



COVID-19

COLOMBIA RESPONSE



Save the Children

On 31 December 2019, the Wuhan Municipal Health and Sanitation Commission (Hubei Province, China) reported a cluster of 27 cases of pneumonia of unknown etiology with onset of symptoms on 8 December; the cases reported a history of common exposure to a seafood and live animal market in Wuhan City. On January 7, 2020, Chinese authorities identified a new type of virus in the Coronaviridae family as the causative agent of the outbreak. The virus was called the "new coronavirus", SARS-CoV-2. On March 11, given the characteristics of the virus, the WHO declared the outbreak a pandemic given the speed of its spread.

Save the Children Colombia, leader in the protection of the rights of Colombian and migrant children, has been present at the national level and since 2018 has responded to the Venezuelan migration crisis in four departments of the country, two of which are border departments, La Guajira and Arauca, as well as two urban centers that concentrate the largest number of migrants and returned Colombians (Bogotá D.C., the city of Cali and its suburban areas). Similarly, it has responded to situations of armed conflict in regions such as Norte de Santander and Nariño.

Given the SARS-CoV2 (also known as COVID-19 or Coronavirus), our activities have been adapted to respond to the pandemic, by supporting other key sectors to continue their activities, other agencies, and mainly local hospitals and health authorities, and local governments to complement and strengthen their responses, including SC field staff.

HOW ARE WE RESPONDING TO THE SARS-COV2 (CORONAVIRUS COVID-19)?



Girls

2,079



Boys

2,093



Women

2,091



Men

1,598

During week between march 16th – 21th, **7,861 people** were supported in the following activities



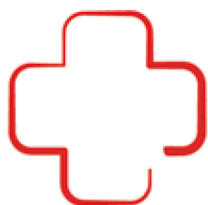
STAFF

- **90% of staff** working from home or with flexible schedules.
- There are group training programs ON LINE, which attend a total of **440 collaborators**, on prevention measures, care and mitigation of COVID-19.
- Delivery of facemasks and antibacterial gel for **211 members** of the field staff.
- Creation of the Task Force to monitor the emergency, as well as the well-being of the staff.



WASH

- Household handwashing kits distribution for **1,600 families**, with soaps and hand-washing tissues, and protection messaging to prevent the COVID-19 spread.
- **200,000 liters** of water distributed in the Department of La Guajira, by water truck to 7 informal human settlements.
- Promoting key handwashing messages in **10 informal settlements**.
- Installation of hand washing points in the municipalities of Maicao and Arauca.



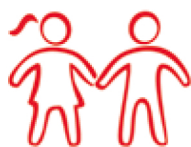
HEALTH

- Implementation of infection prevention and control measures (PCI) at Save the Children's Sexual and Reproductive Health Unit in Guajira, in accordance with WHO and Ministry of Health and Social Protection guidelines.
- **235 clinical and mental health attention**, including hand washing procedures and preventive isolation spaces.
- Installation of 2 **hand washing points** in Unit.
- Delivery of key messages on **VBG prevention** in the isolation area and in the waiting room of the Unit. Due to the high risk of increased violence due to isolation as a measure for containing COVID-19.
- Participation in the national cluster of COVID-19.



CASH

- In Arauca, Bogotá, Guajira and Valle del Cauca, **785 highly vulnerable households** were beneficiaries of multipurpose cash transfers.
- **158 personalized phone calls** to CASH beneficiaries, who provide care in breastfeeding and handwashing counseling.
- Adaptation of the cash transfer procedures, in groups of maximum 10 people, as well as the selection, verification and post-monitoring processes carried out by **virtual channels** to avoid the propagation of COVID-19.



Education and Protection

- Socialization and delivery of explanatory material on COVID-19 to **100** Venezuelan and Colombian migrant youth leaders.
- Home-to-home sessions in informal settlements recalling the importance of **studying at home**.
- Design and adaptation of **pedagogical material** in: use of free time, mental health, children's rights, study from home.
- Follow-up and support to **149 child** protection cases via telephone.



To benefit **65,000** people with our COVID-19 response programs in Arauca, Bogotá, Guajira, Norte de Santander and Valle, we require **USD 3,500,000**