



**Briefing: Analysis of COVID-19 Related Funding for Mental Health**

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### Introduction

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 there has been a global effort - led by the UN system, most notably WHO - to address its impact. The international response has mobilised billions of dollars, and funding has been linked to global plans (such as Global Humanitarian Response Plan) and national plans and strategies with a focus primarily on treatment, vaccine and diagnostics development, health system preparedness, and financial support to mitigate the wider social and economic impacts.

Below is a summary of global appeals, public commitments and pledges by bilateral donors, multilateral organisations, NGOs and private donors for the international COVID-19 response in low-and middle-income countries (and in some high-income countries when applicable) and with a focus on mental health whenever possible. Not included in this document is a country's own domestic response.

While funding for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) is included in some of the commitments and allocations, the exact extent of this is unclear due to a lack of transparency surrounding financing. These issues include:

- Public information regarding funding the international COVID-19 response does not provide a full, accurate picture of all financial flows
- The quality of financing data available can be poor, with little to no description of allocations
- Some announcements may be redirected funds or repeated commitments
- Some public financial trackers may include a high-income country's own domestic response, or exclude economic stimulus efforts related to the outbreak

We will continue to monitor publicly available resources, including [the Financial Tracking Service](#), data from the [International Aid Transparency Initiative](#), [UN OCHA's COVID response website](#), [Relief Web](#) resources, and direct donor sources, to map out how much money has been directed towards MHPSS, and where.

### Recommended Actions to Support Funding for Mental Health in Relation to COVID-19

As highlighted in the UN policy brief, [COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health](#), COVID-19 is not only a physical health crisis, it also has the potential to be a major mental health crisis, if no action is taken. Despite the major [disruption of MHPSS services globally](#), the current [Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#) (GHRP), highlights that these services are one the least funded aspects of the COVID-19 response, and continue to suffer from low investment in human and financial resources, stigma and service disruption. **According to our own analysis, money spent on MHPSS related activities account for only 0.54% of the GHRP.** Strong leadership is required to accelerate funding for MHPSS, and the following is needed:

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- **International agencies must include mental health as part of their COVID-19 response and recovery plans** - adopting a multi-sector approach and integrating mental health across relevant sectors including livelihoods, social welfare, child protection and education
- **International development donors must prioritize mental health** - ensuring it is integrated into COVID19 emergency response and recovery planning, with a focus on prevention, promotion, and holistic, life-course approaches. They must also improve coordination among themselves to ensure efficiency and improve impact
- **National governments should allocate sufficient resources within their COVID-19 response and recovery health budgets for mental health** - for those national governments that host refugees, the mental health of those refugees must be part of their mental health planning. According to [a recent survey](#) conducted by WHO, despite **89%** of responding countries including MHPSS as part of their national COVID-19 response plans, **only 17%** of these countries have full additional funding for covering these activities.

## UN Agencies and Appeals

### Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP)

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">10.3 billion</a>	<p>A majority of funds to UN entities targeting 63 countries. This July updated GHRP funding requirement is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● US \$4.9 billion for Humanitarian Response Plans</li> <li>● US \$999.7 million for other plans</li> <li>● US \$1.1 billion Regional Refugee Response Plans</li> <li>● US \$438.8 million for Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plans</li> <li>● US \$1.0 billion for Intersectoral Plans</li> <li>● US \$1.0 billion Global support services</li> <li>● US \$500.0 million for Famine prevention</li> <li>● US \$300.0 million for NGOs - supplementary envelope</li> </ul> <p>Funds will be directed to UN Agencies for supporting MHPSS services in varying contexts.</p>

The [Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID19](#) (GHRP) is the main funding appeal for the UN agencies collectively, bringing together requirements from the World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN-Habitat, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and World Food Programme (WFP) and complements other plans such as those developed by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The [initial GHRP](#) was launched in March and called for US\$2 billion in funding; in early May the GHRP [was updated](#) to a [US \\$6.7 billion appeal](#) and an amended plan for 63 countries, and included an [Annex](#) that features progress made by UN agency and sector needs. In July, the GHRP was updated again to a [US \\$10.3 billion appeal](#), and updated [Annexes](#). As of early October, it is [31 percent](#) funded.

The updated July GHRP (April - December 2020) US\$10.3 billion appeal is broken down as follows:

- US \$1 billion for global support services
- US \$4.9 billion targeting Humanitarian Response Plans countries,
- US \$999.7 million for other plans
- US \$1.1 billion for Regional Refugee Response Plans countries,



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- US \$438.8 million for Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plans countries,
- US \$1.0 billion for Intersectoral Plans
- US \$500.0 million for Famine prevention
- US \$300.0 million for NGOs - supplementary envelope

The initial GHRP mentions the negative impact on mental health as a result of COVID, and the [May updated version](#) goes deeper and includes the following messages: the impact of COVID on children’s mental health, vulnerable groups including migrants and refugees’ mental health, individuals living with existing mental health conditions, the inclusion of mental health services as essential health services that have been disrupted, increased mental health services for individuals that need also access to gender-based violence (GBV) services, and the impact of school closure on children's mental health.

In July, the updated [GHRP](#) advocates for the integration of MHPSS in all sectors to improve humanitarian programming, acknowledges that MHPSS services are amongst the least funded aspects of the current COVID-19 response, and includes data on the increase of mental health services in various regions. It also provides updates on the mental health needs of various affected groups including: older persons, children, caregivers/parents, adolescents and youth, refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons.

The strategic objectives and indicators that include MHPSS, the leading UN agencies responsible for meeting these objectives, and the progress made is represented in the following table:

Objective	Indicator	Lead UN Agency	Target	Progress
Objective 1.6: Ensure essential health services and systems: secure the continuity of the essential health services and related supply chain for the direct public health response to the pandemic as well as	Number of GHRP countries with multi sectoral MHPSS technical working groups	WHO	100%	46% (29 countries)

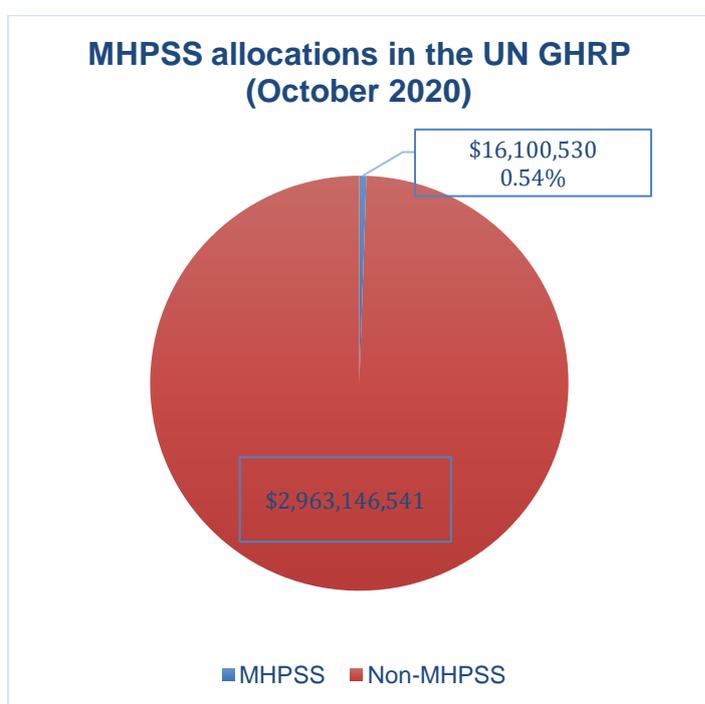
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other essential health services.				
Objective 2.2: Ensure the continuity of and safety from infection of essential services including health, water and sanitation, nutrition, shelter protection and education for the population groups most exposed and vulnerable to the pandemic.	Number of people (including children, parents and primary caregivers) provided with mental health and psychosocial support services	UNICEF	17,658,974	9,446,290
		UNHCR	115,000	16,178
		IOM	719,674	133,921
	Number and proportion of countries where GBV services are maintained or expanded in response to COVID-19	UNFPA UNHCR	To be updated with MHPSS data in next GHRP update	to be updated with MHPSS data in next GHRP update
Objective 3.1: Advocate and ensure that refugees, migrants, IDPs, people of concern and host population groups who are particularly vulnerable to the pandemic receive	Number of refugees, IDPs, migrants and host communities particularly vulnerable to the pandemic who receive COVID-19 assistance. (COVID-19 assistance can include MHPSS)	IOM	8,797,016	4,474,039 (exact number for psychosocial support services unknown)
		UNHCR	67 million people	22.6 million people <sup>19</sup>  (exact number for psychosocial

