SITUATION OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to endanger and disrupt children’s lives around the world. The pandemic poses new challenges to children’s well-being and further exacerbates vulnerabilities of the most deprived and marginalised children and their families. The virus is already having devastating consequences for children and their rights. Health systems, even in rich countries, are being overwhelmed, economies are sliding towards depression and children continue to see their education disrupted by school closures.

Worryingly, the pandemic is now spreading into some of the world’s poorest countries. Save the Children (SC) have been responding to the outbreak since January 2020 and are continuing to scale up preparedness and response interventions across our areas of operation. SC are coordinating with community, national and global actors to ensure that countries not yet hit hard are prepared and catastrophes averted. With the ever-changing situation, SC are closely monitoring country contexts and capacities to ensure continuity of our responses and programmes.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 poses particular challenges for vulnerable populations living in high density and resource-poor communities, not least migrants and displaced children. SC are encouraging cross-organisational learning to ensure that core learnings on how frontline workers are adapting and responding to needs are shared widely.

Global map of COVID-19 cases across SCI countries of operation

BLUE: Member office, YELLOW: SCI Country office, GREY: confirmed cases/ No Save the Children presence.

GLOBAL PROGRAMMES & OPERATIONS UPDATE

We have released our global, movement-wide Response Plan to Covid-19, an ambitious $649 million USD plan to reach over 69 million people in 87 countries.

We launched ‘Protect a Generation’, our global response to the COVID-19 crisis, to act quickly to prevent, mitigate and respond to the devastating impact of the pandemic.

Our response has four priorities underpinned by our global commitment to quality, accountability, and partnership:

Country office teams continue to refer to the COVID-19 Programme Framework and Guidance to navigate programme adaption in all sectors and have been focusing on adjustments to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for managing distributions of food, NFIs, cash or other commodities to protect the health and safety of staff and community members and to minimise the risk of exposure of personnel, partners and beneficiaries.

Country teams are also starting to prepare for and response to different social unrest scenarios, some of which have started to emerge in some countries due to COVID-19.

In order to support country offices to rapidly adapt ongoing programmes and scale-up preparedness activities in high-risk countries, SC has established an internal fund to disburse flexible funding. To date, SC has allocated USD6.4 million to support rapid programme adaptation in 46 countries.
GLOBAL ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS UPDATE

Global and national advocacy and campaigning is a core pillar of our response. SC teams are scaling up advocacy based on our Global Agenda for Action to ensure that governments and international actors #ProtectAGeneration and put children’s rights at the centre of the immediate response and in efforts to create sustainable solutions and build back better. A live tracker highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on children has been developed which will be updated every week, as new evidence emerges.

Updates on the #ProtectAGeneration priorities:

1 Preventing and managing the spread of the pandemic

Coronavirus Global Response Pledging Conference on the health response reached its $8 billion financing target. At the 73rd World Health Assembly, SC are advocating with governments (in countries and with Health Attaches in Geneva) around our key asks.

2 Helping children learn, stay safe and return to school

SC has published a blog on the impact that COVID-19 will have on education: How to stop COVID-19 leaving millions of children behind in education. A campaign focused on keeping education alive, preparing children to safely return to school, and building back for better learning is underway.

3 Providing safety nets for families in need

SC has published a blog focusing on Universal Child Benefits: Coronavirus Crisis Highlights Need for Child Benefits Globally.

4 Keeping children, families and communities safe

Together with 19 other organisations we sent an open letter to the UN Secretary-General calling on him to name all perpetrators of grave violations involving children in the forthcoming annual report on children and armed conflict. SC are warning that children are at risk of lasting psychological distress.

COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING

A $100m Global Appeal - the largest in SC’s history - was launched in April 2020. The appeal is primarily focused on funding from individual giving, corporates and foundations. To date $31m has been raised for the appeal, and to date, $7m has been allocated to our internal flexible pooled fund for COVID-19 to support rapid programme adaptation in 46 countries. In addition to the $31m raised for the appeal, $11m has been secured from institutions as part of SC’s COVID-19 global response.

