## **COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund**

Engaging civil society organizations in the whole-ofsociety response to COVID-19 at national and local levels

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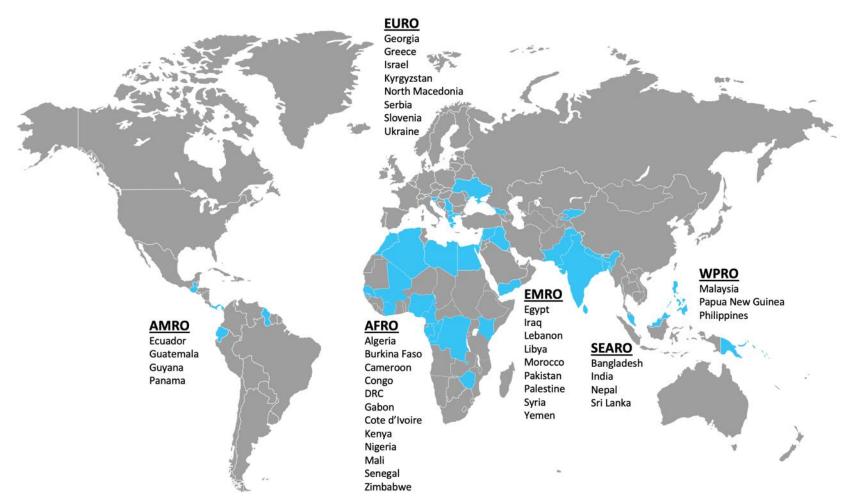


World Health Organization

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# WHO Initiative on engaging civil society organizations (CSO) in COVID-19 response at national and local levels









AIM

Strengthen community readiness and resilience to public health emergencies



Prioritize vulnerable communities Connect to essential public health services Enhance participatory community-centred governance



CSOs engaged in decision-making, planning, monitoring, and accountability processes in the context of community readiness and resilience to public health emergencies



CSO response actions are part of whole-of-society support to national response strategies



CSO mapping survey (<u>https://forms.office.com/r/cMWmwfddmX</u>) to strengthen capacities, networking, and partnerships to facilitate systematic engagement Guidance on community centred participatory governance for public health emergencies to enhance inclusion and integrate community structures with EPHS

Interactive knowledge-sharing platform to support peer-to-peer learning through networking

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## **COTE D'IVOIRE and MALI**

Association of deans of medical faculties of French-speaking African countries (CADMEF)

### **COTE D'IVOIRE**

Bouake University: experts trained to lead the COVID-19 response

### <u>MALI</u>

Bamako University: IPC curriculum developed /free elective course online > Discussions ongoing to make it obligatory for all medical diploma holders

Op. research > To develop national SOPs on protecting health workers







## **ECUADOR**

## **CONFIENAE**

The only indigenous radio *La Voz de la CONFIENAE* now reaches 1,500 indigenous communities of 100,000 people with public health messages on COVID-19 in 11 local languages

## FUNDACIÓN PACHAMAMA

Community health workers trained on:

- Health promotion beyond COVID-19
- Local soap production
- Addressing domestic violence
- Safe deliveries and avoiding maternal deaths









## **INDIA /** DISHA FOUNDATION



70,000 internal migrants supported with access to COVID-19 information, treatment, vaccination, legal- and health-rights awareness in Maharashtra state, NCR Delhi, and South and North Goa

## **IRAQ /** HEEVIE



60,000 persons supported with referrals and community-based prevention and care in IDP camps in Duhok, Ninewa, and Sulaymaniyah

## NORTH WEST SYRIA / UDER



Local artists deliver COVID-19 messages by painting on the ruins of war-destroyed buildings in Idleb





**NEPAL /** National Federation of Disabled Nepal (NFDN) and KOSHISH 86,000 persons with disabilities vaccinated and included in local COVID-19 response plans

5 community level health care facilities and 8 mental health self-help groups established to reach 12,240 persons







**BANGLADESH /** Association of Development Agencies of Bangladesh (ADAB) Religious leaders sensitized on COVID-19 awareness deliver public health messages to their communities

100,000 people reached through 1,000 mosque miking and 500 bike miking









KENYA ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN YOUTH (OAY)

Active member of the National COVID-19 Response Committee, and supports health authorities in awareness campaigns and actions for youth





### **Examples of participatory community structures**



# **SRI LANKA /** CORONA CALENDAR INITIATIVE



Community-led structure of contact tracing linked to local health centres and involves primary school children in tracking behaviour of their family members from the perspective of COVID-19 preventive measures and symptoms/signs NORTH MACEDONIA / EMANCIPATION, SOLIDARITY AND EQUALITY OF WOMEN (ESE)



Roma Community Boards established to develop community resilience plans for 2,500 Roma households and include representatives from the Roma community, ESE, and local authorities: health, education, law enforcement and municipal sectors **KYRGYZSTAN /** RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE ELDERLY (RCE)



Council of Paramedics – network of older persons with medical backgrounds – supports pandemic response in coordination with the Ministry of Health



## Examples of WHO technical guidance adapted for the use at the community level









Implemented in hospitals in Guatemala

Adapted for the landscape analysis on bridges/barriers to community engagement in North Macedonia Adapted for local use in Roma communities in North Macedonia Used to design a logbook for monitoring the health status of miners in rural Itogon, Philippines

Used for COVID-19 awareness among Arabic speaking refugee communities in Malaysia