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COVID-19 assistance				support services (unknown)
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In October, funding for interventions that included MHPSS accounted for only 0.54% of all financial flows to the GHRP. At the time of analysis, donors had given US \$2.98 billion in total to the GHRP, out of which US \$16.1 million was allocated to activities that included MHPSS. Sources of these funds included ECHO, country-based pooled funds, Germany, Switzerland, UNICEF, Sweden and Switzerland. The details of these flows are included in the specific donor information provided further this document.



*Financial allocations to activities that included MHPSS were determined by UGMH's own analysis, using FTS data downloaded on 6 October 2020.*

**World Health Organization (WHO)**

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
1.7 billion (550 million from the GHRP)	<p>Funding appeal is for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improving country preparedness and response</li> <li>● Accelerating research and development</li> <li>● Coordinating across regions to access, respond and mitigate risks</li> <li>● \$550 million in the <a href="#">GHRP</a> to support the humanitarian component of national preparedness and response plans to respond to the health emergency.</li> </ul>



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The WHO’s [Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#) (SPRP) was initially released in February 2020 and called for US \$675 million for response efforts till April. On 14 April, this plan was updated and includes the importance of support systems in suppressing community transmissions measures, including mental health support. With the updated needs highlighted in the GHRP in July 2020, WHO’s total COVID response appeal is now 1.7 billion.

The WHO co-chairs (along with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) the IASC Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings Reference Group to support mainstreaming of MHPSS across all sectors and clusters in the global response. As highlighted in the [GHRP Annex](#), the WHO will support the integration of mental health and psychosocial components as part of essential health packages for all affected populations especially for people with mental, neurological and substance use conditions. Further examples of support include in [Turkey](#), where WHO supported the development of a telephone helpline for those with mental health issues.

**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">370 million</a> (\$270 million included as part of the <a href="#">GHRP</a> .)	To provide an integrated response to GBV services, including MHPSS services.

Complementary to WHO COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, the [UNFPA COVID-19 Global Response Plan](#) aims to ensure UNFPA continues to provide an integrated response to gender-based violence (GBV) that includes MHPSS. Originally, UNFPA called for US \$187.5 million. In June, this plan was updated to [370 million](#).

As highlighted in the [GHRP Annex](#), UNFPA is also training health and social workers to provide MHPSS, and supporting toll-free hotlines and offering services for MHPSS.



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**United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**

Funding appeal target (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<p><a href="#">1.6 billion</a> (802.2 million is for UNICEF’s input to GHRP)</p>	<p>Strategic Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public health response to reduce coronavirus transmission and mortality</li> <li>● Continuity of health, HIV, nutrition, education, WASH, child protection, gender-based violence, social protection and other social services; assessing and responding to the immediate socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 response               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supporting access to continuous education, social protection, child protection, <b>MHPSS</b> and gender-based violence services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

UNICEF’s appeal [calls for US\\$1.6 billion](#) with US\$802.2 million for the UNICEF input into the GHRP. This appeal is in line with the GHRP, and WHO’s COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan. Mental health is included in strategic priority #2: *Continuity of health, HIV, nutrition, education, WASH, child protection, gender-based violence, social protection and other social services; assessing and responding to the immediate socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 response.* Specifically, UNICEF will strengthen and/or establish response and referral mechanisms for GBV and MHPSS services and build the capacities of frontline workers on the provision of psychological first aid. This is also highlighted in the [GHRP Annex](#), where it is noted that **UNICEF** and **UNFPA** are working together to provide remote GBV services, including psychosocial support.

As highlighted in the latest [GHRP](#), UNICEF has assisted with providing more than 9.5 million people (including children, parents and primary caregivers) with MHPSS services. Further specific examples include UNICEF assisting with the provision of psychosocial support and first aid for children, adolescents and caregivers [in Afghanistan](#), and funding psychosocial support interventions alongside legal representation for children in [Iraq](#).

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<p><a href="#">745 million</a> till the end of 2021</p>	<p>For activities in health and WASH, protection and risk communication, cash assistance, shelter and core relief items and education. MHPSS inclusion:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● strengthen mental health and psychosocial responses to increased anxiety, distress and consequences of loss associated with this pandemic.</li> <li>● enhance critical case management, including assistance to survivors of GBV, unaccompanied and/or separated children, and other emergency protection cases, through the provision of MHPSS and/or legal advice</li> <li>● integrate MHPSS in health and protection activities.</li> </ul>
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UNHCR’s [appeal](#) has called for US\$ 745 million until the end of the year. MHPSS is an integral component of UNHCR’s response priorities, in health and protection clusters. UNHCR will integrate MHPSS within its health and protection activities, including through community messaging about coping with distress, capacity building of MHPSS community-based staff, training first responders in psychological first aid, and ensuring care for and protection of people of concern with severe protection risks and mental health conditions through remote and direct support. UNHCR will also mitigate protection risks posed by school closures through expanded support services such as school feeding schemes, continuity of learning and MHPSS programmes at home where possible.

**United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA)**

<b>Funding appeal (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">93.4 million</a>	To provide lifesaving services to Palestine refugees throughout the Middle East. MHPSS is included in the protection response. UNRWA will ensure MHPSS is delivered remotely.

UNRWA’s [updated appeal](#) seeks US \$93.4 million for March till July in the areas of health care, sanitation and hygiene and education. MHPSS is a part of the protection response, to be maintained remotely. To support the mental health and psychosocial well-being of school-aged children, UNRWA will also support the design and distribution of educational games to students between the first and fourth grades. UNRWA’s remote MHPSS activities are also highlighted in the [GHRP Annex](#).



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**International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">499 Million</a>	To support vital preparedness, response and recovery activities in over 140 countries. This includes creating MHPSS self-help tools specifically tailored for stranded migrant populations in quarantine, as well as deploying psychosocial mobile teams linguistically and culturally capable of serving vulnerable populations, including displaced persons.

IOM's [Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#) (SPRP) calls for US \$499 million and targets 140 countries. It is in line with WHO's COVID-19 Global Preparedness and Response Plan and GHRP.

