Bolivia. Mobile classroom brings learning and games to Venezuelans in shelters. Venezuelan refugee kids attend UNHCR's mobile classroom at a shelter in La Paz.

Including refugees and the displaced in COVID-19 responses of local authorities: global insights
In the city of Quibdo in western Colombia’s Chocó department, UNHCR is providing cash for food and other essentials to Venezuelan refugees, internally displaced Afro Colombians and indigenous communities, during the COVID-19 emergency.
Young indigenous Warao refugees from Venezuela wear their protective masks, distributed by UNHCR staff at a shelter in Manaus. An estimated 4,000 Warao have sought refuge in Brazil, where UNHCR is supporting efforts to protect refugee populations from COVID-19. In Manaus, over 500 Warao were relocated to safe spaces in early-May 2020. The families will receive three meals a day, hygiene kits and information sessions about the coronavirus. The relocation was led by Manaus City Hall and supported by UNHCR, the IOM and Instituto Mana.
A Venezuelan refugee girl plays while her parents volunteer at a soup kitchen in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Refugees and asylum-seekers are losing their incomes as well as access to emergency assistance programmes in host countries. This is when community protection networks become vital. In the Parish of Caacupé in the Caballito neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, volunteers from Baires de Libertad (Freedom Buenos Aires) – an organisation made up of Argentinians and Venezuelans – provide hot meals to those in need. Every day, the team deliver meals to 170 vulnerable refugees and 45 families in a situation of food insecurity.
Alejandro, Santiago, Alexy and Saúl are four young Venezuelan refugees and migrants who are giving back to their host community by disinfecting the streets of Quito to fight COVID-19. The pandemic has worsened living conditions for Venezuelans in Ecuador and other Latin American countries. Since many of them make a living as informal street vendors, the COVID-19 confinement measures decreed by the Government have left them with no possibility of obtaining an income.
Iraqi refugee Lubab Al-Quarashi, 47, is a supervisor at a drive-thru coronavirus testing centre in Bergenfield, New Jersey, where they test up to 250 patients per day from across Bergen County. Lubab recently received her temporary license to practice, after executive orders were passed in New Jersey (and other states including New York and Colorado) that eased licensure restrictions and allowed internationally trained doctors to aid in the pandemic response. The ruling meant that six years after arriving in the United States after fleeing Iraq, she would finally be able to practice medicine again.
Brazil. Venezuelan artist paints shelter to help lift COVID-19 quarantine blues*. Now, everywhere you look you will see a landscape to remind us that there is beauty in the world."Venezuelan refugee Juan Batista Ramos, 69, plays guitar in front of one of his murals at the Tancredo Neves temporary shelter in Boa Vista. Juan (known as Ramos) is one of nearly 300 refugees and migrants at the Tancredo Neves shelter, which hosts single men and childless couples. Back home he made a living as an artist and musician but the socio-economic crisis in Venezuela forced him to flee to Brazil alone in October 2019. Refugees often have reduced access to shelter, health services, sanitation, food and support, making them vulnerable to disease and its associated impacts. Within the framework of the R4V (Response for Venezuelans) Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform, UNHCR is supporting efforts to contain COVID-19 in Brazil.
Mother of two, Obah Ahmed Husen (left), and her one-year-old son, Mohamed Noor, both Somali refugees, receive emergency food assistance at UNHCR’s registration centre in Serraj, Tripoli. Refugees in urban settings facing severe challenges in accessing food. Many have been unable to find work during the coronavirus curfews, while food prices have risen dramatically. Many refugees are only able to afford one meal a day. The micronutrient-dense, ready-to-eat food packages, provide enough food for one month and include hummus, canned beans, canned tuna, halva and date bars – covering 53 percent of the daily calorie requirement.
Armenia. Syrian-Armenian family cope with COVID-19 emergency in Yerevan