Of the $7m contributed to our internal flexible pooled fund (the ‘Global Central Fund’) , $3.6m has been allocated across Members and Regions:

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REGIONAL RESPONSE OVERVIEW - ASIA

Afghanistan

SC Afghanistan is working with a cash and voucher working group to jointly assess the local market and collect information on market functionality and availability of main commodities. In coordination with District Child Protection Action Network (DCPAN) and other partners, the country office are referring and providing follow up on child protection cases to hospitals and other specialised service providers. During the school closure period, SC Afghanistan has developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for teachers, community mobilizers and education staff to support child well-being, as well as adapting and distributing self-learning material for students and are in the process of developing procedures for school reopening plans.

Afghan MoFA reached out to Save the Children asking for our recommendations to be shared at a meeting with President Ghani on 2nd May - a major advocacy outcome. This followed a press release on 1st May warning of widespread hunger in Afghanistan.

Mobile Health team continue to work in the very remote area of Nangarhar province whilst continuing to observe social distancing and other health and safety guidance for COVID-19. This work recently involved distributing Non-Food Item (NFI) kits to 68 families affected by natural disasters in the province. Doctors, and all team members wore personal protective clothes while delivering services to a high standard.

Hong Kong

In February 2020, SC Hong Kong distributed 20,000 masks and 5,000 bottles of hand sanitiser to vulnerable children and families including refugee children and families, those on a low-income and children with a weakened immune system through local organisations. In April 2020, SC Hong Kong distributed 50,000 children’s masks and 200 laptops – each with a portable WiFi device and data SIM card) which were donated by

Henderson Development Anti-Epidemic Fund, to help under-privileged children continue with their studies at home during school closures.

SC Hong Kong are partnering with local organisations to provide support for the mental wellbeing of children and youth in Hong Kong. Some of the interventions will include art and play therapies, online and offline counselling sessions with children, and workshops with parents to strengthen their capacity to support children in under-privileged communities. Through their partnership with the Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS), SC Hong Kong is hosting an online series on parenting and child rights.

SC Hong Kong is working with a local NGO, Dialogue in the Dark, to work on a project aiming to enhance students’ resilience and empathy towards people with different physical abilities and viewpoints by providing positive, inclusive ‘edutainment’ (education + entertainment) and verifiable information via various online platforms. The project will produce three online micro films and nine one-minute ‘challenge’ video clips, including interesting activities that students can ‘challenge’ their peers to take part in. It will also organize online interactive classes, delivered via Zoom or Skype, in collaboration with school partners.

SC Hong Kong held a webinar to support local organisations in responding and considering child safeguarding needs to account for the shift to learning via online platforms and covered topics such as safe programming, data protection, non-discrimination and reporting and responding to incidents.

India

SC India have been running a Telethon to raise money for their COVID-19 response. The campaign is running until 20 May but has so far raised USD 850,000. In the areas where SC India runs projects, a tele-calling message system has been set up to disseminate information on health and well-being during the COVID-19 outbreak. The National Child Protection Commission, as part of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, have announced they will use Save the Children’s mechanism for collecting data around child protection issues. Together with Child Fund India, Plan International India, SOS Children’s Villages of India, Terre de Hommes and World Vision India, an appeal has been submitted to the PM to ensure the effective response and mitigation of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable children in India.

SC India’s partner in East Champaran district of Bihar has facilitated the making of 3,000 face masks by women from local self-help groups and distribution into the community. Similar mask making and distributions are being coordinated by adolescent girls’ groups in the Goya district.

In Telegana, 1325 families have been reached in 30 Rohingya settlements with ration support for between 30-45 days, depending on the family size.

Community group members under the leadership of Save the Children’s Child & Youth champions distributed fresh Vitamin-A fortified milk, in partnership with ITC Foods Limited, to 520 children in the slums of Park Circus and Bracebridge areas of Kolkata, West Bengal.
The champions have been well-trained on social distancing and other hygiene practices and the service will continue for the duration of the lockdown period in India. Over 7000 people have been reached through tele-calling messages in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh where SC India has disseminated key information around health and wellbeing during the pandemic.

