



SITUATION REPORT 5

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



MAY 17, 2020



WORLDWIDE

SITUATION

As of May 17, over 4.5 million people have been infected and over 307,000 people have lost their lives due to the rapid spread of COVID-19. The pandemic is affecting all aspects of life for people across the globe.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray

Please pray for the people who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic around the world. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give

Contribute to Lutheran Disaster Response (give where needed most).

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*See previous reports for ongoing responses

RESPONSE*

Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting partners around the world during this time. Since January 2020, LDR-International has contributed over \$1.1 million in 26 countries in response to the pandemic.

- In Hungary, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary is providing COVID-19 antibody test kits to test parishioners and staff. Staff and residents of church-run facilities and schools will be tested as needed.
- In India, Padhar Hospital will be able to better treat their COVID-19 patients through the purchase of a ventilator and multiparameter monitors.
- In Liberia, the Lutheran Church of Liberia is collaborating with the Christian Health Association of Liberia to provide medical supplies for hospitals and health centers throughout the country. In addition, they will provide counseling and distribute food to those affected by the pandemic.
- In Mexico, LDR is contributing to Grupo de Trabajo Mexico to support Casa del Migrante de Saltillo in providing food kits for migrants. Additionally, informational brochures will be delivered to these families and a sanitation tunnel will be installed at the migrant house.
- In Malawi, the Evangelical Lutheran Development Services and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi are conducting awareness campaigns and training Community Health Change Agents. Additionally, local artisans will be trained in making masks, sanitation supplies, and handwashing stations.
- LDR is contributing to the Church World Service's "Emergency Appeal: Coronavirus Response Fund". This will support CWS global relief and development activities, including distributing food and hygiene kits and assisting education programs. Migrants and refugees are among the populations targeted with this campaign.



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