

CHARITY: WATER PROGRAMS STRATEGY

COVID-19 RESPONSE 2020

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I. ACTIVATE OUR NETWORK OF EXPERT WASH PARTNERS

Our global partners have supported thousands of communities to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene for more than 10 million people. The WASH experts staffing our partner organizations are best positioned to prepare and respond to COVID-19 within the communities they know best.

II. SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS TO RESPOND WITH TWO AVAILABLE OPTIONS

[Option 1 - COVID Response] We will support our current partners who activate a WASH-focused COVID-19 response program by making up to 20% of the budget from their current charity: water grant eligible for reallocation to local response work. With hygiene and emergency WASH at the core of COVID-19 prevention and response, charity: water-supported response activities will remain focused on WASH objectives. These activities should take place within the active program area where charity: water funding has already been put to use.

[Option 2 - Business Continuity] We recognize each of our partners as vital community resources working to promote improved health and prevent disease now and in the future. Therefore, for partners who will not respond to COVID-19 and who have suspended their planned charity: water program due to COVID-19, these partners may continue to incur costs within their approved *program support* and *personnel* cost chapters up to a maximum of 10% of their total approved grant budget. This option is to be used if a partner becomes completely inactive.

Eligible "Water" grants include: 1H 2019, 2H 2019, and 1H 2020 partners. Pipeline grants are not eligible.

III. FOCUS ON THREE INTERVENTION AREAS

- **Emergency response in hygiene and sanitation:** Handwashing stations at key institutions, distribution of hygiene materials, protective materials for program staff and WASH frontline workers.
- **Community mobilization:** Promotion of hygiene, handwashing education, training of frontline workers, and community messaging on prevention.
- **Maintaining access to safe water:** Repairs of non-functional water points, monitoring and maintenance of existing services.