SNF Completes $100 Million Global COVID-19 Relief Initiative

The initiative sought both to deliver immediate relief focused on access to essentials like food, physical and mental health services, and education and to help lay groundwork for long-term recovery in communities around the world—support continues through ongoing grantmaking initiatives.

Responding to a staggering crisis whose health and socioeconomic implications were only beginning to be glimpsed, in April 2020 the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) announced the first round of grants in its $100 million global COVID-19 relief initiative. Over the next year, SNF support helped partners working in 50 countries across five continents meet the urgent needs in local communities. The expertised and on-the-ground insights of these partners informed the 208 grants made as part of the initiative. A complete list of grants is included at the end of the release.

The final round of grants included renewed support for a number of existing partners in the relief initiative, as well as new partnerships including a major forthcoming arts collaboration. Among others, the final grants supported:

- The Trust for Governors Island in enriching its public space with art commissions addressing themes like climate change and racial equity
- Malala Fund in enabling delivery of programming in India and Pakistan to help girls pursue their education
- The YWCA of Queens in hiring mental health professionals who speak Mandarin and Cantonese to provide support to older adults in the community
- Amref Health Africa in increasing access to maternal health care in Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia
- The San Antonio Food Bank in continuing to help meet elevated food need across Southwest Texas

“Our approach to grantmaking is to try to go where the need is, rather than follow a preconceived notion of what’s important,” said SNF Co-President Andreas Dracopoulos. “We’ve been listening and learning as we’ve gone along, and have had the best possible guides in this process—partners who have worked to overcome everything the pandemic has thrown at them in order to continue serving the most vulnerable among us. As the initiative concludes, our feeling as a team is one of overwhelming gratitude to our tireless partners.”

The relief initiative remained dynamic as it rolled out, responding to the situation as it unfolded. The first grant, made when the virus and the disease it causes were not well understood, was to bolster critical relevant scientific research. More recently, grants have helped bring public space to life once more and looked toward an equitable socioeconomic recovery for all. Certain constants remained throughout, including deep and widespread food insecurity, a lingering concern that predated and was exacerbated by the pandemic.
Themes that emerged in the initiative include:

- **Access to food and essentials**, from Acción contra el Hambre’s work delivering essentials in seven countries across Central and South America, to U.S. organizations like Rethink Food focusing on the welfare of those preparing food as well those as eating it, to Saha Global employing a network of women-run small water businesses to provide free clean water for hundreds of communities across Northern Ghana, to efforts in Greece by Boroume and the Central Union of Greek Municipalities to reach people across the country with food assistance.

- **Support for mental and physical health care**, from a grant to add capacity for new ICU beds across Greece, to emergency medical interventions by Médecins Sans Frontières in Africa, the Middle East, and Greek islands where refugees are received, to remote mental health care services for thousands of older New Yorkers through Service Program for Older People.

- **Education and supportive networks for young people**, from United World Schools’ work facilitating remote education in Nepal, Myanmar, and Cambodia, to Figure Skating in Harlem’s work guiding young women as they grow personally and academically, to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America’s work connecting young people across the country with mentors.

- **Emergency relief for artists and the reactivation of public space**, from support for Artist Relief 2.0 through United States Artists, to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation-Lincoln Center Agora Initiative’s work to reimagine civic space.

- **A financial foundation for an equitable recovery**, from the SNF Small Business Growth & Recovery Fund, to the New York Immigration Coalition’s creation of resources in seven languages for immigrant-owned small businesses.

- **Data and research**, from The Rockefeller University’s round-the-clock research into COVID-19, to the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative’s coordination of a multi-country African-led clinical trial to identify early treatment options for the disease, to Johns Hopkins University’s COVID-19 Testing Insights Initiative.

- **Support for those on the front lines**, from an honorarium given to over 4,700 individual hospital staff across Greece, to Vital Strategies’ Resolve to Save Lives initiative and its work backing frontline workers across Africa as they combat the pandemic.

“Though the $100 million dedicated to the global COVID-19 relief initiative has been allocated, this does not mean that SNF’s focus is wavering from critical support related to the effects of the pandemic,” said SNF Chief Programs & Strategic Initiatives Officer Stelios Vassilakis. “The initiative was designed to get aid out to people in need in the near term. In the period ahead, our grantmaking work inevitably will be related, directly or indirectly, to continuing to help address the effects of the pandemic as society continues to grapple with them.”

