

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

International Disaster Response Update - June 2020



1.2 million people in
17 countries reached
with:

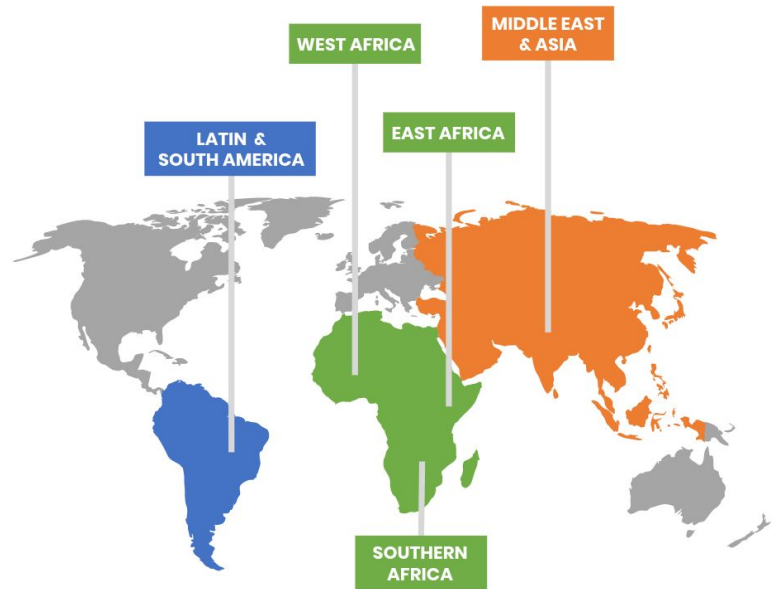
- 85,772 bars of soap
- 52,206 kg food
- 23,375 masks

...and much more!

World Renew's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is based on three pillars:

1. **Prevention:** New humanitarian responses are beginning in countries with a specific focus of preventing the spread of this pandemic, and existing projects are *pivoting* their approaches to ensure that adequate measures are taken to reduce the burden experienced by some of the most vulnerable communities. This includes distributing informational leaflets, delivering community announcements about virus prevention, and running awareness campaigns in partnership with local radio stations, reaching hundreds of thousands of people.
2. **Protection:** Actions are being taken to ensure that all new and existing projects minimize the risk faced by communities where World Renew is responding. This includes equipping local staff, healthcare workers, and community members with masks and hygiene kits, including soap and hand sanitizer, to protect against the spread of COVID-19.
3. **Provision:** Even before this pandemic, World Renew was responding to the needs of families impacted by devastating natural disasters, conflict, drought, and climate change. This pandemic is adding an extra burden to already difficult circumstances, and humanitarian responses must continue. Local partners are leading the way in these efforts by ensuring that life-saving assistance, like food distributions to families in refugee camps, can continue.

Overview of COVID-19 Responses



Stories of Hope

Life is challenging and overwhelming for Najwa and her family and now COVID-19 has made even the most difficult situations seem impossible.

Najwa lives in a one-room tent in a refugee camp in Lebanon with her husband, their three children, her brother-in-law, his wife, and their three toddlers. Their life in Syria before the war was a happy one, but once ISIS took control, they fled and have been in Lebanon for the last four years.

“There is no work. We do not have enough to afford food to feed our family,” Najwa shared.



But there is hope. World Renew in partnership with MERATH has enabled local churches to deliver hygiene kits along with regular food distributions to vulnerable displaced families living in Syria and Lebanon.

“The local church has been so helpful, giving us food, toilet paper, soap and other supplies,” continued Najwa. Thank you for giving Najwa, her family, and thousands of other displaced Syrian families a moment of hope as they face this new crisis of COVID-19.