



COVID-19

COLOMBIA RESPONSE



Save the Children

Date: 10/Jul/2020

CONTEXT

Consolidation of care from the start of the COVID 19 Contingency Plan

Start date of operations March 9, 2020

100,317 people reached

Save the Children Colombia continues its operations in the regions of Arauca, La Guajira, Valle del Cauca, Santander, Norte de Santander, Nariño and Bogotá, the country's capital. The Health, WASH, EiE, and Protection programs have adapted their operations with bio-security protocols and by providing PPE (personal protection elements) to staff throughout the country. There have been a few incidences of social unrest in several towns and cities due to the lack of income during quarantine. The national government has extended quarantine until August 1, however local governments have the possibility to extend special measures. Most local governments have done so until further notice. All business has to develop COVID-19 protocols and those have to be approved by government entities to be able to reopen offices and public spaces. Colombia is expected to reach its infection peak by mid- august. Bogotá is on red alert, with 80% of ICUs occupied. Over 80.000 Venezuelan have return to their country due to the pandemic (4,5% of total Venezuelan in Colombia).

OUR RESPONSE



Girls

30,218



Boys

28,690



Women

24,117



Men

17,292

Staff



- The main Office at Bogotá received the local authority permit for office re-opening from July 13.
- Weekly monitoring of field offices needs and updates through the COVID-19 Task Force, including staff movements.
- The “*Care for the care givers*” program keep going on in Jun it gave over 100 hours of one-to-one support.

Wash



- **29.812** beneficiaries received hygiene promotion information and COVID-19 prevention.
- **16.016 boys and girls** have received COVID-19 prevention key messages through printed material and broadcasting.

Health



- **3.034** patients attended in our EHU sexual and reproductive health and mental health activities.
- Prevention messages were shared with communities we work with to ensure limiting COVID-19 spread.
- Mental health and psychosocial support messages were delivered to communities through phone calls, radio messages, printed and digital material.
- Permanent monitoring of EHU staff is ensured.

CASH and livelihoods



- In Arauca, Bogotá, Guajira and Valle del Cauca, **15.882 families** have benefited from multipurpose cash transfers and guidance on effective spending.
- In Arauca, Bogotá, Guajira and Valle del Cauca we have provided **8.632 phone-based counseling** to promote breastfeeding and/or complementary feeding with pregnant women and lactating women. this strategy includes IYCF counseling and COVID-19 hygiene practices at home.

Education



- **11.237 girls, boys** and parents and / or caregivers have received EiE materials. We continue our Temporary Learning Spaces strategy through phone calls and ‘WhatsApp’ messages to children families attending TLCs.
- In Cali learning material is been delivered to the caregivers of the boys and girls participating in the Return to Learning project.
- In Nariño and Arauca, educational kits (numeracy and literacy Boost) were distributed so children could continue their education at home during the quarantine.
- Until July 17, Colombian and Venezuelan children and adolescents (based in Colombia) will be able to participate in the #SaveOurEducation comic contest: ¿What is education for them? A global campaign that we are participating.

Protection



- **24.668** actions in protection for children were done, parents and caregivers have received attention in protection and case management.
- Referrals to guarantee and protect the rights of children and adolescents were made to different organizations such as ICBF, Family Commissioner, Hospital and Ombudsman's Office.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Advocacy, CRG and Communications

- Children from the development and humanitarian response are making a regional digital forum to discuss the *Human Rights and Children in Latin America* report.
- The Country Office is participating in the Save Our Education Lunch Event. Colombia Minister of Education, Maria Victoria Angulo, will be attending the webinar accompanied by one girl from Save the Children "Catatumbo ama la educación" Project. The event is an opportunity to hear from global education leaders about the impact that COVID-19 has had on children's learning and wellbeing, to share positive global policy and funding practices, and to discuss what must be urgently done to ensure the right to education is fulfilled during and after the pandemic.
- We continue to strengthen our articulated response with other entities such as local governments and other NGOs to develop a joint humanitarian response.

FINANCING

	Total	Awards	GIK
Secured Funding	1.495.760	1.495.760	0
Likely Funding	448.035	448.035	0
Possible Funding	200.000	200.000	0
Total	2.143.795	2.143.795	0

Response Funding Target	3.800.000
Secured + Likely Funding	1.943.795
Funding Gap	1.856.205

51%

10	Active Awards
2	Current Proposals
0	PALs Issued