**Indonesia**

SC Indonesia is providing support to the national COVID-19 task force, under the national Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) to develop volunteer data management, mobilisation and capacity building, with 26,000 volunteers registered to date.

SC Indonesia is providing ongoing support, with other agencies such as Oxfam, to ensure children’s voices are embedded into the national COVID-19 response strategy and plans. As part of this, SC Indonesia facilitated children and youth voices being heard at a recent national coordination meeting which was attended by 170 participants.

Podcasts related to literacy at home have been produced with a partner, Sekolahmu. Other podcasts include discussions around Safe School Principles in the era of COVID-19 and one around positive discipline parenting, and SC Indonesia have been live on several radio stations such as Ardan Radio, talking about building family resilience after COVID-19 and Swara Muda FM Lembang, talking about Education in Emergencies and family roles to facilitate children’s learning at home. SC Indonesia have also been speakers on numerous webinars for the local community, such as one titled “The Best Interest of the Child during the COVID-19 pandemic”.

SC Indonesia continue to collaborate with the Disaster Management and Climate Change Agency as well as the Village Ministry and is supporting the development and launch of the national website for COVID-19 which will host all accurate and up-to-date risk communication and public engagement materials.

Psychological First Aid hotline services have been established, with 24 trained-staff on providing PFS and counselling for clients. So far, we have responded to 38 clients and have referred 1. SC Indonesia are working closely with End Violence Against Children (EVAC) Alliance to support the government on developing child protection, community care support and alternative care for children/caregivers infected by COVID-19, as well as case management support.

Key health messages from the Ministry of Health are being disseminated across our field offices, online Infant Young and Childhood Feeding counselling is ongoing and SC Indonesia have distributed 10,000 masks to the Ministry of Health as well as a distribution to health facilities in the areas in which we work, to all staff and their families as well as hygiene kit distributions to communities.

SC Indonesia are also installing, restoring and distributing handwashing station in public spaces, are distributing handwashing banners to health facilities and have made public service announcements through radio, mobile and social media.

**Myanmar**

The ‘Healthy Choices’ program in Shwe Pyi Thar Township aims to support local migrant workers to find work in garment factories in the area. SC Myanmar have been adapting this program to ensure it can continue, as well as ensuring it is responding to the emerging needs as a result of the pandemic. The team have secured funding to ensure a social net for garment workers who have lost their jobs during the pandemic, to step-up hygiene practices in the area.

The team are supporting the 800 most vulnerable workers, identified in collaboration with Solidarity Trade Union of Myanmar, and their households with unconditional multi-purpose cash transfers to ensure families who have lost their job because of the pandemic, don’t struggle with debt during this time.

SC Myanmar are supporting factories as well as workers hostels to promote social distancing and handwashing and have distributed communications materials to be displayed in the facilities, as well as soaps – reaching over 5,000 people.

SC Myanmar are supporting the installation of handwashing stations in public spaces, ensuring PPE and digital thermometers are available in local hospitals and will be distributing soap and information materials to 85,000 households, predominately for extremely poor households, including those with no homes. There are also plans to distribute 270 kits, which include both food and NFI, for those who are required to stay at home for the 14-day quarantine.

**Jermaine, 10, in Navotas, Philippines, shows his hygiene kit with a month’s supply of soap and hand sanitiser, received from Save the Children during a distribution together with information and education materials for parents on how they can support their children during extended school closure, plus child-friendly materials on proper handwashing and coronavirus comic explainers for children.**
Philippines

Materials have been developed, including information on proper handwashing practices, social distancing and cough etiquette which have been included in hygiene kits and have been distributed to target families.

SC Philippines have also been focusing on the development of guidance on how to protect children online, how parents can determine if a child is under stress and tips for home-learning. Food has been distributed to target families in Naic town, Pasay city and Tanay town. The distribution of cash grants and cash vouchers are taking place throughout May.

Key at-risk children in a youth home in Manila were interviewed regarding their situation inside the temporary shelter regarding their situation. Key issues relating to the extended detention of children due to suspended court hearings have been raised with the Juvenile Justice and Welfare council.

