strategic Objectives



1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19



2: Strengthen health systems and workers



3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods



4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

Key Messages



- World Vision is concerned about the impact that the COVID-19 health crisis will have on the poorest and most vulnerable, and the risk it poses to already stretched basic social services and pre-existing high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition. This is especially the case amongst refugee and internally displaced populations.
- We are active on the ground and scaling up our prevention and response work across Africa, including in fragile contexts. The coronavirus response comes on top of climate change effects such as recurrent drought, torrential floods and locust invasions – all destroying crops and livelihoods. Response work includes preventing loss of progress made towards the global Sustainable Development Goals.
- World Vision urges the world to focus on the most vulnerable children, especially those living in communities with low access or weak health systems, and those already battling conditions such as tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS and malaria. They must not be left behind and funding for COVID-19 resources must not be diverted from their treatment, care and support.
- World Vision is concerned with the increased incidences of violence against children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and warns of the long-term risk of increased child marriage and child labour. We urge Governments to ensure continued functioning of child-friendly reporting mechanisms such as SOS hotlines to enable children's protection.

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COVID-19 Emergency Response Highlights



PEOPLE REACHED

(as at 27 May, 2020)

People

20,291,068



Men

6,024,168



Women

6,472,015



Children

7,794,885

Boys

3,764,265

Girls

4,030,620

OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19



8,288,785

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



1,089,801

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



1,310,792

Community members provided preventive materials



387,119

Handwashing supplies distributed



78,233

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



40,149

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



54,636

Community-level public handwashing stations established or maintained



16,319

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities constructed or rehabilitated

