



**Statement Regarding the Effects of the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak  
On Sponsored Children and Families  
March 19, 2020**

As the number of COVID-19 novel coronavirus cases continue to grow around the globe, Pearl S. Buck International wants to reassure all of our child sponsors and donors that we are continuing to monitor the situation carefully in all of our program countries.

Though some families are experiencing financial difficulties due to shelter-in-place and self-quarantine directives affecting their ability to go out and work, we are grateful to report that as of right now, no sponsored children or their families have been infected with the virus.

We are in constant and close communication with staff in our overseas offices—they are taking this situation very seriously and are monitoring all the sponsored children and their families. They are ready to give support to anyone in our program who is in need during this trying time. We will keep all our child sponsors and donors updated on any new information as we get it.

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