



THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 RESPONSE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The United States Government has provided close to \$270 million to help countries across sub-Saharan Africa respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The assistance strengthens various aspects of pandemic response: risk communication, community outreach and public health messaging; the prevention and control of infections in health facilities; laboratory capacity and disease surveillance; and water, sanitation, and hygiene programs. Assistance also addresses the impacts of COVID-19.

The U.S. Government funding builds upon long-term U.S. assistance in sub-Saharan Africa. In the last 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$100 billion in health in sub-Saharan Africa. U.S. investments have saved lives, protected people who are most vulnerable to disease, built health institutions, and promoted the stability of communities and nations. USAID has helped countries in sub-Saharan Africa improve rapid detection and response capacities to infectious-disease outbreaks.

USAID is working with the State Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense, and others as part of an All-of-America response to support health systems, humanitarian assistance, and economic, security, and stabilization efforts worldwide. The U.S. Government is supporting more than 120 countries to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is working directly with governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (including faith-based organizations), the private sector, and other

organizations. This includes working with frontline workers to slow the spread, care for the affected, and equip local communities with the tools needed to fight COVID-19.

IMPACT & ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Delivering Ventilators

The United States donated up to 1,000 life-saving ventilators and accompanying equipment to South Africa to assist with its national response to COVID-19. Produced in the United States, the donated ventilators reflect state-of-the-art and in-demand technology, and will give South Africa flexibility in treating patients affected by the virus. These ventilator units alone are valued at \$14 million, with the accompanying equipment, service plans, and shipping totaling over \$20 million in U.S. government assistance.

Providing Reliable Health Information

In Ethiopia, the United States has reached more than 30 million people with critical information on COVID-19 protection and prevention methods via posters, stickers, brochures, social media images, radio public service announcements, and other public materials in three Ethiopian languages.

Helping Children Learn

The U.S. Government is providing electronic and print instructional materials for nearly 9 million students affected by school closures in Ghana, including instructional materials in early grade reading in 12 languages. USAID is developing content and materials for use across multiple platforms including radio, TV, and Internet.

For more information about how USAID is responding to COVID-19 across the world, please visit www.usaid.gov/coronavirus.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to organizations that are conducting relief operations. USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed; can be transferred quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance. For more information and to donate, visit USAID's Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org.
- To contact the team working on mobilizing private-sector engagement to support the response, please send an email to: COVID19TF_PSE@usaid.gov. For more information about engaging with USAID to support the immediate health response, please visit: <https://www.usaid.gov/coronavirus/pse-for-covid-19-response>

- USAID can accept unsolicited applications and proposals. The Agency has set up a COVID-19 Concepts portal at: <https://www.usaid.gov/coronavirus/funding-requests-unsolicited-proposals>.