



*International Medical Corps logistics experts deploy emergency field units at Brockton Hospital in Brockton, MA.*

## SITUATION UPDATE

Across the world, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has grown to more than 6.4 million, with more than 380,000 deaths. After more than a month of plateauing numbers of confirmed new cases, the past two weeks has seen rising numbers of new cases worldwide, with an average of more than 100,000 daily confirmed cases over the past week. At the same time as the number of confirmed new cases are rising, the number of confirmed daily deaths has steadily declined. Though these numbers are the official counts, the lack of available testing in many countries and differences in methods for counting deaths leaves some doubt as to their accuracy<sup>1</sup>.

The rise in new cases over the previous month is primarily concentrated in the new COVID-19 hotspots of Brazil, Russia, Peru and India. New cases continue to increase in Brazil, Peru and India, while Russia appears to have reached its initial peak. In Brazil and India, the outbreak is likely much larger than the official figures, because the amount of testing per capita is much lower than most other major countries. Brazil has conducted fewer than 1 million tests, and more than half of its tests have returned positive. India has tested less than 0.3% of its population, but only 5% of tests have returned positive.

In the Middle East, there is major concern that a substantial, unconfirmed outbreak of COVID-19 is taking place in Yemen, which is especially at risk due to the ongoing civil war and major cuts to United Nations-funded programs in the country. The availability of tests in Yemen is extremely limited, making the full expanse of the outbreak impossible to quantify, but symptoms and death rates seen at treatment facilities closely match that of COVID-19 in other countries<sup>2</sup>. In the city of Aden, burial statistics show an increase of 800% over pre-COVID statistics. As the outbreak is growing, much-needed programs are being cut throughout the country. Funding shortages have forced 75% of UN-funded programs to be reduced or shut down. For its 2020 Yemen plan, the UN has so far received only 15% of the needed \$3.5 billion. Among the programs that will no longer be funded by the UN is the payment of thousands of health workers throughout the country, who have not received salary from the Yemeni government in nearly three years. According to

## FAST FACTS

- According to the Johns Hopkins University tracker, as of June 3, there have been 6,414,473 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in 188 countries and regions.
- In the US, we are supporting more than 30 health facilities in Los Angeles, New York City, Puerto Rico, Chicago, Detroit and Boston with emergency medical field units, equipment, supplies and volunteer staff.
- We have screened more than 250,000 individuals for COVID-19 at our global missions and have distributed more than 2.9 million pieces of personal protective equipment and infection prevention and control items to supported health facilities.
- We have trained more than 8,800 frontline healthcare professionals on COVID-19 prevention and control measures.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/news/52311014>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.msf.org/aden%E2%80%99s-only-covid-19-treatment-centre-we-are-seeing-catastrophe-unfold>

the UN, 10 million people are on the brink of famine, and 24 million people require aid<sup>3</sup>. Without funding and additional programs, the situation in Yemen will likely deteriorate further.

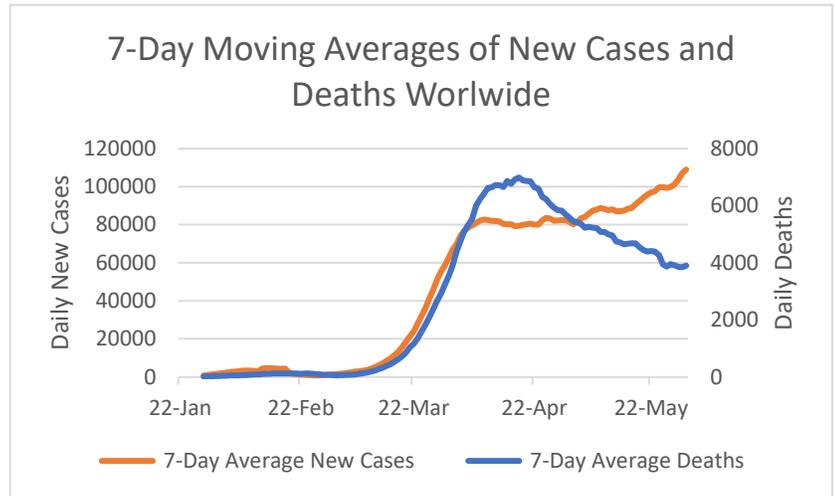
## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS RESPONSE

