The COVID-19 pandemic, an unprecedented global health emergency, is disrupting the lives of children and young people everywhere. Quarantine measures imposed as a response to pandemic are already putting children at heightened risk of violence at home and cutting them off from education, essential protection services and social networks.

Plan International, as a humanitarian and development organization that promotes children’s rights and girls equality, is responding to the emergency in 13 countries of the region at this time.

**The 13 countries where we have intervention:**

- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Ecuador
- Peru
- Bolivia
- Paraguay
- Brazil
- Haiti
- Dominican Republic
- Venezuela
- Colombia
- Panama (Regional Office)

**SITUATION OVERVIEW***

- **229,695** Confirmed cases
- **12,179** Confirmed deaths

- 12 countries have total/partial quarantines and/or lockdowns
- Nicaragua is the only county where there are not lockdown restrictions

**Beneficiary Information**

- **Target Beneficiaries**: 3,470,062 people
- **Beneficiaries reached to date**: 1,010,902 people

*Only includes the countries where Plan International in the region has a presence; excluding USA and Canada.*
Response Highlights

Key response sectors

- Health & SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Rights)
- CPIE & GBV (Child Protection in Emergency and Gender-Based Violence)
- Food Security
- YEE (Youth Entrepreneurship and Employability)
- WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)
- ERL (Early Recovery Livelihood)
- Community Engagement

Beneficiaries

Target beneficiaries:

- 3,470,062 PEOPLE
  - 1,074,431 GIRLS
  - 940,941 BOYS
  - 842,743 WOMEN
  - 611,947 MEN

Beneficiaries reached to date:

- 1,010,902 PEOPLE
  - 246,380 GIRLS
  - 172,000 BOYS
  - 381,210 WOMEN
  - 209,378 MEN

Percentage reached: 29%

May 7, 2020

1,000 families in Playas, Coast region, were benefited through food kits delivered by Plan International Ecuador.

"What concerns me the most is that I might lose the school year. I miss going to school and sharing with my classmates. This is my last school year and I don’t want to lose it", Diana (17), Paraguay.

"We don’t have online classes, the teachers just send us schoolwork, but I have a lot of difficulty in some subjects and can’t keep up. I don’t feel prepared and I am thinking about dropping out of school this year, because I will not be able to spend the whole year in school", Deborah (17), Brazil.
Alarming data in Latin America during quarantine.
The Impact Of COVID-19 On Children, Adolescents & Youth

According to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, a total of 111,940,008 students were affected by school closures due to COVID-19 throughout Latin America. The situation of quarantine will also lead to a significant increase in cybercrimes, such as online sexual harassment, live transmission of child sexual abuse and the production and distribution of child sexual abuse material.

Brazil
Each hour one girl, minor than 18 years, becomes a victim of sexual violence. Every 4 hours this happens to girls up to 13 years old. There is a total estimated number of 500,000 cases per year, and only on average 10% is reported.

Colombia
A woman is a victim of sexual violence every 23 minutes. Of these figures, a high percentage are children and adolescents. Since the beginning of the quarantine, 2.338 cases of sexual violence have been registered in girls under 14 years old, this means that 51 girls suffer sexual violence daily and two every hour.

Dominican Republic
During the first 25 days of the quarantine, the violence service of the Ministry of Women's Affairs, Línea Mujer, received 619 calls. The average number of calls per day was 20 for each day of quarantine (between 19 March and 12 April).

Ecuador
More than 7,954 complaints of gender violence have been reported, which is equivalent to 176 claims per day where every hour, 8 people are suffering some violence since the quarantine began.

Guatemala
During the quarantine, 347 medical examinations have been carried out for sexual offenses in children aged 0 to 14.

Peru
During the quarantine has reported 1,035 cases of violence against women attended through phone calls; this means 23 daily cases of violence against women.

Honduras
During the pandemic, every 23 hours a woman is murdered, and 23,181 reports of domestic and intrafamily violence are recorded in the first quarter of 2020. This represents 254 cases per day, or in other words, 1 report every 6 minutes.

Paraguay
According to the latest data from the Public Prosecutor's Office, 182 cases of complaints of sexual abuse of children and adolescents were received. This means that 6 children or adolescents were assaulted daily during this period of quarantine.

