



# SITUATION REPORT

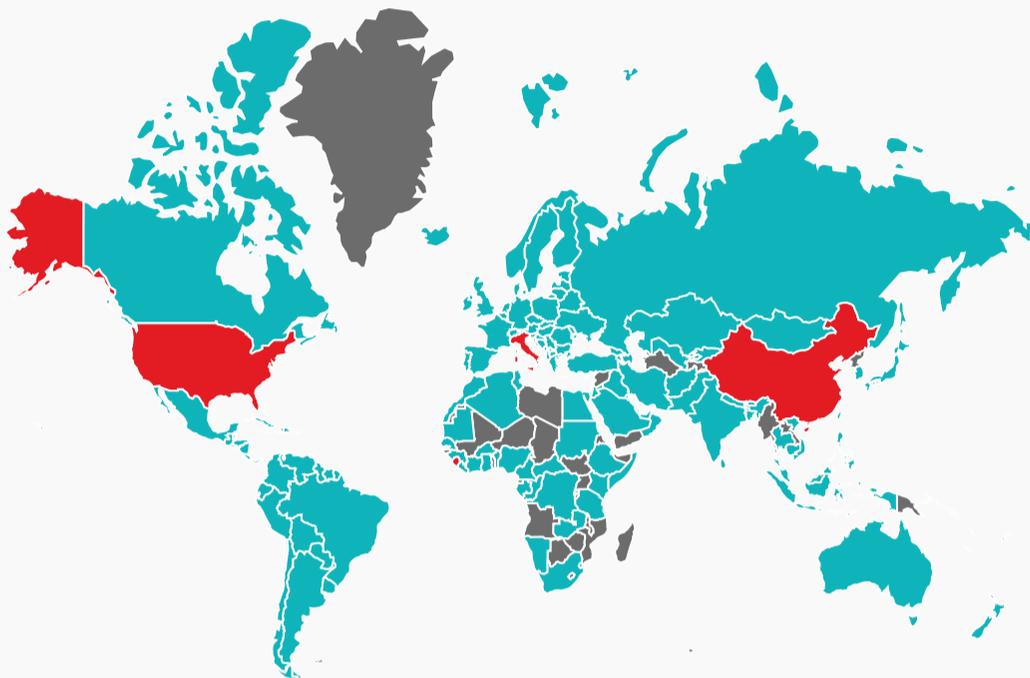
## COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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WORLDWIDE



### SITUATION

The COVID-19 outbreak has now been classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. As of March 20, over 246,000 people have been infected and over 10,000 people have lost their lives. This number continues to grow daily. Even as many nations are taking drastic measures to prevent escalation, the disease continues to spread.

### RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with partners around the world to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- In China, the American Baptist Church is procuring medical supplies, such as masks and protective overalls, which are being distributed through Amity Foundation, a local Christian organization.
- In Italy, personal protective equipment, including masks, surgical gowns, and respirators have been contributed to Ospedale Evangelico Betania, a local hospital in Naples.
- In Sierra Leone, the Lutheran church is working with the national government to develop preparedness plans in case of a local outbreak.
- In Palestine, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land is providing support to families whose livelihood has been impacted.
- In the United States, we are supporting our affiliates and synods by providing assistance to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, in California and other states.
- LDR is partnering with Lutheran World Federation to support frontline staff and prevent the spread of the virus as they continue to work in vulnerable communities.
- LDR is collaborating with ACT Alliance, a global coalition of Protestant and Orthodox churches and church-related organizations, on a global response.

### 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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