Globally, International Medical Corps is focused on ensuring that it continues to provide essential medical assistance and training without disruption by assuring continuity of services throughout our programs and operations.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE: UNITED STATES

In the United States, International Medical Corps has partnered with hospitals and nursing homes in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Puerto Rico, Boston and Detroit. We are providing medical surge support, including emergency medical field units, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical equipment and supplies, and clinical volunteers.

On Friday, May 29, International Medical Corps deployed a team of logistics specialists and a clinical expert to erect emergency field units at Brockton Hospital in Massachusetts. Located just south of Boston, the Brockton area has the second highest rate of coronavirus cases in the state, with more than 4,000 cases reported. As the state has begun loosening restrictions, the hospital is in need of surge space to ensure social distancing and to support the resumption of elective surgeries. The emergency field units will be used to support screening and laboratory testing, and will serve as a clean surgical/pre-operation waiting area. Additionally, the units will be used as critical care space should there be a second wave or spike in the caseload over the coming weeks. Moving forward, International Medical Corps will support the hospital by sourcing and distributing PPE and critical care equipment, such as face shields, isolation gowns and portable patient monitors, to support operations.



United States Response			
Locations	Cities: 7	Hospitals: 23	Nursing homes: 10
Volunteers	MDs: 16	Nurses: 44	EMTs: 3
		Paramedics: 8	
Infrastructure	Field units: 56	HVACs: 42	Generators: 4
		Trailers: 2	
Equipment	Beds: 150	Ventilators: 7	Portable ultrasounds: 12
	Defibrillators: 2	Pulse oximeters: 14	Suctions: 9
	Anesthesia pump: 1	Patient monitors: 60	Medical consumables
PPE	KN95 masks: 611,480	Surgical masks: 10,000	Surgical gowns: 3,000
	Face shields: 300		Nitrile gloves: 2,100

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/un-forced-to-cut-aid-to-yemen-even-as-virus-increases-need/2020/06/01/eceda94c-a3d1-11ea-898e-b21b9a83f792\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/un-forced-to-cut-aid-to-yemen-even-as-virus-increases-need/2020/06/01/eceda94c-a3d1-11ea-898e-b21b9a83f792_story.html)

In addition to partnering with Brockton Hospital, International Medical Corps distributed more than 600,000 KN95 masks to healthcare facilities and nursing homes in Los Angeles County. More than 260,000 masks were distributed to 10 nursing home facilities over the past week. These facilities have struggled to obtain protective gear, despite emerging as a hotspot for COVID-19 in Los Angeles—indeed, more than 45% of COVID-19 related deaths in the city have occurred in nursing home and assisted living facilities. Along with providing the PPE, International Medical Corps' Team Lead Dr. Sol Kuah held emergent infectious disease training for 66 participants from these facilities last week and is conducting additional sessions this week, focusing on proper PPE usage, COVID-19 epidemiology, contingency PPE usage planning, stockpiling and insights on how to properly predict needs. These sessions bring together clinical staff from both a.m. and p.m. shifts, to facilitate discussions on practical worker safety practices and strengthening facility infection prevention and control actions.

Though this initial shipment of PPE was distributed in Los Angeles County, International Medical Corps will distribute thousands of KN95 masks to our hospital partners in Puerto Rico, Chicago, Detroit and Boston in the coming week. Moving forward, International Medical Corps will continue to support healthcare partners with the necessary supplies and equipment, enabling them to continue providing critical care services during the pandemic.

