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In October 2020, COVID-19 is still the most prominent news worldwide that is continuously showing individuals week after week the importance of wearing masks, social distancing and hand-washing techniques. However, what happens to the children during the pandemic that may be suffering nutrition and health & wellness practices due to this pandemic health crisis?

All children, of all ages, and in all countries, are being affected, in particular by the socio-economic impacts and, in some cases, by mitigation measures that may inadvertently do more harm than good (Unicef.org).

The data below shows how COVID-19 is still a universal crisis and, for some children, the impact will be lifelong (UNICEF).

At least 463 million – or 31 percent of school children worldwide cannot be reached by digital and broadcast remote learning programs.

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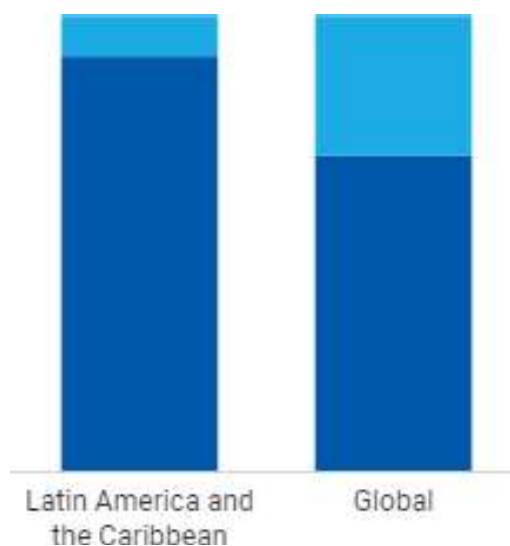
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Latin America and the Caribbean: Dark Blue- 131 million (90.97% potentially reached)

Latin American and the Caribbean: Light Blue- 13 million (9.07% cannot be reached)

Global: Dark Blue- 1, 043 million (69.26 % potentially reached) and 463 million (30.74 % cannot be reached).



Even prior to the pandemic, children’s learning was in crisis, and the pandemic has only sharpened these inequities, and hitting school-aged children in poorer countries very hard.

● Potentially reached ● Cannot be reached

Source: Authors’ calculations using MICS, DHS and other national household surveys.
Notes: (i) Figures are calculated using weighted averages based on the number of students across countries. Latin America and the Caribbean does not indicate that children in this region had more access to communication assets in the household than other regions. Policies in this region targeted technologies that are available in most households.
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Children/Women HealthCare Concerns

Some key facts:

- 32 per cent of children worldwide who show symptoms of pneumonia are not taken for care to a health provider.
- 2 out of 5 people or 3 billion people around the world lack access to basic handwashing facilities.
- Worldwide, nearly 31 million children had been forcibly displaced at the end of 2018. This includes some 13 million child refugees, around 1 million asylum-seeking children and an estimated 17 million children




VITAMIN A Disruptions to service are around 30% currently and may result in **160 million children under 5 missing a crucial dose of Vitamin A.**



WOMEN & GIRLS COVID-19 is disrupting **women's** access to nutrition services. **Girls** may drop out of school due to the economic distress of losing school meals.



HUNGER As many as 132 million people may go hungry in 2020, of that **44 million are children.**




FOOD INSECURITY

Countries are reporting increased food insecurity, e.g. in Lebanon, the percentage of people worried about not having enough food rose from **31% in 2018 to 50% in 2020.**



SCHOOL MEALS

370 million children may miss nutritious school meals.



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