SNF will continue to consider applications submitted through its regular open application on an ongoing basis, providing year-round access online to nonprofit organizations around the world.

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Grants Made as Part of SNF’s Global Relief Initiative

UNITED STATES

Advocates for Children of New York Inc., New York: Providing individualized assistance and informational outreach to help ensure that students from marginalized populations, including low-income students with disabilities, students living in shelter or foster care, and English language learners, can continue to participate in school despite pandemic disruptions.

Alliance of Resident Theatres/New York, New York: Providing emergency relief grants to small theaters in New York City to support artists and maintain the creative pipeline.

American Cancer Society, United States: Providing accommodation to healthcare staff resting and self-isolating with nearly a thousand rooms across the country.

Artists for Humanity, New York: Offering young people in Boston opportunities for creative employment, mentorship, and self-expression through art.

ArtsPool, New York: SNF is re-upping support to help New York City’s cultural nonprofits focus on programming through ArtsPool’s pooled support on administrative needs and sharing of innovative solutions through the Accountable Communication initiative.

A Single Bite, Sullivan County, NY: Providing meals to families in need throughout the county who are referred by local community organizations, food pantries, and school districts.

Bangor Region YMCA, Bangor: Building on a previous grant to provide childcare for the children of essential workers in Maine, a new grant supports a range of programming at the organization, including supervision and educational support for students learning remotely, a preschool, summer camps, a food pantry, and health and wellness programs.

Betances Health Center, New York: Delivering community-based, frontline healthcare to residents of Manhattan’s Lower East Side and the Bushwick and Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhoods in Brooklyn.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, United States: Serving almost 10,000 children a year in Cincinnati, Birmingham, Southeast Florida, East Tennessee, Southwest Michigan, and elsewhere to ensure kids stay virtually connected to their mentors during this time of physical distancing.

Books for Kids, United States: Supporting early reading and literacy skills by ensuring that disadvantaged families and kids living in homeless shelters have access to a library of books and guided story time.

Breakthrough New York, New York: Providing summer and after-school tutoring to middle schoolers from low-income backgrounds.
BRIC, New York: Providing enriching online artistic content and support to Brooklyn’s vibrant artistic community

Broad Street Ministry, Philadelphia: Providing food and hygiene products to unsheltered populations, as one of few relevant providers remaining open in the city

Bowery Mission, New York: Providing welcoming, trauma-informed basic services and emergency care to hundreds of people experiencing homelessness each day, including shelter, showers, meals, clothing and hygiene products

CaringKind, New York: Providing support to families affected by dementia at every stage of the disease through a helpline, virtual support groups, remote counseling sessions, virtual programs to provide guidance to caregivers, the MedicAlert Wanderer program, and more

Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York: Providing nutritious take-away meals and a variety of food pantry items to meet increased need in West Harlem and Morningside Heights

Center for Urban Community Services, New York: Providing personal protective equipment for medical, mental health, and social services providers and the thousands of clients they serve across the city

Center to Advance Palliative Care, United States: Helping address the strain faced by healthcare providers through free online COVID-19 resources that offer guidance on managing symptoms and improving communication with critically ill patients and their families

City Harvest, New York: Rescuing millions of pounds of food from producers, grocery stores, and restaurants for redistribution to New Yorkers in need

Citymeals on Wheels, New York: Delivering nutritious meals to tens of thousands of older New Yorkers and checking on their welfare

City Parks Foundation, New York: Maintaining and improving the parks New Yorkers are depending on more than ever through the NYC Green Relief and Recovery Fund, which provides urgent relief to the stewardship nonprofits managing the city’s outdoor public spaces

Coalition for the Homeless, New York: Providing meals, cash cards for necessities, PPE, and warm clothing to people experiencing homelessness; offering eviction prevention assistance; and helping renovate a health center for children with infectious diseases for COVID-19 safety

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Detroit: Helping local food pantries combat food insecurity while implementing distribution systems that keep the community safe

Dance/NYC, New York: Another SNF grant to Dance/NYC will help it support more than 150 smaller-budget dance organizations in NYC with emergency funding through the organization's Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund: Summer Programming Support

DonorsChoose, United States: Doubling donations through the DonorsChoose platform to provide classroom essentials at rural schools and schools where 75% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch
**DREAM**, New York: Using baseball and softball as entry points to help more than 2,500 students from kindergarten through college build academic and socioemotional skills in Harlem, the South Bronx, and Newark