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Thirteen-year-old Syrian refugee Bakr works in a supermarket and delivers food to support his family in Barja, Lebanon. He dropped out of school and started working two years ago, putting on hold his dreams of studying architecture. His family is awaiting resettlement to Norway. The COVID-19 pandemic has suspended international resettlement for refugees worldwide, dividing some families and stranding them thousands of miles apart. UNHCR is concerned that international travel could increase the exposure of refugees to the virus. As resettlement remains a life-saving tool for many refugees, UNHCR is appealing to States to ensure that movements can continue for the most critical emergency cases wherever possible.
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Nabi Gul, an Afghan refugee, shows his ID to the Postmaster at Golra Post Office in Islamabad to receive his cash assistance. Pakistan in responding to COVID-19 with interventions in health, water, sanitation and outreach to the most vulnerable communities. The social protection component of its COVID-19 emergency response – a cash assistance programme to help families meet urgent needs – was launched on 20 May 2020, in partnership with the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions, the Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, regional authorities and Pakistan Post. Some 36,000 families – among whom are refugees with disabilities, serious medical conditions, and single parents – will be the initial beneficiaries.
UNHCR health partner hosts coronavirus awareness sessions online
Refugees in Catania take part in an online COVID-19 educational session, hosted by Dr Bellissimo of UNHCR’s partner organisation, LILA (Italian League to Fight AIDS). When strict lockdown measures to curb the COVID-19 pandemic in Italy were brought in, UNHCR’s partner LILA (the Italian League to Fight AIDS)
Ukraine. Making masks to combat COVID-19 Chasiv Yar. Workers from the Arts Centre for Children and Youth in Chasiv Yar village, Ukraine, are making face masks for the community, with the support of UNHCR and NGO partner Proliska. In March 2020, Ukraine announced country-wide emergency measures to stop the COVID-19 coronavirus from spreading. People were instructed to wear face masks in public places – a commodity which quickly became scarce, particularly in isolated villages in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine. Community members in Chasiv Yar approached UNHCR and its NGO partner Proliska for support and received sewing machines, fabrics and other materials to produce face masks.
Serbia. Refugee offers online language tuition during COVID-19 lockdown

"I now have two Serbian and one Italian student, and work with them twice a week." Iranian refugee Afsaneh gives a Farsi language class to Serbian psychologist Ivana, via video call from her home in Belgrade during the COVID-19 lockdown. She is putting her language skills to good use – teaching Farsi to people in her new country during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her online classes are part of an initiative that enables refugees in Serbia to teach their native languages.
France. Afghan refugee helps out on vineyards as COVID-19 lockdown eases
Edress Hakimi from Afghanistan is one of a team of refugees helping the local community as part of a seasonal work initiative in the vineyards near Bordeaux, south-west France--the area was suffering from a shortage of seasonal works because of the COVID-19 lockdown.
France. Refugees use medical experience to help tackle COVID-19 crisis. Somali refugee and medic Yasin has been busy translating documents for asylum-seekers on lockdown, with his charity Network of Exiles. Before fleeing Somalia three years ago, Yasin studied medicine and arrived in France eager to work as a doctor. Unable to find work, he lived on the streets of Paris before opening the charity, aiming to make a difference in his new country. Many medically-trained refugees in Europe are using their skills to help care for those in need. Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, Yasin’s team of volunteers – many of whom are refugees – translated around 10 documents per week, helping asylum-seekers with the asylum process in France.
Tunis. Local association "El Mezyena" of Sfax donated food packages to 158 refugees and asylum seekers living in the city. On 2 March, Tunisia detected its first positive case of COVID-19. As the number of cases started to rise, the Tunisian Government put in place early preventive measures, including border closure, night curfew and finally the total lockdown of the country that started on 22 March and scheduled so far until 3 May 2020.

Those containment measures are falling heavily on many Tunisians and other residents, including refugees and asylum seekers; and resulted in loss of income, especially for daily workers and those working in informal sector. Refugees and asylum seekers are exhausting their savings and are unable to cover rent, food, medicine and other essential needs.
Africa Chad. Refugee students teach COVID-19 awareness in city communities Wearing protective masks, Idriss, 21, and Leila, 25, both refugees from the Central African Republic, travel through N'Djamena, Chad distributing materials to raise awareness about COVID-19. Members of an urban refugee student committee are going door-to-door bringing an awareness campaign about COVID-19 to communities in N'Djamena, the capital of Chad. UNHCR is maintaining existing programmes where possible and has launched its global emergency appeal for US$255 million to respond to the challenges ahead.
Refugees make soap to combat COVID-19 Tuareg refugee women from Mali make soap to sell in their neighbourhood in Niamey. After mixing vegetable oils, water, sea salt and bicarbonate soda, they pour the mixture into moulds and leave it to dry for a week. In Niger – home to 215,000 refugees and 225,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) – UNHCR has trained Tuareg refugees in Niamey. This activity generates income but is also part of the fight against coronavirus.
Niger. Don’t die, please buy – Malian artisan refugees make COVID-19 face masks. “My masks are white, grey and blue but clients also request customised face masks in African wax.” Zeinabou, 25, uses a sewing machine to make up to 40 face masks a day in Niamey.
Democratic Republic of Congo. COVID-19 preparedness, prevention and response. An internally displaced woman washes her hands at a hand-washing station before receiving a mobile phone and sim card at a distribution site in Beni, North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo.