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COVID-19 SPECIAL APPEAL

RESPONDING TOGETHER WITH HOPE AND RESILIENCE



(Photo: Ethiopia YMCA Covid-19 Campaign)

YMCA of the USA is partnering with World YMCA and the global YMCA movement to respond to the COVID-19 humanitarian crisis and growing disparities including advocating for free and equitable vaccine access for all. YMCAs around the world are providing youth and communities with improved access to food, shelter, education, employment and mental health support. Learn more about World YMCA's call for [global vaccine equity](#).

As of early May, the United States has vaccinated over 44% of its population, while only 7.8% of the global population has been vaccinated ([Source: Our World In Data](#)). In most of the developing countries where the YMCA has a presence, less than 1% are vaccinated. There is an urgent need to address these huge disparities.

YMCAs worldwide bring hope to youth and families, playing an important role in addressing the pandemic in the following ways:

- Community COVID-19 education and outreach, including hosting vaccination centers.
- Community Feeding, Clothing, Housing and Shelters
- Mental health and virtual support and services for youth and families
- Advocacy for equitable access to vaccines
- Support for staff and volunteers impacted by COVID-19.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please contribute to the YMCA World Service general fund to support YMCAs in greatest need or designate your gift to a partner YMCA with a note in the comments box (i.e., Madurai, India; Ethiopia; Mexico, etc.). 100% of every gift supports YMCA work at this challenging time. **Thank you!**

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