**Family Caregiver Alliance**, United States: Scaling up a digital database and adding staff to refer more caregivers to resources that can improve quality of life for them and the people they care for at home

**FDNY Foundation**, New York: Providing personal protective equipment to first responders, including much-needed masks to help keep EMTs and paramedics safe on duty as they continue to serve on the front lines

**Feeding America**, United States: Combatting food insecurity across the country by directing resources to the local partner organizations that are most in need

**Figure Skating in Harlem**, New York: Guiding around 150 young women in elementary through high school to grow in health, emotional wellbeing, and leadership by combining figure skating with academic support

**Food with a Focus**, Baltimore: Filling a gap in food availability on Baltimore’s west side, providing two weeks’ worth of fresh produce to thousands of families through staff redeployed from other nonprofits and volunteers at over 40 churches in the area

**Fund for Public Health in NYC**, New York: Checking in with elderly and homebound New Yorkers, as well as offering other essential health programs

**George Jackson Academy**, New York: Supplying laptops, headphones, robotics kits, and software to enable effective remote education for middle school boys from low-income families

**Gibney**, New York: Offering holistic emergency relief to the dance community through the organization’s Rebuilding Blocks initiative

**God’s Love We Deliver**, New York: Delivering nearly 10,000 medically tailored meals a day to New Yorkers with serious illnesses

**Grand Street Settlement**, New York: Operating a shuttle outfitted for COVID-19 safety to help low-income families and seniors on the Lower East Side access social services that cannot be delivered remotely

**Greater New Orleans Foundation**, New Orleans: Supporting organizations serving seniors requiring urgent care, people experiencing homelessness, low-wage workers in need of essential goods, and the African American communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic

**GrowNYC**, New York: Connecting small-scale food producers to individual consumers through a variety of initiatives, including up to 60,000 free emergency food boxes from a cooperative of 22 farms in upstate New York, 50 Greenmarkets with 240 producers around the city, and more than a dozen youth-run Farmstands

**Harlem Academy**, New York: Providing increased tuition assistance to families, laptops for remote learning, and individualized personal support for students
Harlem Educational Activities Fund, New York: Providing academic and socioemotional support, as well as cultural enrichment, to students in sixth grade through college

Henry Street Settlement, New York: Offering thousands of meals a week, a helpline, emergency cash assistance, mental health services, and an emergency job corps on Manhattan’s Lower East Side

Hostos Community College Foundation, New York: Providing emergency financial support to 200 students at Hostos Community College in the Bronx

Hot Bread Kitchen, New York: Helping alumnae of their workforce development program meet needs like housing, childcare, and transportation to support them in securing new job opportunities and piloting a project to put minority- and women-owned catering businesses to work addressing food insecurity

Hudson River Community Sailing, New York: Encouraging nearly 250 students from public schools in Manhattan’s Chelsea and Inwood neighborhoods to cultivate leadership and academic skills through sailing

Hunter College Foundation, New York: Hiring an additional full-time counselor to provide mental health support to thousands of students, many from low-income families, as they face stresses including increased insecurity in food, finances, and employment

Institute of International Education, United States: Assisting international students on college campuses in the U.S. who have been impacted by the pandemic in meeting essential needs through the Emergency Student Fund

International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York: A second SNF grant will go toward supporting contemporary artists in their practice through Reimagining Residencies, a consortium of a dozen diverse arts nonprofits in New York City, including ISCP

Johns Hopkins University, United States: Providing governments, businesses, and the public with comprehensive testing data paired with expert analysis and guidance through the COVID-19 Testing Insights Initiative

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, New York: Offering a food pantry and gift cards for essentials like diapers

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York: Assisting 10,000 older adults, dozens of people in a mental health shelter and supportive housing, and scores of low-income families on the East Side of Manhattan

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York: Welcoming the public to a reactivated and reimagined version of its 16-acre campus, in collaboration with the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens

Make the Road New York, New York: Providing cash assistance and emergency food support to vulnerable households and enrolling them in health insurance and food benefits, legal support related to the pandemic, and adult education classes
Montefiore Medical Center, New York: Providing consistent, quality primary and specialty health care and mental health services through the Montefiore School Health Program, which reaches tens of thousands of students in nearly 100 public schools

Mosholu-Montefiore Community Center, New York: Implementing food recovery efforts to meet increased need for up to 500 people a day and providing emergency cash assistance to families for essentials like utilities, hygiene items, and burial costs for family members

