

COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE FUND

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Call to Action

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting communities everywhere and can only be tackled through cooperation and coordination at all levels. The new frontier of the global pandemic is low-resource countries and humanitarian settings, home to some of the world's most vulnerable people. Global cooperation is essential, and the World Health Organization (WHO) is on the frontline of this effort.

In March 2020, the United Nations Foundation, at the request of WHO and in partnership with the Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, established the [COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund](#). The Fund allows companies, philanthropies, and individuals to contribute to the essential work of WHO and its partners – including UNICEF and the Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) – to help countries to prevent, detect and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The response has been impressive, with hundreds of companies and philanthropic foundations and more than 276,000 individuals contributing more than \$200 million in the first six weeks.

Donations to the Fund are supporting WHO's [Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#), which is guiding global efforts to:

- Track and understand the spread of the virus;
- Ensure patients get the care they need and frontline workers get essential supplies and information;
- Accelerate research and development of a vaccine and treatments for all who need them.

The Fund launched with major commitments from some of the [world's largest companies](#). We urge you to consider supporting it also. There are two immediate ways businesses can take action:

- Contribute to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund, accessible at covid19responsefund.org. You can also contact our team directly about donations at covid19fund@unfoundation.org.
- Share this important giving opportunity with your networks, including employees or partners who may be eager to help. Many companies are offering employee giving and/or customer donation programs. A toolkit with simple language, digital and social collateral, and FAQs can be found [here](#).

The Fund can accept online donations, wire transfers, and checks from around the world and donations are tax-deductible in the US. If you are based in [Japan](#), [the UK](#), [Canada](#) or [Europe](#) you may choose to give to our partners based there. Whichever mechanism works best for you, at least 95% of your donation will go directly to WHO and its partners.

Your support is greatly appreciated in this global effort to equip countries to respond to COVID-19. Please contact covid19fund@unfoundation.org with any questions.

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Examples of Early Impact of WHO's Response

The COVID-19 pandemic presents the world with an unprecedented challenge. To prevail, we need an approach that unites in common cause every individual and community, every business and non-profit, every department of every government and every international and regional organization, to harness their collective capacity into collective action.

The COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund supports WHO's work across all countries to track and understand the spread of the virus, to ensure patients get the care they need and frontline workers get essential supplies and information, and to accelerate research and development of a vaccines and treatments for all who need them.

Here are some early examples of what has been achieved:

Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan aims to:

1. Coordinate across regions to assess, respond and mitigate risks
2. Improve country preparedness and response
3. Accelerate research and development

Data as of 1 May 2020 WHO has:



Bought and shipped PPE to 135 countries

- 4 200 000 surgical masks (145 million in pipeline)
- 166 950 N95 masks (50 million in pipeline)
- 2 900 000 gloves (26 million in pipeline)
- 265 459 gowns (4 million in pipeline)
- 40 167 goggles (3 million in pipeline)
- 170 586 face shields (10 million in pipeline)

To address market shortages, WHO has established

- PPE Consortium
- Diagnostics Consortium
- Clinical Care Consortium



Provided information to public

- 90+ technical guidance documents
- Public advice, including:
 - Steps to protect yourself and myth-busters
 - Guidance for schools and workplace
 - Guidance for healthworkers and parents
 - Guidance on mass-gatherings and safe Ramadan practices

Through a WHO, ITU and UNICEF partnership, and partnerships with social media companies (WhatsApp, Rakuten Viber, Google, Facebook and others), we combat misinformation, and billions of people are being reached with and have access to health messages based on latest evidence.



Strengthened the laboratory capacity

Supplied 1.5 million diagnostic kits to 129 countries.

Additional shipments to 10 countries planned: Kenya, Senegal, Botswana, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Malawi, Nigeria, Seychelles and Tanzania.

An order for an additional 30 million tests has been placed.



Built capacity to respond

Developed multilingual online courses with over 65 learning resources for #COVID19 in 21 languages on OpenWHO platform. More than 2.4 million enrolments (<http://openwho.org/courses>).

New COVID-19 Partners Platform available, with 106 national plans and 322 donor contributions uploaded to <https://covid-19-response.org>

Over 100 Emergency Medical Teams worldwide are working in coordinated response operations.



Solidarity Trials

Over 100 countries are working to find effective vaccines and treatments:

- 2500+ patients
- 144 on-going studies
- 8 candidate vaccines in clinical evaluation and 102 in preclinical evaluation

You can now contribute by donating directly
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/donate