As highlighted in the [GHRP Annex](#), IOM is supporting government efforts to ensure essential health services are available to migrants and IDPs, including MHPSS services. Other activities highlighted in the [SPRP](#) include: organizing remote training sessions related to MHPSS in reception centres in the province of Rome, and advocating the government of Tunisia to provide essential services to migrants (including MHPSS)

**Multilateral Organisations**

**World Bank Group (WBG)**

Funds allocated (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">160 billion</a>	US \$160 billion available over the next 15 months through financing tailored to the health, economic and social shocks. Included in this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US \$14 billion fast-track facility to respond to immediate health and business needs in 25 countries. This can include support to MHPSS services, in the case of <a href="#">India</a>.</li> </ul>

The WBG plans to deploy [US \\$160 billion](#) in funds over the next 15 months to assist countries' responses. Included in this is a US \$14 billion fast-track facility (FTF) that will respond to immediate health and business needs. The first round of projects funded by the FTF covered 25 countries and amounted to US \$1.9 billion. Included in this, India received US [\\$350 million in funding](#) from the FTF (a total of US\$1 billion



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in total with other funds provided by IBRD) to strengthen health systems, including support for mental health and psychological services for vulnerable communities.

A full list of projects supported by FTF can be found [here](#).

The World Bank has also established a new [Trust Fund](#): Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Multi-Donor Fund (HEPRF), to provide incentives for low-income countries to increase investments in health preparedness and support the immediate COVID-19 response. This fund will complement and be in addition to the US\$ 160 billion.

**The International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

Funds allocated (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">100 billion</a>	Funds have been available through rapid disturbing emergency financing activities for low income countries. The Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust has been replenished to provide grants for debt relief.

The IMF has made available [US \\$100 billion](#) through rapid disbursing emergency financing facilities. The [Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust](#) (CCRT), which was initially set up during the Ebola outbreak, has been replenished, and allows the IMF to provide grants for debt service relief. At the Spring Meetings the IMF and World Bank announced [debt relief for 25 LMICs](#) in relation to COVID-19. The IMF is now working with donors to almost triple the CCRT from \$500 million to [\\$1.4 billion](#) to extend the duration of relief.

**GAVI**

Funds allocated (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">200 million</a> allocated	providing immediate funding to health systems, enabling countries to protect health care workers, perform vital surveillance and training, and purchase diagnostic tests in lower-income countries.

GAVI has made [US \\$200 million](#) available to assist lower-income countries' response and strengthen health systems. As of 7 May, US\$ 29 million has been approved for 13 countries to supply personal protective equipment (PPE), perform vital surveillance and training, and fund diagnostic tests. Situational reports are updated on GAVI's [website](#), to track the response.

GAVI received more than \$8.8 billion during the June replenishment conference.

**Funds**

**COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund**

<b>Funding target and allocations (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
2 billion target	Three funding windows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tackle the health emergency</li> <li>● Reduce social impact and promote economic response</li> <li>● Strengthening national preparedness measures.</li> </ul> There is the possibility of inclusion of MHPSS services in the funding windows.
1 million allocated	To strengthen national preparedness, response and resilience in Cambodia. The programme will also provide MHPSS to parents, other caregivers, and children as well as to frontline health and social service workers. Recipients: UNICEF, IOM, WHO, UNFPA
401,645 allocated	Supporting the development of coping mechanisms, including the University of Pristina's psychoeducational website. Recipients: UNICEF, UN Volunteers
300,000 allocated	To support the capacity of the mental health system in the Maldives Recipients: WHO, UNICEF
120,000 allocated	For education continuity in Bhutan. This includes supporting school counsellors to provide online and mobile psycho-social support Recipients: UNICEF
1,000,000 allocated	For continuity of basic health services in Gambia, including psychosocial services. Recipients: UNICEF, UNOPS, UNFPA
300,670 allocated	For supporting health preparedness in Lao, including the provision of psychosocial support in quarantine centres Recipients: IOM, UNDP, UNODC, UNHABITAT
1,000,000 allocated	For mitigating the social and economic impacts in Armenia. This includes providing psychosocial support via a helpline and virtual platform. Recipients: IOM, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF
400,000 allocated	For supporting vulnerable groups in Côte D'Ivoire. This includes providing psychosocial support.



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	Recipients: UNICEF, UNHCR, UNODC, UNFPA
1,000,000 allocated	For the Georgian government’s response, including providing psychosocial support to the elderly. Recipients: UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP
1,000,000 allocated	To support the Guatemalan HRP, this includes providing humanitarian assistance and psychosocial support to returned migrants. Recipients: PAHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM
1,000,000 allocated	To support the education system in Nicaragua, including Psycho-emotional care for children and the educational community Recipients: UNICEF, WFP
1,000,000 allocated	To support the Government of Tunisia’s response for vulnerable communities. This includes providing psychosocial support. Recipients: UNDP, UNHABITAT, UNWOMEN, WFP

The UN has established a [Multi-Partner Trust Fund](#): the [UN COVID19 Response and Recovery Fund](#) to support both the UN GHRP and the WHO Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan. The Fund’s financial requirements are projected at US\$2 billion, with US\$1 billion in the first nine months of operation, noting that these requirements will be reviewed with the evolution of needs as a result of the pandemic.

Three funding windows have been established:

1. **Enable Governments and Communities to suppress the transmission of the virus.** This includes supporting countries to fully implement their National Plans for Combating COVID-19, and assisting non-health ministries and government agencies to provide critical services interrupted by COVID-19.
2. **Mitigate the Socioeconomic Impact and safeguard people and their livelihoods.** This includes enhancing social protection mechanisms, meeting children’s food and educational needs and promoting digital innovations.
3. **Recover Better:** this includes strengthening and testing national preparedness, investing in effective and innovative delivery of public services to achieve sustainable and inclusive economies.

The fund covers all low- and middle- income programme countries and, in particular, those populations not included in the Global Humanitarian Appeal. UN Country Teams can use the fund to leverage to support national governments and communities in meeting priorities and defining programming responses that assure their recovery and reach the poor and the vulnerable. The funding windows also provide opportunities for the inclusion of MHPSS by UN organisations. Government entities and civil society organizations can only access the Fund as implementing partners of Recipient UN Organizations.



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So far, more than US\$8 million from the fund has supported projects that have MHPSS elements, including strengthening the mental health system in the Maldives, providing MHPSS services in Cambodia, and supporting digital mental health content in Kosovo.

**Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)**

Funds allocated (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">134 million</a> (as of 1 October)	To UN agencies for the COVID-19 response. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">\$3.2 million</a> allocated to UNFPA, for the provision of PSS in GBV services</li> <li>• <a href="#">\$25 million</a> to IOM to support NGOs provide essential health services (including MHPSS) in Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Haiti, Libya, South Sudan and Sudan</li> </ul>

As of October, the CERF has released [US \\$134 million](#). CERF allocations will go to the WFP to ensure the continuity of supply chains and transport of aid workers and relief goods; WHO to contain the spread of the pandemic; and other agencies to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to those most affected by the pandemic, including women and girls, refugees and internally displaced people. Support will also include efforts around food security, physical and mental health, water and sanitation, nutrition and protection.

As of 23 June, CERF funds have been allocated [to UNFPA](#), to provide health care and protection assistance, including psychosocial support, in response to GBV in 8 countries: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Chad, Haiti, the occupied Palestinian territory, South Sudan, Sudan and Venezuela. [US \\$25 million](#) of CERF funds have been allocated to IOM, to be disbursed to frontline NGOs providing essential health services (including MHPSS) in Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Haiti, Libya, South Sudan and Sudan.

