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# Covid Young Leaders Fund

## One Young World Summary Report



The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted almost every corner of the globe. It has left young people feeling uncertain about their futures, education, employment, and disposable income. However, not only are they shouldering many of the long-term socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic, young people have been at the forefront of the response.

One part of supporting this response is providing funding to young leaders who are leading the charge, driving community action while continuing to advocate for a more inclusive society and sustainable future. According to the IMF, the gap in funding available to deal with the fall-out of the crisis is about \$2 trillion.

In May 2020, One Young World launched a fund for young leaders' initiatives that are directly battling the pandemic around the world. Young people are part of the most connected, informed, and resourceful generation in human history. By connecting young leaders with grants, One Young World has aimed to help Covid-19 responses whilst remaining on the path to achieving the SDGs.

**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



# Covid Young Leaders Fund



One Young World's network of **12,000+ exceptional young leaders in over 190 countries** around the world, was the resource that allowed the team to quickly and effectively identify young leaders for funding. With this expertise, One Young World raised **\$450,000+** due to the invaluable support of **4** generous philanthropic organisations.

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Young leaders aged 18-35 from all countries in the world were invited to apply for grants ranging between **\$5,000 - \$20,000** for their initiatives addressing the wide-ranging impact of the pandemic. These candidates were judged on the following criteria:

- **Utilitarian:** Impact is generated efficiently and for the maximum number of people
- **Urgent:** Impact could be generated rapidly in response to the immediate threat
- **Underserved:** Impact was targeted at the most vulnerable, and at-risk people

The selected applicants have implemented the funding to outstanding effect, helping over 630,000 of the most vulnerable people around the world with medical supplies, nutritional relief, mental health support, and other forms of vital assistance.

**\$450K**

Raised by **4** partners



**630K**

People directly impacted by funded initiatives



**2,470**

Applications from **134** countries



**39**

Successful projects operating in **38** countries and **6** continents



# BILL & MELINDA GATES *foundation*

As the first donor to back the Fund, support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was essential in guaranteeing a swift response to the crisis. One Young World distributed this funding to assist under-supported frontline healthcare workers and under-resourced healthcare facilities with essential supplies, amidst other solutions.

## \$75K

Grant Donated



## 23K

Protective  
kits & hygiene  
resources distributed



### Full Index of Recipients

#### EVERY INFANT MATTERS

Distributed preventative supplies to medical professionals and basic essentials vulnerable communities in India, Nigeria, and Kenya

#### FUMEBO

Connected under-resourced health facilities in the Dominican Republic with PPE and vulnerable families with emergency relief

#### 360 DEGREE HEALTH NETWORK

Ensured frontline healthcare providers in Nigeria were safe and supported during the pandemic, with PPE and medical resources



#### CO-HOPE

Supported health workers employed in under-funded health facilities in Indonesia with deliveries of protective equipment

#### INDIA NEEDS YOU

Donated waterless hair wash and body wash to those living in absolute poverty to reduce the burden on local healthcare facilities

#### ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE YOUTH

Distributed food and hygiene supplies to homebound, vulnerable people in Armenia with supplementary educational materials on the virus





## CO-HOPE

Yosilia Nursakina Indonesia 

Yosilia is a medical student and healthcare advocate who co-initiated CO-HOPE in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project is a social program which distributes Personal Protection Equipment to health workers who make direct contact with patients of the pandemic everyday. They carry out screenings and care for the patients and yet lack the necessary equipment to protect themselves.

Initially, the project crowdsourced donations to fulfil PPE requirements in 240 hospitals across Indonesia. This reached over 12,000 health workers in these different facilities with vital protective equipment to protect their health.

However, as cases of Covid-19 to exponentially grew, securing the grant permitted them to provide PPE for 40 additional under-resourced health facilities around Indonesia. This includes a mixture of equipment, ranging from protective gear like surgical masks and gowns to screening equipment such as nasopharyngeal swabs and PCR.

