

CORONAVIRUS HEALTH CRISIS, CHINA

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Overview of disaster/crisis

China is in a race to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) which has infected tens of thousands of people. As of 16 February 2020, there were 51,174 confirmed cases and 1,666 deaths throughout the country.

The pandemic is spreading at a rapid pace and World Vision is especially concerned about coronavirus – which can cause severe respiratory symptoms and death – spreading to children living in poorer communities that lack hospitals, medical staff, have weak health systems and the means to effectively monitor transmission and treat those who fall ill.

Highlights of World Vision's disaster response

50,000 masks distributed in five counties in four provinces where World Vision China's Area Programmes are operated, namely Luanping, Baihe, Duchang, Shicheng and Honghe.



Zhang Jiaming (left), Vice President of Baihe County Charity Association, receiving surgical masks donated by World Vision China.



World Vision staff (right) distributed the surgical masks to primary schools. A school's principal (left) received the medical supplies.



On February 11, World Vision China donated 2,436 masks to the Honghe County Public Security Bureau for prevention and control of COVID-19.



On 6th February 2020, local health worker from township health centre in Honghe County used the masks donated by World Vision to teach community children to wear masks and the right steps of hand washing.



With the instruction by local health worker, community children have got the right ways of wearing masks and the right steps to washing hands. The children wearing the masks donated by World Vision.



Jiayin Town Health Center in Honghe County received over 3,000 surgical masks donated by World Vision China.



Moving forward

World Vision aims to help 390,000 people with a range of emergency health interventions in Hubei Province (the epicentre), Hunan Province and 8 other provinces where World Vision has programmes. This includes:

- Distributing Family Personal Protection Equipment Packs and disseminating health messages to communities in 8 Provinces;
- Distributing emergency supplies of PPE to local health workers in 7 Provinces and in Hubei and Hunan provinces;
- Distributing PPE and disseminating health messages to children's centres and social welfare homes;
- Launching water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) education and behavioural change communications activities and materials in 26 area programmes where World Vision works.

To make a difference to more children struck by or are vulnerable to disasters and crises, please support The Survival Fund (TSF) by World Vision Singapore, a way to allow us to stand in the gap while both bracing at-risk communities and providing relief to those recovering from disasters. All the money received by TSF during this period is tracked and will be channelled towards the above coronavirus health crisis response in China. To learn more about The Survival Fund, visit www.worldvision.org.sg/disaster.