**Education Cannot Wait (ECW)**

Funding appeals and allocations (USD)	Purpose of funds and/ or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">50 million</a> appeal	ECW's \$50 million appeal calls for 50 million to cover education needs for three months.
<a href="#">24.5 million</a> disbursed	By May, US\$24.5 million had been disbursed in emergency grants for 27 countries. Funds have gone to promote



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	psychosocial support as an essential component to education, and for training teachers in promoting psychosocial well-being.
<a href="#">19 million</a> disbursed	In July, this new funding will be delivered in partnership with national governments, UN agencies and civil society organizations in Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia. See the full list of <a href="#">grantees</a> .
<a href="#">13 million</a> disbursed	In July, to scale up the education in emergency response in the Sahel countries of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

Established during the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016, ECW is a platform dedicated to making education a priority in the humanitarian agenda by using pooled funds from state and non-state actors. ECW is calling for an initial [US \\$50 million](#) to be allocated for the COVID-19 education response in the next three months.

In early April, ECW announced [US\\$23 million](#) in emergency grants for 26 countries and emergency contexts. Emergency grants for COVID-19 response have been allocated to 55 grantees, ranging from UN Agencies and NGOs. Activities that have been supported include transforming the educational curriculum during the COVID response, which includes psychosocial support, and providing parents and teachers with tools to provide guidance on promoting psychosocial well-being of children and youth while away from traditional classroom settings.

By the end of July, [US \\$19 million](#) and [US \\$13 million](#) in disbursements were announced, all targeting the educational response. During the UNGA75 high-level virtual event in September, ECW announced that it had disbursed over [\\$60 million in emergency grants](#) in 35 crisis-affected countries since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)**

<b>Funds allocated (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">1 billion</a> in grant flexibility and the COVID-19 Response Mechanism.	To address negative consequences of COVID-19 on health and health systems, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• epidemic preparedness assessment, laboratory testing, sample transportation, use of surveillance infrastructure, infection control in health facilities and/or information campaigns.</li> <li>• an initial allocation of \$500 million to the COVID-19 Response Mechanism</li> </ul>



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The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) is providing up to US\$1 billion and operational flexibility, enabling countries to use [up to 5% of approved grant funding](#) to address the negative consequences of COVID-19 on health and health systems. Eligible activities include epidemic preparedness assessment, laboratory testing, sample transportation, use of surveillance infrastructure, infection control in health facilities and/or information campaigns.

Alongside this, GFATM is also making US \$500 million available through the [COVID-19 Response Mechanism \(C19RM\)](#). This will let countries request funding for control and containment, to mitigate the impact on HIV, TB and malaria and to support systems for health, including community-led response. Further details, and funding requests forms can be found [here](#).

**COVID-Solidarity Response Fund for WHO**

Amount received (USD)	Purpose of funds and mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">235 million</a> (as of October)	To support the WHO’s work and activities highlighted in the WHO SPRP.

The [COVID-Solidarity Response Fund for WHO](#) has been set up by the **UN Foundation** to support WHO’s work and help fund the activities highlighted in the WHO’s Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan. As of early October 2020, this has received over [US \\$235 million](#) in contributions.

**The Mental Health Fund**

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">5 million</a>	To support the work of Crisis Text Line, Kids Help Phone, Shout, SpunOut.ie a

This [pooled fund](#) was set up to support the work of Crisis Text Line, Kids Help Phone, Shout, SpunOut.ie as they grow to meet the increased demand of people in the United States. The appeal is for US \$5 million.

## National Level Funding

### Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs)

Allocated (USD)	Purpose of funds and mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">211 million</a> channelled via CBPFs (as of 1 October)	To help channel immediate support to COVID-related needs in 13 countries. CBPFs will support activities highlighted in an individual country's HRP. This means that funds could be directed to MHPSS if the need is highlighted in the HRP/GHRP.
<a href="#">389,806</a> allocated	From the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund for the provision of essential MHPSS and emergency health services in response to the COVID-19 in selected priority districts
<a href="#">256,324</a> allocated	From Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund for the for CPIe response focusing on increased awareness raising, PSS and specialized services to conflict-affected children and families in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces, Afghanistan
<a href="#">1,200</a> allocated	From the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund for primary healthcare and MHPSS service provision for IDP returnees in Gedeo, West Guji and East Wollega Zones in Oromia and SNNPR regions (Health and MHPSS)
<a href="#">3,280</a> allocated	From the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund for Humanitarian Assistance including Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Government and Community Site Management in Displacement-Affected Locations in Ethiopia.
<a href="#">46,077</a> allocated	From the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund to Relief International for Integrated, equitable, safe and dignified access to health, nutrition, FSL and WASH services, including MHPSS and protection programming for IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host population in Greater Nasir County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan
<a href="#">73,724</a> allocated	From the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund to Relief International for integrated, equitable, safe and dignified access to health, nutrition, FSL and WASH services, including MHPSS and protection programming for IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host population in Greater Nasir County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

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<a href="#">70,652</a> allocated	From the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund to Relief International for Integrated, equitable, safe and dignified access to health, nutrition, FSL and WASH services, including MHPSS and protection programming for IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host population in Greater Nasir County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan
<a href="#">315,910</a> allocated	Syrian Republic Humanitarian Fund to Terre des Hommes - Italy for the enhancement of coping mechanisms and reducing of protection risks for PWDs, WMBG during COVID-19, through increasing awareness and providing CASH assistance, PSS, and remote PFA services, (Protection)
<a href="#">295,545</a> allocated	From the Jordan Humanitarian Fund to the International Catholic Migration Commission for the provision of Cash Assistance and Psychosocial Support in Response to COVID-19
<a href="#">501,061</a> allocated	From the Pakistan Humanitarian Fund to support and complement government efforts for coping the current pandemic of COVID-19 and ensure essential health services, including MNCH, IPC, PPE, psychosocial support and disease surveillance in District Peshawar and Swat of KP
<a href="#">\$99,428</a> allocated	from the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund to ACT Alliance / Norwegian Church Aid for increasing access to water, hygiene and mental health support
<a href="#">\$348,000</a> allocated	from the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund to ACT Alliance / Norwegian Church Aid for increasing access to water, hygiene and mental health support



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<p><a href="#">\$49,714</a> allocated</p>	<p>from the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund to ACT Alliance / Norwegian Church Aid for increasing access to water, hygiene and mental health support</p>
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CBPFs are pooled funds managed by UN OCHA that make funding available directly to partners in the country of operation. As of October, CBPFs have allocated [US \\$211 million](#) for the COVID-19 response. Allocations for MHPSS have been made from the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund, the Syrian Republic Humanitarian Fund, Jordan Humanitarian Fund, the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund, the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund, the Pakistan Humanitarian Fund, and the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund. These examples are listed in the above table.

The following country and regional humanitarian response plans (HRPs) have been updated in the July [GHRP Annex](#): Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, oPt, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen, and Zimbabwe, Burundi (regional), DRC (regional), Nigeria (regional), South Sudan (regional) Syria (regional), Venezuela (regional), and Rohingya Crisis (regional).

New HRPs have been released, including DPR, Korea, Benin, Iran, Lebanon, Liberia, Mozambique, Pakistan Philippines, Sierra Leone, and Togo. These examples can be found in the July [GHRP Annex](#). Every HRP features the needs of each country, and can include the MHPSS services needed. Funds from CBPFs can be directed to needed services highlighted in HRPs and the GHRP.

**International NGOs**

**Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**

<p><b>Funding appeal (CHF)</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b></p>
<p>IFRC - <a href="#">CHF 1.9 billion (USD 1.95 billion) appeal</a></p>	<p>to support National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in providing health care, water and sanitation, and mitigation against the socio-economic impacts for the most vulnerable people. This includes MHPSS.</p>
<p>ICRC - <a href="#">CHF 1.2 billion (USD 1.24 billion) appeal</a></p>	<p>to respond in places of conflict and violence, to support medical facilities and places of detention, curb the spread among and ensure medical access for displaced people and detainees, and to support National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in their response. This include MHPSS.</p>



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The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the International Federation of Red Cross, *IFRC*, and Red Crescent Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross *ICRC*) [is appealing for US\\$3 billion](#). Full details on the Red Crescent Movement strategy can be found [here](#), detailing National Societies’ work providing MHPSS in various countries. IFRC’s website provides [Operations Updates](#) that share MHPSS practices in different countries. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has also produced a [document](#) sharing experiences of providing MHPSS services during COVID-19.

The IFRC [PS Centre](#) and several National Societies have also produced tools and guidance materials on MHPSS (including Psychological first aid for staff and volunteers). For further details on specific National Societies’ response, see the updated [Operations Updates](#).

**International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

Allocated amount (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
unknown	IRC has launched coronavirus preparedness and response programs in over 40 countries. This has included funding psychosocial support campaigns in Mexico.

IRC has COVID19 [preparedness and response programs](#) in over 40 countries, including the United States, Greece, Syria and Yemen. This includes work in Mexico, launching a public health awareness and psychosocial support campaign for shelters at the Mexico-US border.

**Save the Children**

Funding appeal (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">100 million</a>	The appeal calls to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mitigate the impact of the pandemic on child survival</li> <li>● Help children learn, stay safe, and return to school</li> <li>● Support family survival and food security through safety nets</li> <li>● Keep children, families, and communities safe.</li> </ul> MHPSS is integrated throughout the <a href="#">response plan</a> .

Save the Children has launched a [US\\$100 million](#) appeal for children and families. MHPSS is integrated in Save the Children’s [response](#), through all phases of planned



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implementation and across sectors. To learn more about Save the Children’s efforts, see [here](#).

**CARE International**

<b>allocated amount (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">1 million</a> allocated	Emergency funding for 17 countries, including psychosocial support.

CARE released over [US \\$1 million](#) in emergency funding for 17 countries. Assistance also includes providing hygiene kits and sanitation items, as well as providing psychosocial support to individuals affected by violence in Syria.

**Bilateral Donors**

**Australia**

<b>Pledges, allocations and commitments USD / AUD</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">USD 9.7 million</a> allocated	to WHO COVID appeal
<a href="#">AUS 350 million</a> pledged	during the global coronavirus pledging conference, directly largely toward Australian organisations for vaccine development, CEPI, and FIND.
<a href="#">AUS 300 million</a> pledged	to GAVI for 2021-2025
<a href="#">AUD 90,000</a> committed	for child mental health services in Mongolia

DFAT is [assisting](#) Pacific neighbours with laboratories, medical equipment, health expertise, public information campaigns and support for national preparedness plans and the WHO’s regional plan. In March, Australia provided more details on the DFAT [website](#), however there is no specific mention of mental health support in this announcement. Data acquired from [IATI](#) does show support to a children’s mental health project in Mongolia.



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On the 4th May, Australia pledged [USD \\$214 million / AUS \\$350 million](#) during the global coronavirus conference, directed mainly towards Australian organisations for vaccine development, with US\$5 million to The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI) and US\$5 million to the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND).

In the end of May, Australia released a new aid policy, [Partnerships for Recovery: Australia's COVID-19 Development Response](#) that focuses on the Indo-Pacific region, and on three action areas: health security, health security, stability, and economic recovery. There is no mention of mental health in this policy.

### Canada

Pledged or allocated funds (CAD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">CAD 159.5 million</a> pledged	for UN agencies and IFRC/ICRC, CEPI, and global health security.
<a href="#">CAD 600 million</a> pledged	for GAVI for 2021-205.
<a href="#">CAD 850 million</a> (re)pledged	pledged during the global coronavirus conference on 4 May, for CEPI, WHO and Canadian research institutions. This was previously announced funding, <a href="#">however</a> .
<a href="#">CAD 5.5 million</a> pledged	to ECW
<a href="#">CAD 120 million</a> pledged	for activities of ACT Accelerator (including 20 million to CEPI)
<a href="#">CAD 180 million</a> pledged	to address the immediate humanitarian and development impacts

Initially, the government of Canada announced [CAD \\$159.5 million](#) in funding for global efforts. Broken down, this represented CAD \$84.5 million for international organisations, CAD \$40 million to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations for COVID-19 vaccine development, CAD \$30 million for specific country assistance, and CAD \$5 million for global health security.

Canada also pledged [€551 million](#) during the EU-hosted global coronavirus conference on 4 May, however this was an announcement of already pledged funds. During the second EU hosted summit in June, Canada pledged new funds of [CAD \\$120 million](#) for the ACT-Accelerator, and \$180 million CAD for COVID-19 humanitarian and development aid.



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In June, Canada announced an additional [CAD \\$5.5 million](#) pledged to ECW, bringing Canada’s overall support to the fund to US\$56 million.

**European Union (EU)**

Estimated funding pledge, appeal and commitments EUR / USD	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<p><a href="#">EUR 15.9 billion</a> in pledges raised from Member <i>and</i> Non-Member States and Private Sources (some of this may also be re-pledged funds)</p>	<p>In support of the ACT Accelerator. Funding recipients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI) for vaccines</li> <li>● Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance for vaccine deployment</li> <li>● Therapeutics Accelerator for therapeutics</li> <li>● UNITAID for therapeutics deployment (related to coronavirus)</li> <li>● Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) for diagnostics</li> <li>● The Global Fund for diagnostics deployment (related to coronavirus)</li> <li>● The World Health Organization (WHO) for health systems (related to coronavirus)</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">EUR 36 billion pledged</a> from Member States - “Team Europe”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● for supporting healthcare systems and the response to the pandemic in partner countries, providing budget support, and for mitigating the social and economic impact. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ €3.25 billion are channelled to Africa, including €2.06 billion for sub-Saharan Africa and €1.19 billion for the Northern African neighbourhood countries.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 1.42 billion for guarantees for Africa and the neighbourhood from the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD)</li> <li>● support to the Response Plans of international organisations</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">EUR 1.4 billion pledge</a></p>	<p>announced at the international pledging conference on 4 May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● €1 billion in grants through Horizon 2020</li> <li>● €400 million in guarantees on loans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ €80 million via RescEU, €150 million via the Emergency Support Instrument and €170 million through external instruments.</li> <li>○ €100 million will be donated to CEPI and €158 million to the WHO</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<a href="#">EUR 640,000</a> committed	to Handicap International in Madagascar for strengthening the health response (including support to MHPSS)
<a href="#">EUR 9.8 million</a> committed	Via ECHO to Medecins du Monde. Provision of essential health care services and psychosocial support to conflict-affected population in North West and North East Syria
<a href="#">EUR 334,479</a> committed	Via Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), for Promoting rights of people with mental disorders and psychosocial disabilities in Georgia
<a href="#">EUR 3.5 million</a> committed	Via ECHO to ICRC for Economic Security, Psychosocial support, Protection of Civilian Population and Wathab in Detention activities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
<a href="#">EUR 2.5 million</a> committed	via ECHO to the Danish Red Cross for Primary and Emergency Health, Psychosocial and Operation Support in Syria (ECHO-10)
<a href="#">USD 904,977</a>	to Save the Children. For integrated Protection, Nutrition, Education, MHPSS and Basic Needs Programming responding to urgent life-saving needs of conflict-affected populations in North East Syria (part of ECHO/SYR/BUD/2020/91003)
<a href="#">USD 154,525</a>	to Medicine du Monde Belgium, for provision of PSS services to survivors of GBV in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
<a href="#">USD 55,188</a>	Providing essential primary health care and nutrition services for conflict affected vulnerable children and families in ASAA, with integrated MHPSS and support to SGBV survivors (part of ECHO/-AF/BUD/2020/91004) in South Sudan.
<a href="#">USD 3,474,484</a>	Providing Integrated Lifesaving Reproductive Health and Mental Health Specialized Services to Under-served Communities and Rapid Response Mechanism to newly displaced persons affected by the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen (part of ECHO/YEM/BUD/2020/91001)

The EU is mobilising almost [€36 billion](#) for the response. This includes €15.6 billion in support for the emergency response (including support for response plans of international organisations and immediate humanitarian support), supporting healthcare systems and the response to the pandemic in partner countries, providing budgetary support, and for mitigating the social and economic impact. The overall package includes another [€1.42 billion](#) in guarantees for Africa and the



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neighbourhood from the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD). The latest details on the EU response can be found [here](#), and there is currently no specific mention of mental health support in this response.

The European Commission also [pledged €1 billion](#) in grants and €400 million in guarantees on loans during the international pledging conference. This includes €1 billion through [Horizon 2020](#), €80 million via [RescEU](#), €150 million via the [Emergency Support Instrument](#) and €170 million through external instruments. €100 million will be donated to CEPI and €158 million to the World Health Organization.

On 4 May, the EU co-hosted an [international pledging conference](#), aiming to raise €7.5 billion. The funding [recipients](#) of this pledge are: (CEPI) for vaccines, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance for vaccine deployment (related to coronavirus), Therapeutics Accelerator for therapeutics, Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) for diagnostics and WHO for health systems (related to coronavirus).

At the end of June, the EU continued to host another pledging conference, the ‘Global Goal: Unite for our Future’ pledging summit. This raised an additional €6.15 billion, totalling [€15.9 billion in funds](#) raised for universal access to tests, treatments and vaccines against coronavirus and for global recovery (the ACT Accelerator).

EU support to global MHPSS projects is strong. Data from both the FTS and IATIA give many examples of such support, and they are included in the above table.

**France**

Pledged or allocated funds EUR / USD	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">USD 5.9 million contribution</a>	to WHO COVID-19 appeal (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">€ 1.2 billion initiative</a>	To target 19 countries in Africa and MENA regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● €150 million in the form of donations;</li> <li>● €1 billion in the form of loans to address short-term challenges facing partner countries and development banks.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">€ 500 million pledged</a>	announced at the international pledging conference on 4 May. Unknown if this was money already pledged.
<a href="#">€ 34 million</a> allocated	to French CSOs operating globally. This includes support to Fédération Handicap International (HI) and to Irex Europe that features psychosocial support for LGBTQ+ people in Albania and Kosovo



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France has announced a €1.2 billion initiative, [COVID-19 - Health In Common](#), in response to the pandemic. It consists of €150 million in donations, and €1 billion in the form of loans, and will target 19 priority countries for French aid in Africa, MENA region and the ocean basins. [Projects funded](#) under the initiative so far: support to pandemic research, financing an epidemiological surveillance and alert network in the Indian Ocean, support for *Institut Pasteur* in Africa for rapid COVID-19 testing, emergency support for hospitals in the Democratic Republic of Congo, reinforcement of COVID-19 diagnostic capacities in seven countries, support to African Health Ministries' capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. There has been no announcement for support for mental health services as part of this initiative as of 4 May.

AFD is also resourcing French NGOs operating globally, so far with [€31 million](#) of grant support. This includes support to Fédération Handicap International (HI) and to Irex Europe that features psychosocial support for LGBTQ+ people in Albania and Kosovo.

France pledged [€500 million](#) during the global coronavirus conference on 4 May. To follow France development agency (AFD)'s COVID-19 response, see [AFD's website](#).

### Germany

Pledged or allocated funds (EUR/USD)	Purpose of funds and mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">€145 million</a> pledged	to CEPI
<a href="#">USD \$ 283 million</a> allocated	to the GHRP (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">USD 406 million</a> allocated	to WHO's COVID response (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">€525 million</a> pledged	during the international pledging conference on the 4th May. Unknown if this was already pledged funds.
<a href="#">€383 million</a> pledged	pledged at the second EU hosted summit. €150 million is earmarked for the Global Fund's Response Mechanism, and €233 million will be going to organizations helping people in developing countries cope with the impacts of the pandemic.
<a href="#">€10,000</a> allocated	To Transcultural Psychosocial Organization to support for people living with disabilities during Covid 19 lockdown in Palorinya Settlement, Uganda

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<a href="#">\$1,731,914</a> allocated	To Save the Children for providing psychosocial and nutritional services to pregnant / breastfeeding women and toddlers in camps in north-eastern Syria
<a href="#">\$381,115</a>	Securing the basic needs of vulnerable groups through cash assistance, primary care and psychosocial activities in Syria
<a href="#">\$160,410</a>	Inclusive access to psychosocial support, protective measures and drinking water supply for conflict victims, contact line / Eastern Ukraine as part of the COVID19 crisis.

Germany is currently the second largest donor to the GHRP, providing US \$[283.1](#) million (9.8% of the appeal). These funds have been directed to WHO, WFP, and UNICEF. Germany pledged [€525 million](#) during the international pledging conference on the 4th May, and at the second pledging conference at the end of June pledged an additional [€383 million](#) for the Global Fund's Response Mechanism and to organisations in developing countries. Germany has supported MHPSS activities in Ukraine, Syria and Uganda, highlighted above.

**Japan**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">50.6 million</a>	to WHO's COVID response (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">100 million</a>	to GAVI
<a href="#">187.1 million</a> (as of October)	to the GHRP
<a href="#">7 million</a>	for health and medical equipment to strengthen Sri Lanka's response to COVID-19.
<a href="#">8 million</a>	for healthcare and medical equipment to tackle COVID-19 in Papua New Guinea
<a href="#">9 million</a>	US\$9 million for health systems strengthening in Mongolia
<a href="#">19 million</a>	for health system strengthening in Myanmar
<a href="#">14 million</a>	for health systems support and medical equipment to Laos

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Japan has supported global humanitarian efforts, providing resources to WHO, the UN's GHRP, and to GAVI. Bilaterally, the government continues to provide aid to neighbouring countries including Laos, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka. Japan has also expressed an interest in being a founding donor of the World Bank's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Multi-Donor Fund ([HEPRF](#)).