Mount Sinai Health System, New York: Expanding the capacity of the Mount Sinai Visiting Doctors Program to offer telehealth visits to underserved populations in Manhattan, including homebound adults, elderly patients, and people with psychiatric and complex illnesses

National Community Reinvestment Coalition, United States: Supporting 150 small businesses in underserved communities around the country, including those owned by women, people of color, and veterans, in pivoting to adapt to the new socioeconomic realities of the pandemic through direct grants and low-interest loans

Nazareth Housing, New York: Serving more than 200 families through food pantries in the Central Bronx and on Manhattan’s Lower East Side and offering supportive housing and an emergency family shelter

Neighbors Together, New York: Addressing sharply increased needs in Brooklyn’s Ocean Hill, Brownsville, and Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhoods by serving hundreds of nutritious hot meals each day and offering an Empowerment Program providing a range of services, from eviction prevention assistance to job training referrals

Neighborhood Trust Financial Partners, United States: Delivering coaching to build financial health for thousands of people, including workers in the hardest-hit sectors like retail and food service and unbanked and undocumented workers

New Alternatives for Children, New York: Providing mental health support, medical care and other essentials to thousands of children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and mental health diagnoses, as well as their families

New Heights, New York: Combining competitive basketball with academic support and nutrition counseling for 250 students in elementary through high school

New York Immigration Coalition, New York: Following on an initial grant that created multilingual resources to help immigrant-owned small businesses respond to COVID-19 and access relief, two new grants allow the organization to re-grant funds to community-based member organizations operating food pantries and mutual aid programs, helping meet food needs in immigrant communities

New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York: Supporting the wellbeing of a staff that numbers in the tens of thousands by providing financial assistance, food, housing, childcare, transportation, and mental health care services

New York Public Radio, New York: Providing critical support to artists, in the form of residencies, airtime, and promotion, through WQXR’s Salute to the Arts initiative
**New York Restoration Project**, New York: Enhancing and expanding the capacity of the organization’s community gardens, in turn increasing the amount of produce they share with thousands of New Yorkers and local service providers

**Osborne Association**, New York: Hiring a part-time Trauma Clinician to facilitate therapy and mindfulness activities for people affected by the criminal justice system, as well as technical assistance in trauma treatment for staff

**Pace University**, New York: Providing six- to eight-week internship experiences to 20 or more Pace students to assist on the front lines of relief work at a local partner nonprofit

**Peconic Bay Medical Center**, New York: Piloting an effort to support frontline clinical staff with “psychological PPE” to help address the trauma and loss of caring for seriously ill patients

**Pioneer Works**, New York: Ensuring the continuity of free arts and science outreach for young people in Brooklyn’s Red Hook neighborhood through community and school programs

**Playwrights Horizons**, New York: Offering $1,000 emergency relief grants to more than 130 individual theater practitioners through The Artists’ Relief Fund

**Playworks**, New York: Developing and distributing virtual educational resources that can be used by teachers and partner schools both in person and remotely

**Queens Community House**, New York: Continuing to employ a Family Support Coordinator to provide case management for households in need of emergency relief related to housing, child and elder care, health, mental health, education, job loss, benefits, immigration status, and more

**Raising a Reader Massachusetts**, New York: Addressing educational disparities by helping families in low-income communities access books and virtual guided reading lessons

**Red Hook Initiative**, New York: Providing a range of services to residents of the Brooklyn neighborhood, including facilitating access to mental health services, distributing emergency food boxes, helping families access emergency medical and rental assistance, and offering remote enrichment programs to young people

**Remote Area Medical**, United States: Providing quality free health care to people in need who otherwise lack access through pop-up clinics offering medical, dental, and vision care

**Rethink Food**, New York: Providing meals to people facing food insecurity while helping mainstay community restaurants in neighborhoods hit hard by the pandemic maintain their workforce and stay in business over the course of the tumultuous year to come

**RISE (Rockaway Initiative for Sustainability and Equity)**, New York: A new SNF grant renews support for providing fresh produce to more than 100 families in NYC’s Rockaway Peninsula through free weekly farm shares from May through November

**Robin Hood**, New York: Providing low-income New York families with assistance related to food, housing, children, immigration, income security, and health
Rocking the Boat, New York: Helping almost 300 young people from the South Bronx set goals and develop self-confidence by learning to row and sail, collaboratively building wooden boats, and helping restore urban waterways

Ronald McDonald House New York, New York: Welcoming families receiving cancer treatment for their children in New York City to free accommodation adapted for safety in the pandemic