## \$20,000

- **1,450** hazmat suits sourced
- **2,400** N95 respiratory masks distributed
- **1,751** face shields provided
- **4,000** pairs of medical gloves & **4,000** surgical masks donated



## EVERY INFANT MATTERS

Dr Radhika Batra India 

Radhika founded Every Infant Matters (EIM) to give all children in India a healthy start to life. It connects healthcare providers with essential resources to prevent blindness and protect the general health of infants, and has facilitated the treatment of over 35,000 young children in India alone.

EIM has shifted its focus to tackle the virus and its consequences by distributing masks and hand sanitiser to vulnerable communities in Delhi and at-risk demographics in remote regions around the world. It has sourced PPE for under-resourced health workers providing essential groceries to the recently-unemployed.

The team has used the funding to support three distinct initiatives. In India, EIM distributed PPE to health workers, sanitiser to homeless individuals, and groceries to unemployed migrant workers. In Kenya and Nigeria, they distributed sanitary napkins, face masks and soap.

## \$20,000

- **1,000** masks and **1,000** bottles of sanitiser, and **1,200** bars of soap distributed
- **250** vulnerable families received grocery relief packs
- **1,300** sanitary napkins distributed in Kenya

Zurich Foundation supported the Fund with the largest single donation, enabling One Young World to distribute funding to support the mental wellbeing of at-risk individuals, communities under greater pressure including survivors of domestic abuse, and a variety of other solutions to the challenges of the pandemic.

**\$150K**

Grant Donated



**47K**

Supported with  
counselling or  
education



### *Full Index of Recipients*

**SMARTFARMS** 

Produced and distributed hydroponic equipment to prevent food insecurity

**SOTERIA** 

Distributed medical supplies to under-resourced healthcare workers

**HAPPYSPACE** 

Provided educational and mental health support during school lockdowns

**SURVIVOR SAFE HAVEN** 

Supported and advised growing numbers of survivors of domestic abuse

**SHE WRITES WOMEN** 

Assisted mental health of survivors of gender-based violence

**MOTHOTLUNG NETWORK** 

Counselled victims of domestic abuse during the shadow pandemic

**ZENITH FOR YOUNG WOMEN ACHIEVERS** 

Formed support network for victims of gender-based violence

**ACISDA** 

Helped the nomadic Afar community reduce the spread of the virus

**DMN INITIATIVE** 

Mobilised young people in Vietnam to tackle the crisis

**FUNDACIÓN EL ORIGEN** 

Ran educational programmes and technology for indigenous school children

**THE FIVE FOUNDATION** 

Supported grass-roots organisations fighting rising rates of FGM across Africa

**SOCHAI** 

Offered emergency nutritional intervention and socio-economic support

**LESIDI LA BATHO** 

Relieved pressure on vulnerable people in the Mabopane township

**HUMAN AND HOPE FOUNDATION** 

Disseminated Covid-19 education and preventative resources

**HUELLAS DE PAZ** 

Gave educational resources and emergency relief to disadvantaged children

**AREAI** 

Offered virtual education for students in non-formal settings

**JAMII ASILIA CENTRE** 

Protected rights and health of indigenous populations

**INGANE CHILD NUTRITION INITIATIVE** 

Tackled food insecurity for school students



## SHE WRITES WOMEN Hauwa Ojeifo Nigeria ■ ■

She Writes Woman (SWW) is a women-led movement, founded by Hauwa Ojeifo, which aims to raise awareness about mental illnesses in Nigeria and give people struggling with mental health a voice.

In response to gender-based violence increases amidst lockdowns, She Writes Woman partnered with Women At Risk International to provide broad-based group and 1:1 counselling services, as well as virtual support groups for survivors of gender-based violence. The intervention provided several solutions for survivors including personal empowerment, overcoming the demoralisation caused by social stigma, and preventing future mental health distress.

The first stream of the initiative was a virtual counselling service offering one-on-one and group therapy. However, difficulties with online engagement encouraged the team to launch a 24/7 toll-free helpline instead, supported by in-person counselling sessions held in the Kuchingoro Camp for internally displaced people. Women were supported through these various streams at a time of heightened vulnerability during the pandemic, helping them to deal with pressures of anxiety, depression, and PTSD.