**Netherlands**

Pledged or allocated funds (EUR)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">100 million</a>	€15 million to UNICEF and WHO  €35 million to international organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• €10 million to the Dutch Relief Alliance</li> <li>• €15 million to CERF</li> <li>• €5 million channelled through CBPFs</li> <li>• €5 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">€500 million</a>	€350 million will be allocated for compensating ODA-losses due to the projected decline in GDP  €150 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• €48 million for humanitarian assistance,</li> <li>• €27 million in health care support</li> <li>• €5 million for the mitigation of the socio-economic consequences of the crisis</li> </ul>
<a href="#">€1.2 million</a>	to Young Africa (YA). The assistance focuses on food relief and security, livelihood support, psychosocial support, and training methodology (e-learning) development, in response to COVID-19 in Mozambique.

At the Global Ministerial Mental Health summit in 2019, countries agreed to the [Amsterdam declaration](#) to scale up MHPSS in emergency response. The Netherlands has allocated [€50 million \(US\\$54 million\)](#) for CEPI, €42 million (US \$45million) for research, and [€100 million \(US\\$108 million\)](#) for relief organisations. In July, the Dutch government announced another [€500 million](#) in support for efforts. Examples of Netherland's funded mental health projects include: funding the organisation [Young Africa](#) in Mozambique for the provision of psychosocial support alongside food relief and other support.

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Norway

Pledged or allocated funds NOK / USD	Purpose of funds and mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">NOK 13 billion</a> (US \$1.3 billion) pledged	announced at the international pledging conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US \$1 billion to GAVI for 2021-2025</li> <li>• NOK 50 million to WHO</li> </ul>
<a href="#">USD 3.6 million</a> allocated	to WHO COVID response (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">NOK 150 million</a> allocated	to the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund
<a href="#">NOK 4.3 billion</a> allocated	to Norwegian CSOs operating in low income countries

Norway [announced](#) NOK 13 billion (US\$1.3 billion) for the global pandemic response during the pledging conference on 4 May. The pledge included US\$1 billion for GAVI for the period 2021-2030, and NOK 50 million (US \$5 billion) to WHO. Norway also announced 4.3 billion in assistance to Norwegian CSOs operating in low income countries, more details of recipient organizations can be found [here](#).

South Korea

Pledged or allocated funds (USD)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<a href="#">3.3 million</a> allocated	to WHO's COVID response (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">400 million</a> announced as ODA	to strengthen COVID-19 healthcare systems in partner countries
<a href="#">1.4 billion</a> announced	included in this announcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">100 million</a> allocated for humanitarian aid</li> <li>• 400 million for the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (South Korea's concessional loan program)</li> <li>• US\$980 million to create a global fund for healthcare goods and services.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">29 million</a> allocated	ODA KOREA: Building TRUST (Transparency, Resilience, Unity, and Safety Together) initiative



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The South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced a new initiative to support partner countries COVID response, [ODA KOREA: Building TRUST \(Transparency, Resilience, Unity, and Safety Together\)](#). This initiative will see US\$ 29 million in support this year for COVID-19 response programs in Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Ethiopia, Colombia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar, the Philippines, and the Africa Center for Disease Control. There is no mention of MHPSS in this initiative.

In May, the Ministry of Economy and Finance announced a shift in budget with [US\\$400 million](#) in ODA to strengthen COVID-19 healthcare systems in partner countries. In [June](#), announcements were made totaling a 1.4 billion in contributions: including 100 million for humanitarian aid, 400 million for the Economic Development Cooperation Fund, and US\$980 million to create a global fund for healthcare goods and services.

**Sweden**

Pledged or allocated funds (SEK)	Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)
<p><a href="#">224 million</a> was allocated by May 11, this increased to <a href="#">797 million</a> by the end of June. Now, by end of the August, <a href="#">SEK 1.25 billion</a> has been allocated for SIDA’s COVID19 response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SEK 70 million for UN GHRP</li> <li>● SEK 30 million to ICRC (for various activities including MHPSS)</li> <li>● SEK 3.9 million for Norway Refugee Council</li> <li>● SEK 6 million for Action Against Hunger (for various activities including psychosocial support)</li> <li>● SEK 3 million for Save the Children</li> <li>● SEK 2.3 million for Plan International.</li> <li>● SEK 20 million to DKT International</li> <li>● SEK 15 million to UNICEF Bangladesh</li> <li>● SEK 4.3 million to HelpAge International</li> <li>● SEK 1.2 million UN Women in Ethiopia</li> <li>● SEK 5 million to Water Aid Bangladesh</li> </ul> <p>June assistance reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SEK 3 million to Islamic Relief</li> <li>● SEK 3.9 million to FAO</li> <li>● SEK 60 million to WHO               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SEK 30 million for global support</li> <li>○ SEK for support in African countries</li> </ul> </li> <li>● SEK 29 million to the UNICEF Social Protection Programme in Ethiopia</li> <li>● SEK 3 million to Helvetas and other NGOs</li> <li>● SEK 28.6 million to International Development Research Centre (IDCR)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEK 5 million to Oxfam for climate adaptation in rural areas in Zimbabwe.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">50 million</a> allocated	to the UN MPTF COVID Response and Recovery Fund

By May, the Swedish development agency, SIDA allocated [SEK 224 million](#) (US\$ 22.9 million) for COVID19 specific support. New humanitarian assistance was allocated to; SEK 70 million for UN GHRP, SEK 30 million to ICRC, for multiple activities including [psychosocial support](#), SEK 3.9 million for Norway Refugee Council, SEK 6 million for Action Against Hunger for improving access to health services, including psychosocial support, SEK 3 million for Save the Children, and SEK 2.3 million for Plan International. Development assistance has been directed to DKT international, UNICEF Bangladesh, HelpAge International, UN Women and WaterAid Bangladesh. Further details of support are included [here](#).

By August, SIDA had allocated SEK 1.25 billion for the COVID19 response. Full details of SIDA's support can be found on the [website](#).

**United Kingdom (UK)**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (GBP)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">774 million</a> allocated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £200 million to UK charities and international organisations to help reduce mass infections in developing countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ £65 million to WHO</li> <li>○ £50 million to IFRC</li> <li>○ £20 million to UNICEF</li> <li>○ £20 million to UNHCR</li> <li>○ £15 million to WFP</li> <li>○ £10 million to UNFPA</li> <li>○ £20 million for various international NGOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">£5 million</a> to ECW - for emergency education services (this can include psychosocial support)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• £250 million to CEPI</li> <li>• £150 million to IMF's Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust</li> </ul> <p>Further funds went to support to develop new vaccines, tests and treatments and a global hygiene programme with Unilever</p>
<a href="#">122 million</a> allocated (this may have been	to WHO's COVID response (as of 5 October)

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included in a previous announcement)	
<a href="#">1.7 billion</a> pledged	to GAVI for 2021-2025 (the UK hosted the GAVI replenishment conference in June)

By May, DFID committed over £774 million towards the COVID-19 response, with [£388 million](#) support for new vaccines (more details can be found [here](#)). It includes funding to international organisations such as WHO and the Red Cross, NGOs and COVID-19 related research organisations. Included in this is a [£5 million](#) (US\$6.26 million) contribution to ECW. The UK has also pledged [£330 million](#) a year over the next five years to GAVI. As of October, the UK had provided [US\\$245.6 million](#) to the GHRP, accounting for 7.6% of all contributions.