Row New York, New York: Cultivating confidence and a strong work ethic for hundreds of young New Yorkers by combining competitive rowing with rigorous academic support

Safe Horizon, New York: Providing shelter, food, clothing, and hygiene facilities to young people experiencing homelessness

San Antonio Food Bank, San Antonio: This grant renews support for the organization’s efforts to meet elevated food need across a wide area of southwestern Texas, in conjunction with 400 local partner agencies

Service Program for Older People, New York: Increasing the organization’s staff and technological capacity to provide mental health services to thousands of older New Yorkers remotely

South Bronx United, New York: Using soccer as a matrix to build personal and academic skills to support nearly 200 students as they prepare to go to high school or college

Sponsors for Educational Opportunity, New York: Providing direct assistance as well as academic, personal, and technical assistance to families adapting to distance learning to help nearly 2,000 students focus on academics

St. Joseph Social Service Center, Elizabeth: Serving 800 New Jersey families through their food pantry, double the number since before the crisis

Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, New York: Delivering and offering food for elderly and low-income residents of the Upper East Side and East Harlem; restarting a community kitchen which will serve thousands of meals weekly while employing restaurant workers who have lost jobs due to shutdowns, as well as recent graduates of the Center’s workforce development program

StreetSquash, New York: Helping young people in Harlem realize their full academic, athletic, and personal potential through squash and wrap-around academic and social support services

Success Academy, New York: Creating a standardized social-emotional learning curriculum to help students understand their emotions, set goals and make responsible decisions, and build positive, empathetic relationships

Summer Search, New York: Supporting hundreds of high school students with full-time mentors as they navigate the academic and personal dimensions of the crisis

Swiss Institute, New York: A new SNF grant will again help sustain The Consortium, a collaborative of 15 NYC organizations, including the Swiss Institute, that support artists

The Actors Fund, United States: Providing emergency relief and support services to individuals working in entertainment and the performing arts industries
The Alaska Community Foundation, Alaska: Supporting the work of frontline nonprofits addressing needs created by the pandemic and offering direct support to families in need through the AK Can Do Fund

The Field, New York: Offering a suite of tools and services—Vision Plan: Life Preparedness for Artists—to help artists build financial stability, develop professionally, and thrive personally

The Indie Theater Fund, New York: Building on a grant to help sustain the city’s ecosystem of daring independent theater artists and venues, a new SNF grant supports emergency relief micro-grants to vulnerable cultural sector workers through the collaborative Cultural Solidarity Fund, which The Indie Theater Fund stewards

The Moth, New York: Employing storytelling as a path to collective mental health and community wellbeing by engaging experts in these areas, and as a means to amplify the voices of the marginalized groups hit hardest by the pandemic

The New York Community Trust, New York City: Giving nonprofits in the social services and cultural sectors the tools and resources they need to keep delivering essential services to some of the city’s most vulnerable populations

The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund, New York: Giving direct assistance to vulnerable populations through ten social service organizations, including Brooklyn Community Services, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, Children’s Aid, Community Service Society, First Book, the International Rescue Committee, The New York Community Trust, and UJA-Federation of New York

The Partnership for the Homeless, New York: Working to help keep New Yorkers at risk of homelessness in their homes through cash assistance, benefits referrals, and landlord mediation

The Rockefeller University, New York: Pursuing round-the-clock research related to COVID-19 and the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes it

The Trust for Governors Island, New York: Enriching the island’s vast public space with art commissions addressing themes of climate change, sustainability, racial equity, and social justice

Urban Justice Center, New York: Getting small food vendor businesses back to work through the Street Vendor Project, providing thousands of free meals to people in need in their communities

United States Artists, United States: Renewed support will help continue the disbursement of emergency $5,000 grants for essential needs to individual artists around the U.S. through the Artist Relief 2.0 fund the organization helps steward

United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit: Shoring up budgets of nonprofits as they meet new demand, supporting organizations that provide childcare to essential workers and engage students at home, and making emergency relief microgrants to individual households

University Settlement, New York: Delivering 4,000 meals a week to homebound seniors and providing mental health support to 800 young people and adults on Manhattan’s Lower East Side
**Women In Need**, New York: Supplying food pantry items to hundreds of families experiencing homelessness, installing air purification systems at shelters serving thousands of people, and equipping staff with the technology they need to provide remote support to clients

**Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco)**, New York: Installing broadband wireless hotspots in two affordable housing developments in the Bronx and providing essential food support for residents

**World Central Kitchen**, Central California: Employing local restaurants to provide more than more than 45,000 meals to rural farmworker communities, helping fight food insecurity while guaranteeing income for small restaurant businesses and their employees

**YWCA of Queens**, New York: Hiring part-time mental health professionals who speak Mandarin and Cantonese and who will provide mental health care support services to older adults

**GREECE**

**ARSIS**, Thessaloniki: Delivering services and referrals to help vulnerable populations access key social services and public benefits, along with other primary health care and mental health resources

**Boroume**, Greece: Implementing a transparent voucher system in coordination with Greek municipalities to provide impacted families with food in the middle term of the crisis, implemented from September to December 2020

**Central Union of Greek Municipalities (KEDE)**, Greece: Providing food supplies through Social Food Outlets in municipalities around Greece to give immediate support to people suffering from the socioeconomic effects of the pandemic. The grant will be implemented with the collaboration and supervision of Deloitte to ensure fast, effective, and transparent distribution of the supplies

**Faros**, Athens: Supporting unaccompanied refugee children experiencing homelessness through a drop-in center and street work to help them meet basic needs like food, hygiene items, and protected accommodation and access psychosocial services, sports activities, and educational programming

**FC Barça Foundation**, Lesbos: Bolstering social sports programming offering emotional and psychological support for refugee children and young people on the island of Lesbos to include a third more participants

**Hellenic Ministry of Health**, Greece: SNF provided direct support in the form of an honorarium distributed equally and individually to over 4,700 doctors, nurses, and cleaning personnel working on the front lines of COVID-19 in 40 hospitals across Greece

**Hellenic Ministry of Health**, Greece: SNF, in collaboration with the Greek state, added capacity for 175 new beds in intensive care and high-dependency units at the following hospitals across Greece:

- KAT Attica General Hospital
- Ippokrateio General Hospital of Athens
- Agia Sofia General Children’s Hospital
Korgialenio-Benakio General Hospital of Athens
Evangelismos Athens General Hospital
Tzaneio General Hospital of Piraeus
University General Hospital Attikon
Vostanio General Hospital of Mytilene
St. Demetrios General Hospital of Thessaloniki
G. Gennimatas General Hospital of Thessaloniki
Ippokrateio – General Hospital of Thessaloniki
General Hospital of Lamia
Venizeleio and Pananio General Hospital of Heraklion
St. George Chania General Hospital
University General Hospital of Heraklion

**Greek Patients Association**, Greece: Offering a helpline to support and empower people living with serious and chronic conditions like cancer, diabetes, and compromised immune systems who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, holistically assisting and guiding people through nearly a thousand calls a month

**Hellenic National Blood Transfusion Center**, Greece: Procuring equipment and supplies to significantly bolster Greek health services’ ability to test widely for COVID-19 and consequently implement data-based measures to contain the virus

**Iliaktida**, Crete: Using the expertise of a staff psychologist and social worker to aid in the organization’s core mission of providing free accommodation and psychological support to children traveling to Heraklion for cancer treatment at the University Hospital, as well as to their families

**Initiative for the Child**, Greece: Maintaining uninterrupted support for the operation of a day center serving hundreds of minors at risk from domestic violence, negligence, and extreme poverty as cases and needs increase under the pandemic

**Ithaca Laundry**, Greece: Providing mobile laundry services to people experiencing homelessness in Athens while offering on-site work placement and employability skill-building for people from the same population

**Médecins Sans Frontières** (half of a two-part grant to MSF) Samos, Lesvos: Providing emergency medical and COVID-19 support and essential supplies to refugees on the islands of Samos and Lesvos, including those impacted by the devastating fires in the Moria refugee camp that followed on the heels of a COVID-19 outbreak in the camp

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** (A’ Psychiatric Clinic, Aiginiteion Hospital), Athens: Support for the operation and expansion of the mental health and psychosocial support helpline (10306)

**Pnoi Agapis**, Athens: Offering dignified accommodation and psychosocial support to low-income cancer patients from across Greece who need to travel to Athens to receive hospital treatment

**SolidarityNow**, Athens: Providing essential services to vulnerable populations severely impacted by the pandemic at the Athens Solidarity Centre, including direct social services, legal aid, employability assistance, interpretation services, and more
COUNTRIES ACROSS EUROPE

Acción contra el Hambre, Spain: Providing cash transfers for essentials such as food to over a hundred families from vulnerable groups, including survivors of gender-based violence and single-head households.