## GLOBAL RESPONSE

Globally, International Medical Corps is focused on ensuring continuity of operations throughout its programming in nearly 30 countries, while also taking decisive action to respond to COVID-19 cases. We are continuing to distribute PPE and infection prevention and control (IPC) items to our supported healthcare facilities, while providing training and support to frontline healthcare workers on the proper usage of PPE and the epidemiology of COVID-19. Additionally, our facilities are continuing to screen patients for COVID-19 and raise awareness through traditional and remote activities throughout communities. International Medical Corps is also participating with global, regional and local coordination bodies to support the COVID-19 response and ensure that our staff can respond to the outbreak and continue to deliver critical healthcare services. Highlights from our response this week include the following.

- Working with our local partner in **Turkey**, International Medical Corps has donated PPE and IPC items—including gloves, masks and sanitizers—to service providers. We have provided IPC training, including instructions on the proper use of PPE, to frontline workers, and conducted COVID-19 awareness activities that have reached more than 5,000 people, the majority of whom participated remotely. In response to the pandemic, the team has also adapted our mental health and physical rehabilitation services to include support via the phone or through video calls. To increase bed capacity at public hospitals, the team is also distributing life-saving medical equipment—such as oxygen concentrators and tubes, aspirator devices and pulse oximeters—to patients, so that they can continue their treatment at home. This enables the hospital to increase the resources it uses to treat COVID-19 cases. Since early March, our partners have provided 144 health consultations, 1,784 physical rehabilitation consultations and 700 mental health counseling sessions. In addition, our team reached 4,622 people through COVID-19 awareness sessions. Finally, the team continues to seek funding to expand protection and



*International Medical Corps is responding to COVID-19 around the world, including in Turkey, Nigeria and Pakistan, highlighted in this report.*

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## International Medical Corps' Impact at a Glance

### Number of Supported Facilities Provided with COVID-19 Activities



### Community Members Reached Through COVID-19 Awareness-Raising Activities



### PPE and IPC Items Distributed



psychosocial services for refugees, and to distribute aid to refugees affected by aspects relating to the outbreak, such as loss of income during the lockdown.

- In **Nigeria**, COVID-19 cases are rapidly rising in Kano and Borno states, where International Medical Corps' Nigeria operations are centered. Our mission is currently responding to the outbreak through our network of 1,798 trained volunteers as part of our CORE Group Polio Project. These trained volunteers are conducting COVID-19 surveillance and have reached 87,162 people with COVID-19 messaging. They also trained 2,300 community leaders and members on COVID-19 prevention, and distributed educational materials in seven displacement camps. In addition, the Nigeria team is developing plans for COVID-19 prevention activities that will target internally displaced people in formal and informal camps, aiming to help more than 160,000 people directly.
- In **Pakistan**, International Medical Corps has partnered with a local FM radio station in the country's northwestern province of Pakhtunkhwa to broadcast short messages developed and translated into the local Pashtu language, heightening community engagement and awareness of COVID-19 risks. On May 8, Pakhtunkhwa's FM radio began broadcasting 10 30-second spots per day for 60 days, reaching residents of Pakistani communities living in several districts of the province, as well as seven villages of Afghan refugees. International Medical Corps has also distributed PPE kits and informational banners for community volunteers, staff of local partner organizations and gender-support groups working in the Afghan refugee villages. In the first week of May, we provided 700 PPE kits to our community volunteers, our staff and local partner organizations. After consultation with the Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Department of Health, we expect to support the department's planned upgrade of COVID-19 isolation centers. We have also provided training-of-trainers programs, as well as training for health managers, to 45 government healthcare providers and International Medical Corps staff on how to safely don and doff PPE, implement effective IPC measures, and establish formal procedures to deal with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 patients. A recent training course on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and the COVID 19 pandemic brought the total number trained on COVID-

related MHPSS issues to 106 frontline staff and 92 health professionals.

### Technical Guidance

WHO, Technical Guidance: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance>

WHO, Training on Novel Coronavirus: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training>

WHO, Infection Prevention and Control COVID-19 Training: <https://openwho.org/courses/COVID-19-IPC-EN>

CDC, COVID-19 guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>