



*The following is a brief update, effective May 15, 2020, regarding the response of select IPM Project Partners to the novel coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic. In each case listed below (and many others not highlighted herein), IPM has provided emotional, financial, material, personal and/or professional support during this unprecedented crisis.*

## LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

### Colombia

- **Centro de Formación para la Paz, Ibagué:** Has developed a project to support displaced women and children for which IPM is currently sourcing funding. The Project Coordinator, Marta Arroyave, is in regular communication with Project Partner participants, hearing the struggle and supporting many of them, specially the women with newborns and toddlers.

### Dominican Republic

- **El Cercado Community Project:** Delivered approximately 760 food bags in 14 different districts and their communities. This has benefited approximately 3,800 people. They have delivered 6,000 masks, along with soap and bleach bags, and have cooked food daily for 38 elderly in a senior citizen center. They have also helped many people to see if they qualify for the “Stay Home” program to get food aid from the Government while benefiting from the extended presence of IPM Staff Victoria Jimenez and Enyeda Ramos.

### El Salvador

- **ACOMUJERZA, Zaragoza:** IPM support has provided a total of 14 basic food baskets for 14 Project participants, benefiting their families (approximately 70 people). IPM has also provided a \$6,000 loan to assist with the economic stabilization of the cooperative.
- **ACACPAMU, Armenia:** IPM provided a \$200.00 donation for 4 Project participants and their families. This equals to 12 basic food baskets that costs \$16.67 each. Each participant received 3 basic food baskets.
- **Artesanas del Mar, Isla Tasajera:** With strategic alliances they were able to provide 65 food bags and a bag of medicines valued in \$300.00. This benefited around 500 people in the community.
- **IDES, Zacatecoluca:** IPM provided more than 60 food bags for families in four different communities across Zacatecoluca, that benefited more than 300 people. IPM also provided clothes, shoes, and cleaning supplies for more than 20 families.
- **Nutravida, San Salvador:** In partnership with IPM, Nutravida has provided 135 food bags, which benefited approximately 675 people in different communities in the capital-city communities of San Ramon and Mejicanos.
- **Patronato Lidia Coggiola, El Zaité:** IPM financial and material support has provided 185 basic food baskets, benefiting almost a 1,000 people inside El Zaité community while distributing 75 masks around the community. IPM continues to subsidize four teacher’s

salaries and (donated in-kind) didactic materials while the pre-school and elementary-college tutoring programs are conducted remotely, (\$1,458.33 monthly).

## Nicaragua

- **CEPROSI, Nindiri & surrounding communities:** 75 women received food packages and health products as a nutritional alternative for this period of crisis. They promote the exchange and deliver of short and resistant cycle seeds (ayote, chiltoma, cucumber, pipian, tomato, watermelon) to a total of 80 families (6-8 person on average) to reinforce the first harvest and its perennial crops. With IPM, created 3 WhatsApp groups to keep working from the distance. 46 women are participating in these groups.
- **Mujer y Comunidad, San Francisco Libre:** Provided accompaniment for more than 10 women suffering some type of violence related to stay-at-home orders.

## IPM Regional Staff, San Salvador & Santo Domingo:

- Adela Zayas, Victroria Jimenez, and Enyeda Ramos (the later two still unable to return to El Salvador from the Dominican Republic) produced and promoted a summary #IPMResponds video and 1 (five part) self-care video for our Project Partners. Published seven more videos related to International Women's Day (March 8) that ran from March-May. Made countless accompaniment Project Partner calls. Conducted 2 Facebook live Regional Forums. Adela, the Regional Director and IPM's new international Director of Programs & Partnerships, provided the keynote presentation of IPM's inaugural international Virtual Forum on May 8 with at least 648 discrete engagements to date. Former Regional Director, Fatima Pacas, has been forced to continue her Fullbright remotely when the University of Albany was closed with spring semester classes completed on May 15. She hopes to be able to work from IPM's International Headquarters in Cleveland from June-August.

## SOUTH ASIA

### India

- **HUM (Hindus United with Muslims), Ahmedabad:** Transitioned to mask-making through their sewing cooperative to provide facial coverings for approximately 500 women, children, and elderly persons. Provided food rations for 107 women-headed families, including 22 widows, which is equivalent to 4,815 distinct meals.
- **Pochabai Foundation, Golana:** IPM financial support allowed the Foundation Staff—with the able leadership of Regional Fellow Himmat Chauhan, to distributed groceries packages to over 1,150 Dalit and migrant families, allowing them to produce more than 11,500 distinct meals. In addition, Pochabai has provided cooked food to 1,175 people.

### Nepal

- **Bandipur Community Project:** Remains in regular communication with IPM Headquarters and Regional Staff but has, thankfully, not yet been significantly impacted by the pandemic though Fulmati Thapa, Project Coordinator and International Executive Board Member, somewhat ironically ended up hosting a delegation of stranded international tourists in her home village.

- **Regional Fellow:** Soni Shrestha continues to receive financial and mentoring support while confined to her home in Kathmandu.

#### **IPM Regional Staff, Ahmedabad:**

- Remains in constant communication with all Regional Project Partners and other Community Partners throughout India and Nepal. Raising funds in-country to provide food and material support to the Ahmedabad, Delhi, and Golana-based Projects. Regional Director, Mahesh Upadhyaya, provided the keynote presentation of IPM's international Virtual Forum on May 15 with at least 746 discrete engagements to date.

### **SUB SAHARAN AFRICA**

#### **Kenya**

- **Dandora Women's Forum, Nairobi:** IPM placed an order for IPM Immersion Experience bracelets for approximately US\$1,500. IPM shall provide an approximate US\$500 donation during the first week of June to provide food bags for the 40+ members and their approximately 300 family members.
- **Kandula Community Project, Makueni:** School construction and refurbishing continues at the new Mary Goretti Primary School where 420 students are normally in attendance. In addition, 40+ students attend the Kandula Village nursery school built through the generosity of IPM. A total of at 700 families (each with an average of 6-7 members) are impacted by the school and nursery as faculty, administrators, support staff, and/or students. In January, 2020, IPM contributed approximately US\$2,500 to purchase additional supplies and construction materials with the labor provided by the local community. An additional approximate US\$900 was donated in April just after the novel coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic provoked a nation-wide lockdown. One remaining classroom and library need to be constructed as funding becomes available.
- **Riete Farm, Kisumu County:** IPM is finalizing an approximate US\$500 donation to pay a small stipend to the local farmers working at the farm during the lock-down to provide much-needed produce for the local community, benefitting approximately 400 families.
- **Watoto Wa Lwanga, Nairobi (Kibera):** In April, IPM provided an US\$9000 approximate donation to support the ongoing daily feeding program—with heightened need during the pandemic—that impacts more than 500 students daily.

#### **IPM Regional Staff, Kisumu County:**

- Regional Consultant, Jared Odhiambo, remains in his up-country home unable to travel back to Nairobi to be with his family. While in Kisumu County, Jared remains in regular contact with IPM's International Leadership Team and with local Project Partners throughout Kenya.
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