Association Coup de Pouce, France: Reaching nearly 2,000 students with supplemental education through summer and afterschool clubs around France.

Associazone CasAmica, Italy: Providing psychological support to the community and supporting emergency relief at its care home in Lecco.

Associazone Dynamo Camp, Italy: Engaging children with serious and chronic illnesses in online recreational therapy activities, including through online workshops for hospitals and foster homes.

Associazone Italiana Persone Down, Italy: Increasing capacity at inclusive day centers, delivering autonomy courses and tutoring, and assisting the return to school for people with Down syndrome.

Ayuda en Acció, Spain: Supporting the Resilient Digital Schools project in helping to close the digital gap and meet basic needs for students and families.

Barça Foundation, Spain/Catalonia: Offering food and psychosocial support through Red Cross Catalonia, particularly for the elderly and those experiencing homelessness, and through the Government of Catalonia’s food program for vulnerable children.

CRESER, Portugal: Delivering hundreds of meals from a social enterprise restaurant to people on the streets.

Doctors of the World Spain, Spain: Renewing previous SNF support, the new grant provides psychological services, hygiene kits, food and other essentials, and public health information to tens of thousands of those living most precariously in Spain.

EMERGENCY, Italy: Running permanent and mobile care clinics for thousands of people in nine regions of Italy and delivering food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies to thousands of households across four provinces.

Enfance et Partage, France: Aiming to prevent child abuse through psychological support.

Fundación Tomillo, Spain: Preparing up to 300 teenage students to transition to remote secondary vocational education through a five-week digital immersion bootcamp.

Fondazione Progetto Arca, Italy: Providing food, shelter, and essentials to people experiencing homelessness, the elderly, and families in need.

Grandes Amigos, Spain: Offering remote emotional support to nearly a thousand seniors through the efforts of as many volunteers.

Intersos, Italy: Providing shelter, psychosocial and socio-educational support, a healthcare clinic, and other essential services to more than 2,700 migrant women, children, and young adults in Rome.
Marie Curie, United Kingdom: Offering services for people in the United Kingdom living with terminal illnesses and their loved ones, including a phone and web chat support line, individual bereavement support from trained volunteers, and a befriending service to check in on isolated people

Plena Inclusion, Spain: Helping meet emergency needs arising from the crisis for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital, Barcelona: Creating a biobank open to all researchers with the purpose of understanding the impact and behavior, including transmission patterns, of COVID-19 in children and pregnant women, as well as a public-facing, multilingual informational site

Save the Children Italy, Italy: Offering summer classes, psychological support, workshops on educational activities parents can do with children, and food and other necessities to families and support to teachers and schools in adapting to new learning environments, through a program reaching over 100,000 young people total

Save the Children Spain, Spain: Offering summer classes, assistance to bridge the digital divide, a psychological support helpline, exercise activities, and more to over 2,000 families, 44% of which are single-parent families

SOLETTERRE, Italy: Offering psychological support to over 500 frontline medical staff, patients, and families in Italy’s hard-hit north

The French Red Cross, France: Distributing emergency food aid and referrals for psychological support through tens of thousands of staff and volunteers

The International Network of Street Papers Foundation, Europe: Assisting 40 street papers in places like Greece, Italy, Serbia, and Hungary in adapting to the realities of the pandemic by making changes like transitioning to cashless payment

The Italian Red Cross, Italy: Distributing food and hygiene kits to struggling families and offering a 24/7 psychological support phone line that receives thousands of calls each day

The Spanish Red Cross, Spain: Distributing food and essentials at the country level

The Spires Centre, London: Hiring a Tenancy Support Worker to assist with housing needs in South London

Unis Cité, France: Making personal protective equipment available to young people participating in a civic service program in France in which they lend support to older adults, encompassing companionship, mobility support, and more

COUNTRIES ACROSS AFRICA

ALIMA, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, and Senegal: Building on a previous grant to strengthen infection control measures in 400 health centers and 35 hospitals, adding 1,000 beds for COVID-19 patients, a new grant supports implementing monitoring for COVID-19 cases and biosecurity
measures in health facilities, building capacity to manage critical cases, reducing community
transmission among vulnerable populations, conducting contact tracing, and aiding vaccination roll-out

