**HOW IS COVID-19 IMPACTING GIRLS IN THE REGION?**

- **Gender-based violence** against girls and women continue to be the common denominator in all countries.

- Several countries indicated there has been an **increase of 20% of sexual violence against girls and women** in comparison to last year’s period (May 2019) and in some countries national statistics report an **increase of at least 25% of reported teen pregnancies** against the same period in 2019.

- An **increase in domestic violence** is also been reported due to the quarantine and 7/10 cases are linked to economic problems.

- **Lack of virtual connection** continues to be a mayor barrier for girls to access education and is increasingly closing spaces of self-organization and coordination with other girls and peers.

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

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

**SITUATION OVERVIEW**

- **496,065**
  Confirmed cases

- **27,095**
  Confirmed deaths

**Beneficiary Information**

- **Target Beneficiaries**
  3,470,062 PEOPLE

- **Beneficiaries reached to date**
  2,000,354 PEOPLE

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

Target: 3,470,062 PEOPLE

Beneficiaries reached so far

2,000,354 PEOPLE

58% reached

Beneficiaries by sectors

1,133,159 PEOPLE
CPiE & GBV (Child Protection in Emergency and Gender-Based Violence)

88,042 PEOPLE
Community Engagement

28,784 PEOPLE
Food Security

105 PEOPLE
YEE (Youth Entrepreneurship and Employability)

312,697 PEOPLE
WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

491,397 PEOPLE
Health & SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Rights)

36,963 PEOPLE
EIE (Education in Emergency)

NOTE: Figures of reached beneficiaries correspond to the total number of people reached through the different activities. These consolidated figures do not correspond to the total of direct beneficiaries, since the overlapping analysis has not been carried out yet.
Gender-based violence and Voices of girl

Latin America already has the highest rates of gender-based violence in the world.

Colombia: reports of domestic violence during lockdown have increased by 175% compared to the same period last year. Honduras: during the pandemic, a woman is murdered every 23 hours, with 23,181 reports of domestic and intra-family violence recorded in the first quarter of 2020. This represents 254 cases per day; in other words, one report every 6

Ecuador

More than 7,954 complaints of gender violence have been reported, which is equivalent to 176 claims per day.

“It is sad and painful to hear that there is so much violence against girls and women... It is a more painful disease than this virus. In remote communities, they don’t pick up the mobile phone signals and don’t have phones or cell phones to seek help.”

Samya (21 years old)

Paraguay

Between March 11 and April 17, 214 cases of complaints of sexual abuse of children and adolescents were received. This means that 7 children or adolescents were assaulted every day during this period of quarantine.

“Right now, I feel uncertain because I cannot know all the consequences that will be left when this is over, nor what many girls are suffering in their homes, surrounded by abuse or violence.”

Lucia (17 years old)

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.

“There are many girls who are being physically and psychologically abused. And this information is not coming out, they only talk about COVID, but they don’t talk about the cases of violence”.

Betsabé (15 years old)

Dominican Republic

During the first 25 days of quarantine, the violence hotline of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs received 619 calls.

The average number of calls per day was 20 for each day of quarantine (between 19 March and 12 April).

“When this is over, I feel that my life will not be the same because there will still be a lot of fear of getting infected. I wish everything would go back to normal so that I could return to school, and my life would be as it was before. I see that many girls have to work at home more than boys.”

Coral
**MAIN ACTIONS TO DATE** - May 21, 2020

### Bolivia
- Plan International, in coordination with the Vice Ministry of Equal Opportunities, received information about the needs of municipal protection systems in 173 municipalities.
- Supported the Ministry of Health by developing a Tele Education and Consultation System on Maternal Health in the context of COVID-19 to be used at a national level. Plan International will apply this System in 12 municipalities.

### Brazil
- Launched Orientation Guide for Governments to incorporate gender and intersectionality focus.
- During the National Day Against Abuse and Sexual Exploitation, Plan International vastly mobilized social networks and reached many municipalities to highlight information on the increase of sexual violence during the pandemic.

### Colombia
- Delivered hygiene kits (including Menstrual Hygiene Management supplies) to migrant families in Bogota.
- Designed accompanying brochures featuring information on COVID-19 prevention and care.

### Ecuador
- Launched the #CartucheraVioleta (#VioletPencilCase) campaign to prevent Gender-Based Violence, to showcase violence as a problem and to give advice to girls and adolescents. This initiative includes a digital strategy and media interviews.
- Established a partnership with the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion (MIES) to deliver 1,000 food supply kits as part of the “Dar una mano sin dar la mano” (“Give a Hand, not a Handshake”) campaign. These kits will be delivered to families in extreme vulnerability.
- In partnership with WFP and local supermarkets, implemented the food assistance project to support migrants in three provinces with food vouchers.

### Dominican Republic
- Delivered conditioned vouchers directly.
- Provided educational and hygiene kits.
- Delivered protection supplies to local authorities, the Provincial Committee for Prevention, Mitigation and Response, the National Council for Childhood and Adolescence, Civil Defense and the Provincial Department of Health.

### Haiti
- Provided COVID-19 Risk Awareness in several localities in the departments of Nord and Nord Est, in partnership with UNICEF.
- Distributed food vouchers to 380 vulnerable families in Croix-des-Bouquets.
- Installed hand-washing stations in 15 municipalities in the departments of Nord and Nord Est, in partnership with UNICEF (ongoing).

### Guatemala
- Delivered hygiene kits to families as well as supplies to health staff in three departments where Plan International has projects. To date, more than 29,200 families have benefited.
- More than 1,064 volunteers applied biosecurity measures, in compliance with Plan International Guatemala’s field operations the safety regulations, while participating in the delivery of supplies at the community level, benefitting sponsored children and their families.
**MAIN ACTIONS TO DATE - May 21, 2020**

### Honduras
- Provided institutional kits, designed for preventing COVID-19, to two medical centres in Caracas, guaranteeing the assistance to over 1,000 patients.
- Delivered food supplies and personal hygiene kits to 212 communities.
- Launched a campaign against Gender-Base Violence during quarantine through social media.

### Paraguay
- Distributed food supply kits to sponsored families and hygiene kits to girls and adolescents between 11-18 years of age.

### Nicaragua
- Currently developing a gender analysis in Loreto. Updated the Rapid Needs Assessment due to the critical situation.
- Launched the “Aprendiendo Unidos” (“Learning Together”) virtual platform to support e-learning as part of the ECW project.

### Peru
- Provided cash transfers for food security to more than 400 families.
- Donated 200 hygiene kits to the Women Penitentiary Center “Granja de Izalco”.
- Provided special relief and protection-related activities.

### El Salvador
- Delivered food supplies and personal hygiene kits to 212 communities.

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"I don't feel so good because I’m worried about the economic situation of my family and of my community“.
**Florencia (13 years old)** - **Paraguay**

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"Distributed food supply kits to sponsored families and hygiene kits.
- **Paraguay**

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"Delivered 2,949 hygiene kits and educational materials to support 11,374 people.
- **Honduras**

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"550 volunteers from communities are supporting the delivery of Plan International materials.
- **Honduras**
The following chart shows the budget required based on each country's response plan:

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48% Confirmed

FUNDING OVERVIEW

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