# \$10,000

- **107** survivors participated in almost **65** hours of one-on-one counselling
- **67** survivors participated in over **15** hours of group therapy sessions
- **32** hours of counselling provided by Toll Free Helpline



## RISENOW SURVIVOR SAFE HAVEN Amanda Nguyen USA 🇺🇸

Amanda Nguyen, the CEO of Rise, penned her own civil rights into existence and unanimously passed the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights, after having to navigate the broken criminal justice system after her own rape.

Amanda has established the Survivor Safe Haven initiative to provide the increased people at risk of sexual and domestic violence with access to resources and information during the government enforced lockdown. Survivor Safe Haven partners with restaurants, grocery stores and other essential establishments to provide access to rapid response for survivors of domestic abuse.

With funding support, RiseNOW has expanded its operations to 19 different regions all across the USA, including Washington, New York City, and Nashville. They have also managed to develop flyers in Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese so that they are shareable with the general public, and are working to do the same for 8 other languages.

# \$20,000

- **37.6** million Americans have access to a Survivor Safe Haven
- **19** regions throughout the USA with businesses the project
- **11** different translations of essential support information



The US-based organisation, United Way, made a significant contribution to the Fund, which was distributed to entrepreneurial and innovative solutions tackling a variety of consequences of Covid-19, often employing vulnerable people to provide sustainable support during the pandemic.

**\$100K**  
Grant Donated



**126K**

Entrepreneurial solutions for food and hygiene shortages



### Full Index of Recipients

#### AFPHY 🇺🇸

Trained survivors of abuse to produce sanitation resources and grow their own enterprises

#### LOCAL YOUTH CORNER 🇪🇺

Produced and distributed PPE, and sensitised inmates and staff in overcrowded correctional facilities

#### YUCATECAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOUNDATION 🇮🇹

Helped a marginalised community recover from the economic and health consequences

#### MANILA WATER FOUNDATION 🇵🇭

Installed hygiene facilities in schools and sanitation stations in overcrowded Philippine prisons



#### THE HOPE INITIATIVE FOUNDATION 🇨🇦

Mobilised a collaborative of students to provide holistic support to overworked healthcare workers

#### EBTAKAR INSPIRING ENTREPRENEURS 🇸🇪

Converted solar-powered trucks into sanitation stations to employ women to disinfect public places in Kabul

#### MAIA IMPACT SCHOOL 🇨🇦

Taught young indigenous women to spread Covid-19 awareness and teach preventative measures

#### BREAKTIME CAFE 🇺🇸

Employed and trained homeless young adults to alleviate food insecurity in Greater Boston







## AFPHY Dickel Dia Mauritania 🇲🇷

AFPHY stands against gender-based violence (GBV) and discrimination by promoting education, equal rights, and job generation for women and girls in rural areas of Mauritania.

The Fight Co-Violence Initiative aims to fight the spread of the virus at the same time as the 'shadow pandemic' of domestic abuse. AFPHY raises awareness of GBV at the same time as equipping survivors with skills to become economically independent while distributing preventative resources to reduce chances of Covid-19 transmission in vulnerable communities.

Through the project, 109 survivors of gender-based violence were equipped with transferable skills which enabled them to establish and sustainably operate income-generating initiatives which will ensure their long-term economic independence. Simultaneously and through some of these projects, more than 5,000 bars of soap and over 5,000 woven face masks were distributed for free to vulnerable communities. Additionally, in 23 different villages, 2,000 people have had access to essential sanitation services.

## \$20,000

- **109** survivors of gender-based violence trained in solidarity entrepreneurship
- **11,000** people received antiseptic soap and woven face masks
- **2,000** people received sanitation services



## EBTAKAR INSPIRING ENTREPRENEURS Farhad Wajdi Afghanistan 🇦🇫

Farhad Wajdi is the founder of the Ebtakar Inspiring Entrepreneurs of Afghanistan Organisation (EIEAO), an NGO that empowers unemployed youth and underprivileged women to pursue social enterprises.