SC Philippines has been supporting teachers, school staff to facilitate alternative modalities for learning and enhancement of materials to include COVID-19 key messages, as well as promoting the use of i-Mulat, a mobile application, which is being used with low-income families to encourage continued learning at home.

Mozambique

SC Mozambique has remained very active in key national coordination and advocacy forums – for instance in the National COVID Technical Working Group, the HPG COVID working group, and the health, education, protection, FSL, WASH, nutrition and child protection clusters to influence the COVID-19 Emergency Appeal for Mozambique to ensure it works for children.

This week SC will start broadcasting three 30 second cartoons on both TVM and STV national TV channels, together with radio versions. These animated short videos have been specifically developed to be fun and child-friendly and help deliver COVID-19 prevention messaging. These are part of a series of different multimedia products we are launching as part of a large-scale national COVID-19 mass campaign that aims to reach approximately 8 million people across the country, over the next 3 months.

The Linha Fala Criança child helpline continues to air our key COVID-19 audio message to children and other people, through our communication campaign, providing psychosocial support and referral system. We expect around 39,000 people will receive this message over the next 3 months. So far, 8,654 people have received the message.

In anticipation of a possible increase in children’s exposure to different types of violence as a result of the COVID-19 semi-lock down, SC has intensified its support to community-based child protection committees to reinforce messages reporting mechanisms and support the work that members do. For instance, to improve communication and facilitate reporting of cases of child rights violations, SC distributed cell phones and airtime to 43 Child Protection Committees, in Zambézia province, together with training on COVID-19 prevention for each of the 43 committees.

SC responded positively to a request from the Minister of Gender, Child and Social Action for 10,000 face masks for health sector workers, with an initial donation of 8,675 masks, and we will continue to mobilise more. 5,000 of these are being produced by tailors in our Sponsorship programme in Nampula.

The DFID-funded STAR-G education project is preparing a distance learning radio program that integrates literacy, numeracy, gender and positive discipline sessions to support children aged between 10 and 17 currently at home now schools are closed.

One of the main vehicles for the delivery of COVID-19 preventive messaging Save the Children has been employing are Community Change Agents (CCA). The CCAs comprise of sexual and reproductive health mentors, activists, youth workers, psychosocial supporters, as well as members of the health, ECCD, and child protection committees. So far, 1,588 Community Change Agents, 845 female, have been trained on COVID-19 prevention in Zambézia province. To achieve this, SC has held a total of 169 awareness-raising sessions in the districts of Derre, Morrumbala and Milange. CCA members are responsible for passing on COVID-19 prevention messages to their neighbours. We have also been supporting Community Change Agents to set up hand-washing tippy-taps in the safe spaces of the “Tô na Boa”, within the Global Affairs Canada-funded UNGUMI Sexual and Reproductive Health project. So far 57 tippy-taps have also been set up with demonstrations on correct handwashing.

Malawi

SC’s COVID-19 Response in Malawi has to date reached 837,598 people (391,793 adults (217,663 women, 174,130 men) and 445,805 children (247,669 girls, 198,136 boys). SC Malawi have participated in a radio programme alongside other key education stakeholders on COVID-19 and the Sustainable Development Goals, where the impacts and solutions of COVID-19 on education were explored.

The team has also advanced in discussing partnership for broadcasting the IRI programmes with nine community/religious radios including Voice of Livingstonia, Mzimba.
Community Radio and Tuntufye Community radio in the north; Nkhoma Synod FM, Mudziwathu Community radio and Nkhokotakota Community radio in the centre; and Blantyre Synod radio, Gaka FM and Dzimwe community radio for the south.

The response team continues to distribute materials through health facilities and strategic places in community such as market places, churches and other government structures such as Police stations. SC, with support from Orlish Aid, donated assorted Covid-19 infection prevention items to Ntcheu District worth approximately $12,150. Ntcheu is one of the 12 Districts where SC is focusing the Covid-19 response. Health Response teams are supporting community awareness and sanitation at community level. Trainer of Trainers on Community Health for Mwanza, Neno, Zomba, Phalombe, Mulanje, Chikwawa, Thyolo conducted last week by MoH in Blantyre. Community Health Care Workers guidelines printed last week and are being distribution.

