



Plan International's  
**COVID-19**  
Global Response

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for your **life-saving** support!

## Plan's Global COVID-19 Response

At a time that is difficult for so many of us, you didn't forget about the most vulnerable communities who need you most. Thanks to your generosity, Plan International USA has already raised over \$400,000 for COVID-19 response efforts.

Globally, over 25 million people have benefited from Plan International's COVID response. Here are some of the ways that Plan is helping to keep vulnerable girls and communities safe and healthy.



### Kenya

Over 40 hand-washing stations were set up in informal settlements and refugee camps in Kenya.

### Philippines

More than 2,000 sponsored children in the Philippines received hygiene kits, and protective equipment was distributed.

### Nicaragua

Over 11,000 families received hygiene kits. Community leaders shared COVID-19 preventative measures.

### Indonesia

More than 1,000 people in Indonesia received hygiene kits, including soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste, as well as information on how to thoroughly wash hands. Over 8,000 sponsored children were given prevention-awareness posters and children also received a board game to learn about hygiene in a fun way.



"I want to thank Plan for helping us with food kits for my family and the entire community. This terrible situation that we are experiencing with this pandemic has affected us a lot."

— Tatiana, 11 | Ecuador

### Ecuador

In Ecuador, Plan has delivered food and hygiene kits to over 33,000 people, launched an entrepreneurial women's project to manufacture 30,000 face masks and strengthened community-based protection mechanisms for the prevention of violence against girls who are suffering increasing levels of domestic abuse.



### Burkina Faso

Approximately 50,000 sponsored children have been reached through Plan's COVID emergency response in Burkina Faso.

"Now families know how it is transmitted and how to protect themselves. As my father is a tailor, we asked him to sew masks for the whole family. I know that we have to protect ourselves from this disease."

— Kaligueta, 15 | Burkina Faso





GUATEMALA

### Guatemala

Partnering with the Ministry of Education in Guatemala, Plan has created distance learning programs, through radio and television, to help children continue learning remotely, and has launched broadcasts communication campaigns through radio, social media, WhatsApp and TV, focusing on child protection, domestic violence prevention and health precautions, reaching over 408,000 people.

*“This situation will not be the reason why I will stop fighting for my dreams,”*

says Miriam, 18-years-old, who was set to graduate from secondary school in October. “On the contrary, it will make me stronger to fight for a good future.”



INDONESIA

### Jordan

In Jordan, young women are collaborating with Plan to protect the most vulnerable groups in the refugee camps where they live. Taking on leadership roles as part of their Youth Committees, they are helping to facilitate online life skills sessions that highlight issues such as girls’ rights, mental health, wellbeing, education and safe spaces.



*“It gives me great joy, not only because I am educating people but also because I’d like to believe that I am bettering the lives of women and families around me.”*

— Rasha, 16 | Jordan



VIETNAM

## Sponsorship in the age of COVID: Distanced but not distant

“School is weird today,” 13-year-old Ly observes. Instead of children learning, there are eight adults, sitting far apart. Ly’s father, Thang, is head of the sponsorship team in their community, and she has accompanied him for a meeting.

The volunteers discuss COVID-19 prevention methods — wear a mask, wash your hands, avoid contact and large gatherings. They’ve begun using post boxes, attached to a fence or tree, so children can send and receive letters from their sponsors.

After the meeting, volunteers take small gifts to deliver to sponsored children. Ly, one of 18 sponsored children in the village, clutches hers tightly to her chest. She looks forward to returning to school for real, repeating wise words she learned from her teacher: “Stay distanced, but not distant.”



# COVID-19 pandemic means a loss of normalcy.



Baifeun, 14, studying at her home in Laos

“I am very scared about COVID-19,” said 14-year-old Baifeun in Laos, “I also miss my classmates and school. We were supposed to be preparing for our examinations now.”

For communities like Baifeun’s, the arrival of the virus is also pushing already tenuous circumstances to the brink. Plan is working to make sure they do not go over the edge.

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) shares that goal. In April, its CDP COVID-19 Response Fund donated \$250,000 to support Plan’s COVID-19 response in Egypt, Laos and the Philippines.

Their support will fund programs that strengthen sanitation and hygiene to target transmission of the virus from person to person, support local government relief efforts and provide the communities we serve with timely and correct information on the pandemic.

These programs have already taught girls like Baifeun how they can protect themselves. “I have learned that washing your hands with soap will help keep you safe,” she said. “And to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or

use your inner elbow when sneezing or coughing.” She has also passed along her knowledge of hygiene to her parents, insisting that they wear facemasks when they leave the house.

Thanks to your support, girls like Baifeun are empowered to fight against COVID-19 in their communities. This may not be a time of normalcy for them, but it has become a time for leadership.

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## Fighting COVID-19 and gender-based violence in Guinea

Because of you, Plan is collaborating with young leaders like Fanta to keep their communities safe from COVID-19 and the secondary threats the pandemic brings with it.




A member of Plan’s Guinea Girl Leaders Club, Fanta has been advocating for girls’ rights long before COVID-19 arrived. Already vulnerable, girls and young women are disproportionately affected in times of crisis, as harmful practices like child marriage, trafficking, abuse and gender-based violence increase drastically.

“No more than two weeks ago, we stopped an early marriage which was due to take place in 24 hours, after we were alerted by our watch teams,” Fanta says. “The aim of our activity is to share information about the danger of this virus and how it can be prevented. But at the same time we are highlighting the risk that girls are facing at home.”



Fanta (right) and fellow girls' club members are committed to fighting COVID-19 and gender-based violence.



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