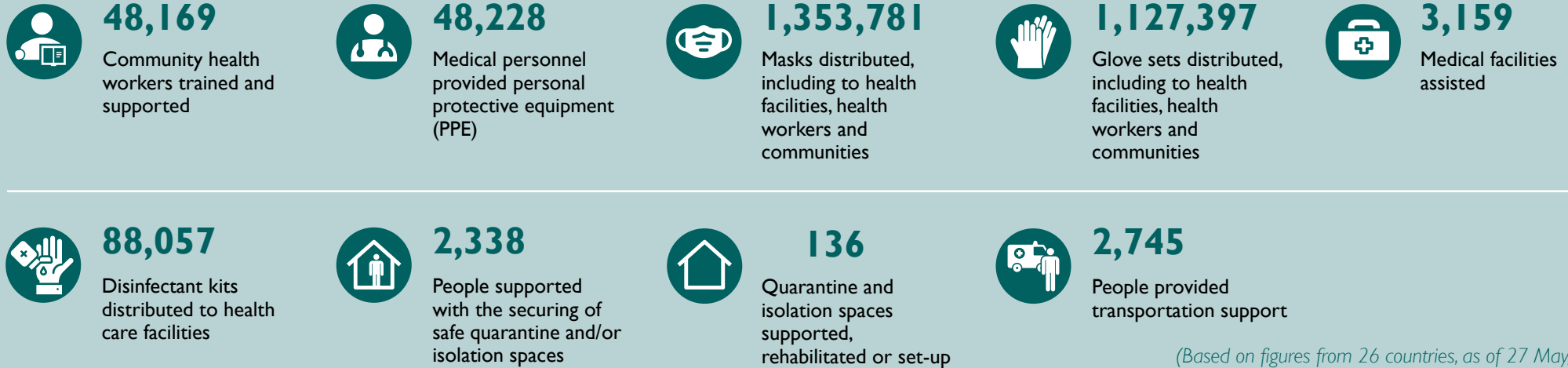


38,332

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

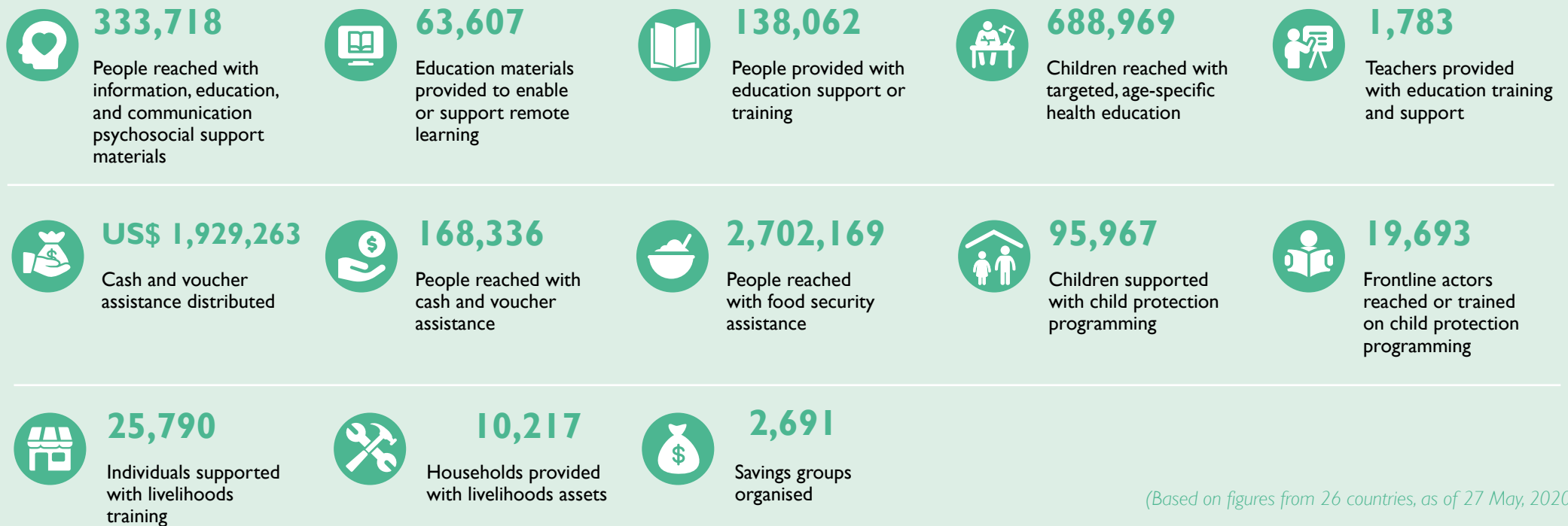
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OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers



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OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods



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OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected



184

External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading



404

External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading



56

New or amended policies & products adopted or operational challenges addressed at national and local level



88

External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19



45

External actions e.g. sign ons and statements

(Based on figures from 26 countries, as of 27 May, 2020)



East Africa Region | Country Updates

BURUNDI

- Provided US\$ 10,000 to the Ministry of Health to support in the purchase of drugs, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs).
- Advocated the Ministry of Health to allow production of cloth masks for Community Health Workers (CHWs) as the recommended surgical masks are out of supply.

ETHIOPIA

- Reached more than 45,000 people through mobilisation conducted by faith leaders drawn from Evangelical Churches, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and the Muslim faith. *
- Recorded a COVID-19 related programme which will be aired on the Ethiopian Evangelical TV station. The station has more than five million viewers and 89,000 YouTube subscribers.
- Developed a terms of reference to transmit child protection messaging using Short Messaging Service

(SMS), in partnership with Ethio-Telecom. The messages are designed to create awareness on how to prevent child abuse, child marriage and child trafficking.

- Supported the transmission of COVID-19 and child protection messages on Children's TV – YeEthiopia Lijoch TV. This was done in collaboration with regional and federal Government.

KENYA

- Donated PPEs worth more than US\$ 490,000 to the Government. The more than 11,400 PPE kits will be used in isolation and quarantine centres. During the handover, World Vision urged the Government to put in place COVID-19 standard operating procedures on child protection, due to the growing number of cases of violence against children.
- Engaged 442 faith leaders in community sensitisation on COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Carried out a sanitation campaign on hand washing in Baringo county, this was in collaboration with faith

leaders and local government.

- Conducted a virtual meeting with pastors in West Pokot county to sensitise them on monitoring and reporting of female genital mutilation and child marriage cases. The pastors were assigned a number of children to follow up and find out about their welfare. These included children who had been placed in rescue centres but were forced to go back home following the closure of these facilities and schools due to COVID-19.
- Virtually trained 321 faith leaders (215 male and 106 female) on psychosocial first aid.
- Engaged 731 faith leaders (512 male and 219 female) in dissemination of COVID-19 preventive messages.
- Submitted a memorandum to the Kenya National COVID-19 Education Emergency Response committee to inform decision making on the measures that should be put in place before the re-opening of schools in the country.

*The country highlights in bold feature our work with faith leaders.

RWANDA

- Conducted 47 live radio talk shows on Radio Rwanda to create awareness on child protection and advocacy during the COVID-19 pandemic reaching more than four million people each day. This was done in collaboration with national police, National Council for Children, Women Council and government district officials.
- Supported faith leaders to disseminate positive parenting messages and programmes on various Christian radio and television stations, and on YouTube channels, with an average listenership of more than five million people.