3545 adults of which 2251 were males (mainly healthcare workers) have been reached through COVID-19 training and sensitization meetings in the six districts within the first tier. Quality benchmarks for training were used to monitor some training sessions.

Save the Children volunteers and staff raising awareness and delivering essential medication to families inside Zaatari camp, Jordan, to avoid them being exposed to crowds.

**Syria**

In North East Syria, all incentive workers (recruited as facilitators of Education, Child protection and Nutrition activities) in camps have been mobilized and are supporting on COVID-19 awareness raising activities. Education programming is being adjusted to home-learning approaches, including distribution of learning materials, tent-to-tent follow up by facilitators (following infection prevention and control measures), and caregiver messaging and support. SC continues to run Interim Child Care services for unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) as well as individual protection services through case management. The focus is now centred around building the capacity of SC staff and incentive workers with an emphasis on providing support for parents to conduct educational and recreational activities at the household level during the lockdown.

SC Syria have very strong partners in North West Syria that have adopted different measures to continue activities, using PPE equipment at all times, updating SOPs for crowd management, and delivering considering transmission risks. Children registered through our education programmes are accessing education though distance-learning, the creation of a Whatsapp group with teachers, the use of mobile buses to support caregivers and distribution of learning materials.

Child Protection activities have been adapted to include the provision of remote Case Management, including emotional support, and referrals (via telephone). For medium and high risk cases, the CP case workers visit the child face to face once it is deemed safe from COVID-19. We are also training front liners to identify and work with children at risk of suicide. Teams are also raising awareness on COVID19 across different range of activities when they are implementing outreach activities.

**North West Balkans**

The humanitarian portfolio in North West Balkans, representing 40% of the entire portfolio, remains almost fully operational. The country office have begun distributing food, hygiene kits and packages for babies including shampoo, nappies, wet wipes, tooth paste and moisturiser in locations where we work through day
centres. Electronic tablets have been distributed to enable 140 children in Bosnia to access online learning. Internet access is also being provided.

With funding secured from Start Fund, the country office will support Roma children in 6 locations, including Sarajevo. 500 food and hygiene packages will be distributed in 5 community centres, plus 130 baby kits, 800 hygiene and 750 food packages to the communities prioritised as well as continued distribution of electronic tablets.

**Kosovo**

Distributions of education kits including child friendly hygiene message are ongoing. These are particularly aimed at children with disabilities and preschool children. Save the Children, UNICEF and the Ministry of Education have jointly launched an Early Childhood Care and Development online education platform for children 0-6. The platform aims to support parents/legal guardians and educators to carry out online learning from 8:10 AM reaching over 34,000 users. The country office is also launching an awareness-raising video on COVID 19 in partnership with NGOs and the largest online streaming company and with participation of celebrities/public figures.

**Ukraine**

We are distributing disinfecting kits to schools, and to Krasnoshchorska Community Center and Druzhkivka Case Management Unit. We have also distributed 208 hygiene kits to children and families living in government controlled area (GCA) and 1450 kits in non-government controlled area (NGCA). Together with hygiene kits preventing spreading the virus, SC Ukraine in collaboration with WHO is distributing COVID-19 information materials for parents and teachers as well as child-friendly booklets with useful information about the virus. In addition, we launched a digital campaign with COVID-19 child-friendly video materials.

Focused on preventive hygiene measures, such as hand washing and social distancing, and the impact of the outbreak on children. All materials will be available in French, Kiswahili, Tshiluba, and Lingala, and the campaign will involve the dissemination of posters, fact sheets, and videos for use on digital and TV. Messages will also be shared with SC’s partners to raise awareness and fight misinformation about COVID-19 in communities.

SC DRC is also preparing to launch child protection activities in Kinshasa, in response to the epidemic and the closure of schools.