**Amref Health Africa**, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia: Building on a previous grant working to limit the incidence of COVID-19 among more than 100,000 refugees in Northern Uganda and host communities, a new grant supports maternal and child health projects in Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia, including building community health capacity for COVID-19 prevention and vaccination, sharing best practices, mentorship to build maternal health care capacity in hospitals, installation of clean water infrastructure, and supply of personal protective equipment

**CAMFED International**, Zambia: Helping ensure access to education for girls in rural Zambia by improving school environments, training teachers, implementing meal programs, providing direct support to encourage children to stay in school, and more

**Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative**, countries across Africa: Coordinating ANTICOV, a multi-country, African-led clinical trial to identify early treatment options for mild to moderate COVID-19; accelerating and facilitating research and scientific exchange in low- and middle-income countries; and advocating for equitable access globally to COVID-19 health technologies

**Médecins Sans Frontières** (half of a two-part grant to MSF), Africa and the Middle East: Implementing emergency COVID-19 medical interventions in Africa and the Middle East to stem the spread of the disease, provide treatment and care to patients including the critically ill, counter health misinformation, deliver palliative care, and minimize impact on communities, local health systems, and care for other life-threatening needs

**mothers2mothers**, Angola, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Uganda, and Zambia: Empowering the organization’s Mentor Mothers to continue to disseminate trusted health information to mothers in countries across Africa and to help women living with HIV keep pursuing treatment through a new online platform

**Project Healthy Children (Sanku)**, Tanzania: This grant renews support for the organization’s work combating micronutrient malnutrition for some three million people in Tanzania by supporting small-scale maize millers in continuing to produce fortified flour

**Saha Global**, Ghana: Employing a network of women-run small water businesses to provide free clean water for hundreds of communities across Northern Ghana

**Save the Children UK**, Mali, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya:

Mali: Providing emergency food aid for vulnerable families

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Installing hand-washing facilities and gender-divided restroom facilities in 14 educational centers, implementing COVID-19 transmission reduction efforts at schools, providing financial support to girls most at risk of dropping out of school

Nigeria: Delivering distance education and offering guidance to parents on psychological support and homeschooling

Uganda: Providing emergency cash assistance to high-need families, offering distance education resources
Zambia: Training hundreds of volunteers to aid in math and literacy distance learning, supporting the Zambian Ministry of Education in distributing self-study materials nationally to children.

Kenya: Providing educational and play materials to refugee children.

Trócaire, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Zimbabwe: Making emergency cash transfers to families encompassing nearly 5,000 people to ensure they can buy food at market and implementing a radio campaign to disseminate information about COVID-19 and health precautions.

Vital Strategies, countries across Africa: Enabling rapid-response grants to governments and providing support to frontline workers across Africa as they combat the pandemic through the Resolve to Save Lives initiative.

Young 1ove Organization, Nepal and Kenya: Delivering remote mathematics instruction in Kenya and Nepal using low-tech methods, developing programming to translate proven remedial education techniques to remote learning, and sharing findings to improve education systems.

COUNTRIES ACROSS CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Acción contra el Hambre, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru: Providing food assistance, hygiene kits, and consultation around nutrition, reproductive health, and mental health through a program reaching tens of thousands of people.

Ayuda en Acción, Central and South America: Supporting distance education and the transition to digital learning, providing food assistance, and implementing COVID-19 transmission reduction.

Save the Children Spain, Bolivia, Columbia, Peru, Nicaragua: Supporting people in Bolivia, Columbia, Peru, and Nicaragua in accessing essential resources from remote education, to food and other basics, to child protective services, to hygiene supplies.

COUNTRIES ACROSS ASIA

Friends Without A Border, Laos: Meeting rising demand for quality free pediatric medical care for families from a wide geographic region around Luang Prabang, Laos.

Malala Fund, India and Pakistan: Enabling trusted partners to deliver programming in India and Pakistan to help girls continue their education during school closures, avoid dropping out of school, stay safe, and find mentorship and support.

United World Schools, Nepal, Myanmar, Cambodia: Facilitating remote education in Nepal, Myanmar, and Cambodia while schools remain closed due to the pandemic, as part of a project that will reach 28,000 students.

WORLDWIDE
UNICEF, worldwide: Activating response initiatives in the key areas of educational access, psychological services, and supporting those on the front lines with protective equipment and basic emergency supplies

Lifebox, countries across Africa, Central and South America, and Asia: Supplying pulse oximeters, critical in care for COVID-19 patients; conducting country-specific training workshops; and making interactive online training available

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