SOMALIA

- Trained 57 faith leaders who are members of Community Hope Action Teams (CHATs) in Puntland on how to communicate messages on COVID-19 prevention.
- A faith leader who was trained on COVID-19 prevention in Baidoa, is participating in a weekly television and radio programme to sensitise the community, engage in discussions regarding their well-being and demystify beliefs on COVID-19 from a religious perspective.
- Created awareness on COVID-19 messaging through a collaboration with television and radio stations. Sixty radio spot messages are aired four times a day before every main news bulletin in South West State.
- Created awareness on COVID-19 through media and dissemination of Information Education and Communications (IEC) materials, in collaboration with the Government.
- Took part in World Vision Taiwan's press conference to highlight the challenge of COVID-19 alongside other calamities.

SOUTH SUDAN

- World Vision continues to partner with various national agencies, faith leaders and humanitarian organisations through the South Sudan INGO Forum on its COVID-19 campaign. It also continues to utilise social media and local media in its awareness raising especially after cases were

confirmed in the Protection of Civilians Camp in Juba, which has a population of 32,000 displaced person.

- Conducted training for 28 clergy members and parish staff of the Catholic Church to support the COVID-19 campaign.
- Continues to conduct awareness raising on COVID-19 in collaboration with the Scripture Union of South Sudan, targeting remote areas in the country.

SUDAN

- Conducted orientation of medical assistants in management of suspected COVID-19 cases and distributed case rating forms to support the Ministry of Health in profiling and documenting cases.
- Continues to engage faith leaders in disseminating COVID-19 messages in different communities.

TANZANIA

- Held a virtual meeting with Christian Based Organisations to discuss how they can partner in the fight against COVID-19, as well as address the rise of cases of child abuse, child marriage and early pregnancies.
- Established a link between the Regional Risk Communication and Community Engagement Committee from Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Kagera regions, with faith leaders, as part of preparation for planned training on COVID-19.
- Trained 37 faith leaders on COVID-19 in Babati and Kagera clusters. These faith leaders are being equipped to convey messages to the community in their respective areas of worship.

UGANDA

- Advocated for the integration of child protection and gender-based violence issues in the Government district taskforce teams. The West Nile COVID-19 task force team committed to set up toll-free child protection lines and integrate issue logs at all Government strategic line entry points.



Ten-year-old Suzi from South Sudan, spreads joy as she washes her hands after playing with her friends.



World Vision in Chad donates COVID-19 prevention materials for use in 38 health centres across four districts.



Southern Africa Region | Country Updates

ANGOLA

- **Engaged faith leaders in community sensitisation and spiritual support of children and their families.** *
- Integrated child rights promotion into the COVID-19 campaign 'STOP COVID-19' to limit the impact of the pandemic on children, and to encourage active participation of key stakeholders including decision makers, faith leaders and influential youth leaders.
- Engaged with provincial justice officers of Huambo on child protection issues.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Adoption of the Haut Katanga provincial COVID-19 multisectoral response plan, which was developed with the technical support of development partners including World Vision. The response plan includes a distinct focus on ending violence against children and addressing the impact of COVID-19 on communities and children.
- Presented World Vision's COVID-19 response plan to the Haut Katanga Provincial COVID-19 Task Force, chaired by the Governor Jacque Kyabula Kitwe. World Vision was the only non-governmental institution invited to the high-level planning meeting.
- The World Vision in DRC National Director, Anne-Marie Connor, addressed Canadian Parliamentarians about the unique needs of children in fragile contexts and made a case for maintaining and if possible growing current funding.
- **Involved 450 faith leaders in 14 Area Programmes in conducting family visits to raise awareness on COVID-19.**
- **Engaged 435 faith leaders to disseminate COVID-19 preventive messages in five areas where World Vision implements child sponsorship programmes. The faith leaders conducted family visits, meeting people in small groups of less than 20.**

ESWATINI

- Produced a documentary highlighting the impact of World Vision's COVID-19 interventions in health facilities in Mangaweni and Ndwabangeni clinics in Mhlangatane constituency. The documentary will be used to advocate for better service provision and resources.
- Engaged with the Royal Eswatini police and agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to improve services for child and adult survivors of gender-based violence.
- **Conducted a COVID-19 community integrated approach training which included church leaders, and the police. The training focused on child protection and gender-based violence, and faith-based messaging.**
- **More than 350 church leaders participated in the COVID-19 WhatsApp group.**
- **Reached 410 church leaders in Somntongo with COVID-19 and child protection messaging. The discussions also focused on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2019, the Disability Act of 2018 and the Child Protection and Welfare Act of 2012.**

LESOTHO

- Reached more than 100 people with key COVID-19 advocacy and awareness raising messages during community dialogues held on 19 May, 2020.
- Reached more than 150 children from Mpharane Area Programme with COVID-19 messaging. The children also received dignity packs.
- **Shared COVID-19 messages with 230 faith leaders through WhatsApp groups, as a result reaching more than 1,400 churches countrywide.**
- **More than 1,600 faith leaders were reached with COVID-19 preventive messages.**
- Successfully advocated for the National Emergency Command Centre (NECC) to operate under the Disaster Management Act of 1997. The Lesotho NECC has been restructured to operate under the legal instrument.