During the pandemic, Farhad's organisation reinvented itself by converting Solar-Powered Food Carts into Solar-Powered Disinfectant & Sanitation Carts with support from the National Procurement Authority. The project offers a free handwashing facility and disinfection service to people who are vulnerable to catching the virus.

EIEAO has received two grants of 10,000 USD to implement two-month-long phases of the initiative. Each phase involved re-training and employing 80 unemployed food cart vendors to operate the carts, preparing and spraying disinfectant liquid on footpaths, streets and venues in Kabul, and running free handwashing facilities in 40 crowded locations throughout the city. The second phase also included the provision of free face masks to the public.

## \$20,000

- **80** women employed to run handwashing and disinfectant carts
- **27,000** litres of disinfectant sprayed throughout the city
- **450,000+** inhabitants of Kabul given access to handwashing facilities
- **50,000** face masks distributed



The generous support of the Ikea Foundation has allowed One Young World to distribute grants to assist vulnerable refugee settlements and some of the most marginalised communities who are suffering disproportionately due to reduced support and heightened vulnerability during the pandemic.

**\$100K**

Grant Donated



**112K**

People in refugee and indigenous communities supported



### *Full Index of Recipients*

#### **WINGS OF EMPOWERING PASTORALISTS**

Built resilience of pastoral communities in Kenya against the pandemic with resources and education

#### **FUNDACIÓN TIERRA GRATA**

Installed sanitation facilities in rural Colombia to prevent the spread of Covid-19 amongst marginalised communities

#### **LOTUS FLOWER FOUNDATION**

Supported Kurdish conflict survivors lacking support in refugee camps to tackle heightened domestic violence



#### **REFUGIO 343**

Ran emergency relief programmes for Venezuelan refugees in Boa Vista and Roraima

#### **A GLOBAL VOICE FOR AUTISM**

Assisted conflict-affected families of children with disabilities to deal with escalated challenges in the pandemic

#### **YOUNG ADULT EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE**

Supported health workers, volunteers and South Sudanese inhabitants of the Kiryandongo refugee settlement

#### **REFUGE FOR THE REFUGEES**

Organised door-to-door emergency grocery deliveries to help refugees maintain social distancing





## WINGS OF EMPOWERING PASTORALISTS

Adrian Lemaiyan Leitoro Kenya 

Wings of Empowering Pastoralists (WEP) was founded with the mission to improve pastoralist peoples' access to support, resources, and human rights in Northern Kenya. To make sure that the population is adequately prepared for COVID-19, WEP created the "Komesha Corona" project.

The initiative delivers hand washing stations to vulnerable villages in Marsabit South and sensitises local pastors on the problems of the pandemic in collaboration with local community health volunteers in each village. Prior to funding, WEP had delivered hand washing stations to 29 villages and trained 580 people.

With support from the grant, the team reached an additional 105 villages in Marsabit South with handwashing stations. As part of the installations, the team trained locally-based Community Health Volunteers who are tasked with ensuring the hand-washing stations are maintained, and equipped with reusable masks and hand sanitisers. The project also trained 2,100 community members on virus mitigation measures.

# \$9,075

- **105** hand washing stations installed in **105** villages
- **315** water tanks with **630** soap bars delivered
- **2,100** new vulnerable households reached



## REFÚGIO 343

Laura Fatio Brazil 

Refúgio 343 is a humanitarian organisation dedicated to the response to the biggest humanitarian crisis in Latin America. It rescues Venezuelan refugee families in Brazil, by promoting the socio-economic reintegration of these families into the national territory.

During the pandemic, the team has worked tirelessly to guarantee basic health conditions for survival through the distribution of cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, and food baskets. The organisation is also supporting a temporary emergency hospital with medical equipment and PPE.

Refúgio 343 used the grant to run two emergency initiatives in Boa Vista and Roraima where there is a high concentration of Venezuelan refugees, to provide emergency assistance to 804 families in 14 occupancies lacking infrastructure, electricity or drinking water, and health access.

# \$20,000

- **2,094** refugees supported
- **600** food parcels distributed
- **502** hygiene packs and **800** cleaning kits donated



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