**United States (US)**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">1.6 billion allocated</a> as September	<p>For emergency health, humanitarian, economic, and development assistance in over 120 countries. See the full list of <a href="#">activities</a> funded via fact sheets. Funding to MHPSS projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 million has been allocated to <a href="#">Dominican Republic</a>, to address various needs including psychosocial support.</li> <li>• funding to psychosocial services in <a href="#">Ukraine</a></li> <li>• launched virtual MHPSS services to frontline workers and caregivers in <a href="#">Eastern and Southern Caribbean</a></li> <li>• Providing phone and internet access support, enabling beneficiaries to receive distance psychosocial support and school-aged youth in <a href="#">Morocco</a></li> <li>• partnered with UNICEF to provide MHPSS to frontline workers in <a href="#">Belarus</a></li> <li>• funding an NGO in <a href="#">Afghanistan</a> that is providing social learning and psychosocial support services and conducting training on gender-based violence prevention.</li> <li>• <a href="#">2.7 million</a> allocated for providing mental health, psychosocial wellbeing, and protection services to</li> </ul>



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	vulnerable people during the pandemic, including refugees and host communities in Egypt.
<a href="#">34 million</a> allocated	to WHO's COVID response (as of 5 October)
<a href="#">2.3 million</a> allocated	to ECW. These funds may be a part of the 1 billion allocated so far.

The US government has allotted [US \\$2.4 billion](#) in emergency supplemental funding via the CARES act and the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

USAID and the Department of State, launched the [Strategy for Supplemental Funding to Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to Coronavirus Abroad](#). This strategy focuses on the resources made available via the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, of which [US \\$1.6 billion](#) has been designated for the international response. The strategy is also used to inform activities financed through other funding sources and complementary activities under PEPFAR, the Global TB Strategy, and others that contribute to the COVID response. The provision of psychosocial support is included in this strategy, for countries that are already experiencing humanitarian crises, and in fragile states, with USAID as the lead agency.

By September, USAID and the State Department have committed over [US \\$1.6 billion](#) in emergency health and humanitarian assistance. Currently, funds have been channelled to Dominican Republic for psychosocial support, to UNICEF to provide MHPSS for frontline workers in Belarus, and other MHPSS activities across the globe. The US also made an additional [\\$2.3 million](#) pledge in funding to ECW, dedicated to scale-up the education in emergency response in Burkina Faso. See the [USAID website](#) (and the above table) for fact sheets that list the projects funded.

As of October, the US is also the largest donor to the GHRP, providing \$853.7 million, accounting for 26.5% of all funds.

**Private Philanthropy**

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>



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<a href="#">250 million</a>	<p>For strengthening health systems in Africa and South Asia, helping mitigate the social and economic impacts, vaccine research and development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$50 million to COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator</li> <li>● <a href="#">\$11 million</a> to WHO’s COVID response</li> </ul>
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[US \\$250 million](#) has been announced to support the development of diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines (US\$50 million to the [COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator](#)); help strengthen African and South Asian health systems; and help mitigate the social and economic impacts of the virus. While the response will support research on gender equality issues of the pandemic, there has been no mention of mental health in this aspect.

On 4 May at the international pledging conference, BMGF announced a new [US\\$50 million](#) pledge to GAVI.

**Lego Foundation**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">50 million</a>	<p>To support education for children split between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">15 million</a> to ECW</li> <li>● Lego Foundation Partners</li> <li>● Charity Partners</li> </ul>

The Lego Foundation announced [US \\$50 million](#) to support education for children and youth around the globe. US \$15 million will go to **ECW**, and the rest will be split between foundation and charity partners.

**Open Society Foundation (OSF)**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">130 million</a>	<p>for immediate relief for vulnerable communities in various country contexts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$42 million to support low-income workers globally</li> <li>● \$9 million to fund work on ending excessive use of mandatory imprisonment and detention globally</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3 million for Europe, for local groups countering disinformation and serving the cities' most vulnerable people, such as senior citizens.</li> <li>• \$3.5 million for southern Africa, to support essential emergency services and care work, and to bolster an equitable public health response</li> <li>• \$51 million for US-based initiatives</li> </ul>
<a href="#">70 million</a>	for immediate relief for vulnerable communities in multiple regions including humanitarian relief and advocacy support for partners.

OSF announced [US \\$130 million](#) for efforts around the globe, with half planned to go towards initiatives in the United States. In October, OSF announced an additional US [\\$30 million](#) of COVID-19 relief, making the total of OSF's investments to \$200 million.

OSF has detailed their COVID-19 response in Armenia, which does include support to two mental health NGOs, further details can be found [here](#).

**Fondation D'harcourt**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
unknown	<a href="#">COVID-19 emergency fund</a> set up for mental health projects implemented in Italy and Switzerland.

Fondation D'harcourt will not have an open call for 2021 proposals. They are supporting current partners, and created a [COVID-19 emergency fund](#) for mental health projects implemented in Italy and Switzerland.

**Google**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>



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<a href="#">100 million</a>	For economic relief and recovery, and health initiatives and organisations, including WHO and the mental health organisation, A Lust for Life, in Ireland.
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Google has committed [US \\$100 million](#) for various relief efforts. Included in this is US \$10 million for immediate crisis relief grants to non-profits operating in communities where Google has offices, including mental health organisations, such as A Lust for Life in Ireland. Google has also shared [resources](#) on mental health promotion during COVID.

**Wellcome Trust**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
<a href="#">8 billion appeal</a>	COVID-Zero, for vaccine research and development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 billion for WHO</li> <li>● 250 million for regional surveillance and control efforts</li> <li>● 2 billion to develop vaccines</li> <li>● 1.5 billion to develop therapeutics</li> <li>● 0.5 billion – to develop diagnostics</li> <li>● 1 billion for manufacturing and delivery of therapeutics and diagnostics</li> <li>● 1 billion to support manufacturing and delivery of vaccines and</li> <li>● 0.75 billion to stockpile COVID-19 vaccines and personal protective equipment.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">50 million</a> allocated	to BMGF’s COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator

Wellcome’s initiative, [COVID-Zero](#), is directed to private companies for COVID-19 research and development. It aims to raise US \$1 billion by private companies, and then to advocate for governments to fund the remainder, for a total of US \$8 billion. The \$8 billion is intended to be split as follows: \$1 billion – to WHO to support preparedness and emergency response; \$250 million – for regional surveillance and control efforts; \$2 billion – to develop vaccines; \$1.5 billion – to develop therapeutics; \$0.5 billion – to develop diagnostics; \$1 billion – for manufacturing and delivery of therapeutics and diagnostics; \$1 billion – to support manufacturing and delivery of vaccines and \$0.75 billion – to stockpile COVID-19 vaccines and personal protective equipment.

Wellcome has also contributed [US\\$ 50 million](#) to the BMGF’s COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator.



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**Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)**

<b>Pledged or allocated funds (USD)</b>	<b>Purpose of funds and/or mental health inclusion (if applicable)</b>
100 million	For existing grantees and new grantee partners, these funds are for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● research, access to food and other necessities, mental health support for specially affected populations (US Based organisations), emergency relief for artists, and support for frontline staff</li></ul>

SNF announced [US \\$100 million](#) in funding for existing grantees and new first-time partners. Funds have gone toward mental health organisations in the US (largely based in New York City), as well as various relief efforts across the globe. See the website for an [extensive list](#) of organisations that have been supported.