COVID-19 Coronavirus: How Philanthropy Can Respond

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The nature of a potential pandemic and the implications for response and recovery.

What the most likely needs will be at each stage of the pandemic.

The role philanthropy can play during pandemics including advocacy, sharing accurate messaging, and funding preparedness, response and mitigation.

Why philanthropic response matters at both the domestic and international levels.
Coronavirus 101

- Coronaviruses are a class of virus, named for their circular shape, that cause 15-20 percent of all colds but also can be more severe such as MERS and SARS.
- This virus has been given the name severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) to represent that it is a sister of the original SARS virus.
- The disease the virus causes has been named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- As of this morning, there have been 96,888 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 86 countries around the world.

Source: CDC
In a study of 72,000+ cases of COVID-19 in mainland China, researchers found:

- Overall 2.3% case fatality rate (CFR). The WHO now says 3.4%.
- Most cases are mild but among the critically ill, the CFR was 49.0%.
- 87% of patients were aged 30 to 79 years.
- This disease hits the elderly the hardest – CFR was 14.8% in patients 80 and older and 8.0% in patients ages 70 to 79.
- More transmissible than SARS or MERS but less deadly. SARS had a CFR of 9.6%; MERS has a CFR of 34.4%. The flu usually has a CFR of 0.1%.

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COVID-19 is Currently Defined by Uncertainty

Social Distancing Has Downsides

Source: FEMA. [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1441212988001-1aa7fa978c5f999ed088dcaa815cb8cd/3a_BusinessInfographic-1.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1441212988001-1aa7fa978c5f999ed088dcaa815cb8cd/3a_BusinessInfographic-1.pdf)

Emergent Actors Will Be Critical

How Can Philanthropy Help

- Support community safety nets
  - E.g. Food pantries, Income replacement for lost wages, Housing assistance, Credit counseling, etc.
- Help with preparedness
  - Not everyone can afford several days worth of supplies and medications
- Risk communications support
  - Messaging to staff, clients
- Support telework solutions in support of social distancing policies
  - Secure file sharing and collaboration platforms
- Support Small Businesses
  - Technical assistance from continuity planners
  - Emergency grants / loans to sustain payroll

1. There is still a lot of uncertainty about COVID-19, and its potential impacts

2. Disruptions are already being experienced, and the most vulnerable are the most at risk for negative impacts from mitigation and containment efforts

3. Maintaining community lifelines and safety nets are one of the most important contributions of the philanthropic community
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Transporting ventilators and blood analysis systems to Huanggang Central Hospital
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Wuhan Union Hospital received and transferred isolation gowns.

Mass disinfection in Longtan community, Wuhan
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Personal Preparedness

- **Quarantine** – 14 days if exposed/at-risk.
- **Isolation** – up to 3 weeks or more, usually in hospital.
- Expect **supply chain challenges** – limited supplies and panic purchases.
- **Avoid touching money** or wash hands after touching it. Wear gloves if you work with money.
- Are you ready for a **14-day quarantine**? Stock up now.
Organizational Preparedness

- **Review your COOP/Disaster Emergency Plan** if you have one. If not, develop some COVID-19 specific plans.

- **Biggest impact will be quarantines.** If one staff member or visitor/vendor tests positive, it is possible that the entire staff will be quarantined.

- If there is only a **partial reduction of staff** how can needs be met without full staff complement?

- Are NGOs/current grantees in need of **extra and/or flexible resources**?

- Is a foundation **trying to launch a new fund** or manage grantmaking with limited resources?
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Key Takeaways

- An ongoing and developing crisis like this is a good time to be flexible in funding.
- Allow local leaders and organizations on the ground to develop the programming as needs arise.
- There are going to be multiple phases and needs in this crisis – the medical response situation, support for research and assisting vulnerable people who have been impacted.
- Be planful about your giving. Don’t just react to the latest media report.
- Research the facts. There is a lot of misinformation out there. We recommend the WHO and the CDC COVID-19 websites.
- International giving may be challenging. You will need to prepare to respond when governments ask for assistance.
Philanthropic Support

- CDP and Candid are tracking philanthropic donations to this outbreak.
- As of March 3, the total donations received stood at over $1 billion
- CDP has a newly launched COVID-19 Response Fund
- For more information, visit www.disasterphilanthropy.org.

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The Disaster Playbook has a number of toolkits and resources to guide the philanthropic community in responding to future disasters.

Learn more at [www.disasterplaybook.org](http://www.disasterplaybook.org)
Questions?

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