**Nigeria**

In Lagos, SC Nigeria is supporting the Immunization Technical Working Group meetings remotely to strengthen routine immunization within the context of COVID-19 outbreak by working together with the Lagos State Government. SC Nigeria is also working with other task force groups such as the State Emergency Preparedness & Response (EPR) on COVID-19 and State COVID-19 sub-committee on risk communication.

The team continued with the provision of life saving assistance to the refugees in Cross River and Benue States, such as the provision of water and 1500 hygiene kits at the Cameroonian refugee settlements as well as training case works on case management. The team also continued with door-to-door awareness raising on proper hygiene practices and information on the prevention of COVID-19 were distributed within the settlements.

In Katsina, 46 community volunteers have been trained on infection, prevention and control and will be offering support in community awareness-raising as well as contact tracing. SC Nigeria now have 3 passes from the State Government to ensure the continued delivery of life-saving interventions such as in Borno where teams continue to treat children with severe acute malnutrition in 28 sites, as well as at a stabilisation centre, provide food assistance to over 30,000 households, as well as case management and mental health and psychosocial support services.

**Sierra Leone**

In Sierra Leone, SC is strongly engaged in coordination mechanisms at the national level and in areas of operation such as Pujehun, Kailahun and Freetown and are playing an active role in the communications pillar, in particular in the development and dissemination of national prevention messages. In Pujehun and Kailahun, SC are supporting the districts with hygiene supplies such as veronica buckets, soap and hand sanitiser and will continue to distribute these in the coming weeks. SC are also supporting communications via radio and community outreach and monitoring in the areas that border the country with Liberia and Guinea. In Pujehun, SC are working with the government to train community health workers, as well as in Freetown, where SC are also training community volunteers, youth champions and partner social workers on COVID-19 prevention and information related to Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention, response, reporting and referrals.
Senegal
SC Senegal have been involved in supporting the Ministry of Family, Children and Vulnerable groups to prepare the national plan for COVID-19. The government will draw on SC’s existing projects in Dakar and Casamance where children living on the streets are given temporary shelter in emergency centres, to inform part of the Ministry of Family’s COVID-19 response plan. SC Senegal is supporting 4 districts with the Kaffrine region with PPE and COVID-19 protection kits and over 3,700 households will receive cash transfers to support child nutrition outcomes. As well as contributions to the government response around children’s education, daily contact with the Ministry of Education is being maintained during COVID-19 to support project schools and ensure the momentum made in improving the teaching of reading and literacy will not be lost while the school year is on hold.

REGIONAL RESPONSE OVERVIEW – LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

Haiti
In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and UN agencies, as co-leads of the Education Cluster SC Haiti is contributing to the national education response plan. The education programme in the south and Artibonite have had to be readjusted due to school closures. SC Haiti are active participants in 2 working groups related to communication, community engagement and epidemiological surveillance. COVID-19 fact sheets are being disseminated in both French and creole to share up-to-date information with communities and social networks are being used to disseminate key messages about the outbreak, handwashing and other hygiene practices, child protection, psychosocial support, and advice for parents and caretakers.

Mexico
SC Mexico is working to ensure homes are safe places for children during school closures, which includes identifying the needs of families and developing actions to strengthen family ties such as through the participation and protection of children through art and play. 15 self-care activities are being developed for children up to 12 years of age and tools are being developed to promote personal care for caregivers such as a manual and infographics. SC Mexico is also focusing on delivering basic health equipment to health centres, clinics and hospitals in remote areas which do not have access to hospital supplies as well as delivering hygiene kits to populations in vulnerable areas such as shelters, camps and communities with lack of access to safe drinking water. Cleaning supplies will be provided to the most vulnerable schools to ensure that schools are a safe place for children to return to. Cash transfers will also be provided to families and early childhood development centres, as well as food deliveries to reach 80,000 families. The CFS inside shelters have suspended operations in line with government regulations but the case management team continues to provide support via telephone to high-risk families and field teams are conducting online lessons.