El Salvador
During the quarantine, 75% of children and women are subjected to violence in their homes. This 75 percent represents a total of 1,373,313 households, which is equivalent to 30 houses per day living in a situation of violence. About 1,271 cases of violence every 24 hours and 21 per minute.

“There is something that really worries me, it’s the violence against women and girls”

Miriam, 18
Guatemala
**Main Actions to Date - May 7, 2020**

**Bolivia**
- Dissemination of protection and gender information through radio and social media.
- Support to the Vice Ministry of Equal Opportunities through a rapid need assessment within protection systems in 100 municipalities.

**Dominican Republic**
- Donation of disinfection supplies and oil for the Provincial Commite of Prevention, Mitigation and Response in Azua.
- Educational content is being prepared to deliver along with kits.

**Brazil**
- Delivery of good baskets and hygiene kits in communities.
- Campaign to prevent violence during the lockdown in partnership with 27 other organizations.

**Colombia**
- In 3 municipalities, children and young people were virtually consulted about what local and national governments are doing to support them.
- Plan International is closely working with family commissaries in Buenos Aires and Suárez to identify the specific need to support and prevent violence against children and women.
- Visual content targeted to children aged between 9-12 about handwashing.

**Guatemala**
- A rapid need assessment took place featuring more than 2,990 surveys in 16 municipalities.
- 36,912 kits were acquired to be delivered in communities. These kits include masks, liquid soap, chlorine and hand towels.

**Haiti**
- Installation of 5 handwashing stations in Ouanaminthe, Fort-Liberte and Limbe.
- Training of 182 community agents for awareness-raising in 9 municipalities in the North East and five municipalities in the North. Leaflets, mufflers and megaphones were provided to the agents.

**Ecuador**
- 33,125 people received food and hygiene kits in Bolivar, Cotopaxi, Los Rios, Chimborazo, Guayas, Manabi and Santa Elena. Part of these kits was delivered, in Bolivar and Cotopaxi, in partnership with CARE and Child Fund through a one million dollar fund created by the private sector (www.portodos.ec)
- Support to the Ministry of Education through training for parents on teenage pregnancy prevention.
- Strengthening of the education system by creating educational material in partnership with UNICEF.

"It’s not just with the basic basket that Plan International has helped us. It has already brought water, health, education, it has held many seminars in our community”
Concita - community leader - Brazil

Plan International began distributing of good baskets and hygiene kits in vulnerable communities in Maranhão and Piauí - Brazil
MAIN ACTIONS TO DATE - May 7, 2020

**Honduras**
- 400 food kits, provided by Walmart, in Santa Bárbara and Intibucá.
- Prevention and child protection campaign #YoMeQuedoEnCasa in media.
- Delivery of biosafety items to the Direction of Children, Adolescents and Family.

**Peru**
- 5000 items of Personal Protective Equipment were donated.
- Support to the Ministry of Vulnerable Populations through 600 hygiene kits for adolescents living in women’s shelters and thousands of educational materials.
- Around 90 Migrants and Refugees at a temporary shelter in Lima were provided with hygiene kits for babies, women and children.

**Venezuela**
- Launching of educational material for children with protection and co-responsibility approach.
- 100 protection kits were delivered in Caracas for health workers.
- Food was delivered to girls, boys and adolescents and their families in shelters.

**Paraguay**
- Support to the national campaign Todos por Paraguay, a television marathon that raised 500,000 dollars and will be used to buy biosecurity equipment.
- Messages on protection, prevention and non-discrimination in cases of COVID-19, an intervention route for reporting situations of violence and daily dissemination of emergency numbers to communities.

**Nicaragua**
- Preparing to deliver hygiene kits to 22,737 families and educational material.
- Research in partnership with other NGOs to learn more people’s needs in order to have a better approach.
- A campaign for gender-based violence prevention will be released through social media.

**El Salvador**
- Delivery of cash transfer for families to provide food.
- A need assessment has taken place in 263 communities.

Girls keep in touch to promote equality in their homes through new technologies in El Salvador.
## Funding Overview

The following chart shows the budget required based on each country's response plan for the next six months:

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**Total funds confirmed:**

€ **9.919.072**

**Total GAP:**

€ **16.683.263**

**Total Target:**

€ **26.593.335**

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