MALAWI

- Reached more than 4,000 community members with COVID-19 preventive messages through faith leaders.
- Reached more than 3,400 people through faith leaders with COVID-19 messaging. The faith leaders went through COVID-19 orientation conducted by World Vision and the Government.
- Pastors continue to disseminate COVID-19 messages during church gatherings as well as funerals. Also reaching children with COVID-19 messages during Sunday school sessions.

MOZAMBIQUE

- Provided more than 50 women and girls with survival packs/food packages to address food insecurity as a result of lost income because of the shutdown.
- Following a training session conducted for The Council of Religions of Mozambique, they have replicated the COVID-19 sensitisation training sessions targeting 300 faith leaders in other provinces.
- Faith leaders are disseminating COVID-19 preventive messages through a local community radio station in Guija/Mabalane, in Gaza province. This follows a training they received on World Vision's Channels of Hope (CoH).
- Successfully advocated the Government to recognise World Vision as providing 'essential services', allowing it to deliver lifesaving support to communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Submitted voice notes from five children with disabilities to the research being conducted by the Government's National Planning Commission. The submissions also included reflections from three World Vision staff members and from seven parents/caregivers.

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- Disseminated child protection and gender-based violence messages through community influencers. A pastor who was trained by World Vision on child protection recorded a video targeting men, urging them to end gender-based violence and child abuse.
- Submitted the faith and development Global Fund for COVID-19 response concept note. If awarded, this will support the focus on COVID-19 response interventions on gender-based violence, child protection and spiritual nurture.
- Successfully advocated for the opening of the local South Africa Social Services Agency office in Thusalushaka Area Programme to facilitate processing of social grant applications.

ZAMBIA

- Reached more than 2,500 people with COVID-19 advocacy and awareness raising messages.
- Created awareness on COVID-19 and child protection issues through the District Child Justice Forum and pastors' fellowship in Lunga Area Programme.

- Conducted CoH COVID-19 training for faith leaders in Luswepo Area Programme. The faith leaders will create awareness using door-to-door approach, while observing preventive measures and they will also ensure households install tippy taps for hand washing.

ZIMBABWE

- Took part in a children's programme on national television, which focused on child protection and participation, in addition to sharing key messages on COVID-19. The programme reached more than 18,000 people with more than 15,000 being children.
- Reached more than 370 faith leaders through 21 WhatsApp groups with COVID-19 preventive messages. The faith leaders were encouraged to share these messages within their communities.
- Continues to engage at the national level with partners where they are ensuring all response interventions are sensitive to the needs of vulnerable children.
- Shared child protection key messages during child rights sector coordination meetings.

- World Vision continues to work with local government structures to identify vulnerable children who are in need of support and referring them to access essential services.



World Vision in Lesotho equipped Ntjepeleng Primary School learners with information on COVID-19, precautions and personal hygiene kits.



West Africa Region | Country Updates

During the lean period (June to August), the West Africa Region is set to face a complex humanitarian crisis including COVID-19 and its impact, underlying food/nutrition crisis and locust invasion. According to WFP, 40 million people will be in need of assistance during the next six months. World Vision is calling for enhanced investment in preparation and anticipatory actions.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

- Conducted radio shows with religious leaders including an Imam, a Pastor and a Priest, to sensitise communities on COVID-19. This included two shows targeting children between 6 – 12 years.*
- Oriented 811 religious leaders on COVID-19 CoH guidelines in Bangui, Batangafo and Bambari. The religious leaders were oriented by their peers.
- Installed 72 hand washing kits in public places in Bambari and Batangafo.
- Distributed 391.177 metric tons of food to more than 69,000 beneficiaries in Batangafo, Kabo, Paoua, Bambari, Bozoum, Boali/Yaloke and Bouar. The communities were

sensitized on COVID-19 before the distribution was conducted.

CHAD

- Engaged faith leaders to sensitise communities on preventive measures using COVID-19 CoH guidelines.
- Supported 200 people in the quarantine centre with hygiene materials and messaging on COVID-19.