Eréndira**, 8, came from Honduras with her mother and two sisters. Along the way, they joined their aunts and cousins in Mexico where they have been in the shelter for three months seeking political asylum in the United States. With a “What is Coronavirus?” workshop, Save the Children staff demonstrated hand washing and delivered hygiene kits in shelters for migrant children in Tijuana, Baja California (northern Mexico). We are currently present in 18 shelters with 23 Friendly Spaces for migrant children in Tijuana and Tapacula.

Bolivia
SC Bolivia as part of the Country Humanitarian Team is coordinating with Ministry of Health the support required to cover gaps to respond to emergency, including PPE and IPC materials, complementary equipment and strengthening of health staff to monitor positive Covid-19 cases. Activities are being adjusted to reach the most vulnerable while also adhering to COVID-19 restrictions including across their adolescent sexual and reproductive health projects and community health and nutrition programmes. Hygiene kits are also being distributed to existing project beneficiaries and SC Bolivia are playing a key role in the coordination of water, sanitation and hygiene activities as a member of the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies in Bolivia (CAHB).

At the request of the Bolivian government, together with a local donation from the World Food Programme, SC Bolivia are providing food rations and cooking kits at the isolation camp in Pisiga, on the border between Bolivia and Chile, to 472 Bolivians to cover 10-14 days at the camp.
SC Bolivia is working to identify key messages to prevent violence against children, especially girls, in coordination with the national ministry for Equal Opportunities and Citizen Security. Social media is being used to share key messages on COVID-19 information and prevention measures alongside partners and one of our education partners has developed a radio message in Quechua native language to on mitigation measures and recommendations to avoid infection. Together with UNICEF as part of the Education Cluster, SC are co-leading on identifying priorities for the education sector, such as distance learning.

**Dominican Republic**

SC Dominican Republic are monitoring the health needs amongst communities and families on a daily basis and are supporting them in accessing the health system as necessary. Support for health personal, a triage area and PPE has been identified in 3 state hospitals and we are providing hygiene and disinfection supplies to 3 state hospitals.

Basic food items have been distributed for over 4,000 families, with priority given to families headed by teenage girls and women, families with pregnant and breastfeeding women, households with children under the age of 5 and households with people with disabilities. In areas where water supply is lacking, drinking water has been provided to communities as well as to some hospitals.

A 24-hour telephone system has been set up, in coordination with the national protection system, to help protect children from cases of violence. It includes registration, monitoring, referral and follow-up services and online and printed materials have been developed with key messages on protection and available support.

**Peru**

Across Lima, Piura, Arequipa, La Libertad and Lambayeque, SC are planning cash transfers which aim to reach nearly 9,000 households in the coming weeks. WhatsApp and Facebook are being actively used to provide information, raise awareness and keep in touch with beneficiaries. The main advocacy priorities are to address the increase in violence against children and women as a consequence of lockdown measures, advocate for children and adolescent rights and ensure child participation in governmental decision-making processes.

SC Peru is part of the Protection, Education, Food security, Logistics and Early recovery clusters and is contributing to plans, reports and meetings across these groups.

**Venezuela**

SC Venezuela are adapting the WHO guidelines and are in close coordination with Venezuelan partners and authorities to ensure support for the COVID-19 pandemic. Implementation of food security and livelihoods activities continues and SC Venezuela are preparing the health response to ensure staff can return to work the moment the lockdown ends.

**Nicaragua**

SC Nicaragua are working with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and other NGOs to coordinate activities as part of the national response, including training of health works and community health promoters on protection procedures and hygiene practices. Hygiene kits, including soap and hand sanitiser are also being distributed via the community training and integrated case management services are being provided.

Together with Minsa and the Ministry of Education, SC Nicaragua are working to ensure 152 schools are being provided with age-appropriate and gender-sensitive COVID-19 prevention information. Messages are also being disseminated via radio, social media and on posters and banners. A food insecurity analysis is being carried out and SC Nicaragua will work with the Ministry of Health to determine vulnerable families who will require food vouchers and handwashing kits and are considering remote monitoring of this program via cellular networks at food voucher distribution points.