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THE WELTHUNGERHILFE COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

The coronavirus pandemic is affecting us all. However, its greatest impact is on those already suffering from poverty, hunger, wars, displacement, and the effects of climate change. In Welthungerhilfe's 37 partner countries, the fight against COVID-19 is a race against time. Every day counts. What is done now in the Global South or what cannot be done due to a lack of funds, is a matter of life and death. With the COVID-19 Relief Fund, Welthungerhilfe has created an innovative financial instrument that can help to combat the pandemic quickly and efficiently.

Why has Welthungerhilfe created a COVID-19 Relief Fund?

Floods, earthquakes, famines, epidemics. For decades we have been supporting people in war, crisis and disaster zones. International experience, knowledge gained in the fight against the Ebola epidemic in West Africa as well as close and trusting partnerships with local organisations stand us in good stead to provide fast and effective support, free of bureaucratic constraints. However, we require the financial means to do so. With the novel Corona virus affecting large parts of the world simultaneously, and many countries currently focusing on fighting the pandemic at home, COVID-19 relief is

facing major financial challenges. It is crucial that we provide support now.

This is why we have set up the **COVID-19 Relief Fund** with an initial endowment of 500,000 Euro. It will enable the seasoned experts in the Welthungerhilfe country offices to implement effective emergency measures immediately.

The following measures have the greatest impact:

- Creation, procurement and use of educational material such as posters, radio spots, public loudspeaker announcements, comics, and social media posts in local languages
- Hygiene training courses
- Improvement of water supply
- Installation of hand washing facilities and latrines as well as increased cleaning of existing facilities
- Distribution of soap and hygiene items such as disinfectants, protective masks and gloves
- Installation of quarantine facilities
- Care for people in quarantine and people who are already dependent on financial support or food aid due to the pandemic

How does the COVID-19 Relief Fund work?

The **COVID-19 Relief Fund** enables us to take action where relief is needed most. In doing so, we are drawing on successful experiences with the existing Welthungerhilfe emergency fund. The principle is simple: the fund collects resources before – not after – the emergency occurs. This overcomes a structural problem of emergency assistance. The greatest need for help is during and shortly after the emergency. With each day of inaction due to insufficient funds, our chances of saving people decrease.

The Welthungerhilfe experts in the countries we work can immediately access the **COVID-19 Relief Fund**. Within hours, the first relief measures can be initiated. The fund also provides a great leverage effect, as private contributions often mobilise significant amounts of public funds for emergency assistance. Our strict quality management and well-practised procedures guarantee the high standard of our projects is maintained even in emergency situations. Initial detailed information on the measures financed by the fund must be provided within 48 hours after the request. In addition, a comprehensive annual report is required for all operations.

Do you have any questions or would you like to receive further information about your donation?

We will gladly assist you!



Since 1992, the DZI donation seal certifies that Welthungerhilfe has handled the funds entrusted to it efficiently and responsibly.

The new **COVID-19 Relief Fund's** resources are exclusively used for combating the pandemic. The need in the partner countries is enormous and keeps growing. In order for the fund to continue meeting those needs, Welthungerhilfe requires further donations. This will allow the fund to be refilled and topped up continuously to finance even more highly effective measures. Your donation will thus have a lasting impact.

Which projects will be financed by the COVID-19 Relief Fund?

In some regions – in part due to the Ebola crisis – some functioning health service structures do exist, for example in Sierra Leone or Liberia. But more often than not, people do not have any access at all to water, hygiene items such as soap and even basic food. Without external support, millions of people are at risk of hunger, a dramatic increase in extreme poverty and, at worst, death. But it is not too late! With smart prevention measures and fast-acting humanitarian support, proactive steps can be taken. In close collaboration with our partner organisations, national health authorities, and the United Nations, we focus on education, prevention and hygiene measures.

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