GHANA

- Facilitated 11 media engagements on World Vision's Aftershocks Report, with radio, television and online

platforms. These platforms were used to advocate for parents/caregivers and the Government to implement various child protection measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

- Trained 10 faith leaders on World Vision's faith and development COVER programming, to enable them to serve as the core training team.
- Trained 112 partners (96 men and 16 women) on COVID-19 response guidance, focusing on the role of faith leaders and how to provide psychosocial support. The trainings were conducted across six Area Programmes (Sekyere East, Asante Akim, Atebubu, Diaso, Fantekwa and Krachi West). The participants

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included 73 members of the Local Council of Churches, 20 kids club facilitators and 19 leaders of the Congregational Hope Action Teams. Ninety-eight of the trainees were Christians while 14 were Muslims.

- Partnered with Sagani TV in Tamale to raise awareness on ending child marriage and violence against children, especially during the pandemic. The Pong Tamale Experimental School Child Parliament performed a drama on child protection, which was broadcast live on the television and Facebook.

MALI

- Recorded five COVID-19 faith messages in four languages, Bamanankan, Peulh, Tamasheq and French.
- Oriented 102 faith and community leaders (15 village chiefs, 16 Imams, 3 Pastors, 17 traditional healers, 16 women leaders, 16 youth leaders and 19 health volunteers) on COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Shared the World Vision response plan with the Government Advisory Council and the COVID-19 focal point at the Area Programme levels.
- Donated PPEs worth more than 15,382,500 CFA (approximately US\$ 25,758) to four health centres namely; Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Kati, CSRef of Commune VI of Bamako and CSCom of Yirimadio and Senou.
- Distributed more than 2,700 hand washing kits and more than 6,700 pieces of soap to families of World Vision sponsored children and WASH committee members.

MAURITANIA

- Supported 24 pastors from six Christian denominations to participate in a national prayer session on the spread of COVID-19 and its consequences.
- Distributed hygiene kit supplies to more than 10 health centres in 14 Area Programmes.
- Conducted food distribution targeting six Koranic schools in the communes of Kiffa, in Assaba region. Reached more than 350 Talibe children who are facing difficulties due to COVID-19.

NIGER

- Aired COVID-19 preventive messages via 22 community radio stations in 20 World Vision intervention areas, reaching more than 2.5 million people.
- Conducted sensitisation on COVID-19 preventive messages using VIAMO (Via Mobile) reaching more 1,700 World Vision volunteers, savings group members and sponsored children who are over 18 years old.
- Reached more than 700 people with COVID-19 preventive messages through face-to-face sensitisation conducted by World Vision staff and volunteers.
- Distributed more than 12,000 soaps to more than 1,200 households.
- Distributed 64 handwashing kits and 44 litres of bleach to health centres.
- Trained 11 religious leaders on COVID-19 communication approaches.

SENEGAL

- Submitted a proposal for a three-year response project focusing on child protection during and after the pandemic to the Secretariat of the Joining Forces coalition.
- Participated in the regional meeting organised by the President of the Board of Directors of Girls not Wives – a global partnership of more than 900 civil society organisations in 95 countries, determined to end child marriage and enable girls to achieve their full potential.
- Trained religious leaders, including Priests, Pastors and Imams on World Vision's CoH COVID-19 approach as well as developing of action plans.
- Delivered CoH COVID-19 materials to religious leaders in urban areas in Dakar (Pikine and Guediawaye). These materials will enable them to disseminate COVID-19 preventive messages in their communities.
- Conducted five radio sessions for faith leaders to sensitise children and parents on how to prepare for school in the midst of COVID-19.
- Participated in the collection of data on the situation of street children to monitor them and make plans to move them to areas with better care. This was done in collaboration with the National Group for the Protection of Children.

- Conducted a rapid assessment on impact of COVID-19 on households in World Vision's 24 Area Programmes. The results ensure World Vision has correct data about the situation for advocacy and resource acquisition.

SIERRA LEONE

- Held a meeting with the Inter Religious Council to finalise a 3-month workplan on the extensive engagement on COVID-19 through radio, television and communities.
- Forty-five faith leaders disseminated COVID-19 messages to communities as well as providing hope to the most vulnerable.
- Oriented social workers to deliver psychosocial support to 150 children.
- Trained 600 frontline health staff on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and case management.
- Reached communities with COVID-19 preventive messages, specifically on WASH and installation of tippy taps.



In World Vision's Senegal response to COVID-19, children are at the center of the response.



Lilian Dodzo, the National Director for World Vision in Kenya donates personal protective equipment to the Ministry of Health leadership team. They will be used by health workers to fight COVID-19 in Kenya.

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