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Just Another Day at INMED

Despite the global COVID-19 lockdown, our work at INMED has continued without missing a beat. With our lean, decentralized operational structure, INMED's regional teams have long collaborated remotely, while remaining agile programmatically to address the changing needs of our beneficiaries around the world. The coronavirus is no exception. Our adaptive agriculture, nutrition and healthy lifestyles and maternal/child health program teams have quickly pivoted to help vulnerable families access food, hygiene products, health education and other daily essentials to stay safe during this unprecedented global crisis.

Our HQ and regional leaders (seen above) continue to meet weekly to share best practices and strategies for helping our beneficiaries achieve well-being and self-reliance while isolated from resources.



INMED USA Opportunity Center Busier Than Ever

The Family & Youth Opportunity Center may be closed to the public, but it continues to serve as a vital resource in Loudoun County, VA. Flooded with calls from desperate families, INMED USA's beneficiary numbers have skyrocketed from 150 families per week to more than 500.

As soon as word got out that schools would close, the INMED USA team jumped into action to ensure the at-risk children in INMED's after-school academic enrichment program had individualized learning packets, so they would not fall behind further while schools are closed. US Programs Director Jennifer Smith rallied essential survival donations of food, diapers, formula and hygiene supplies to fill the gaps as at-risk parents face unemployment and empty

store shelves.

Our Healthy Families Loudoun family support specialists continue to conduct home visitations virtually to ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable babies and their parents. INMED USA hasn't wavered from its mission of championing under-served families. [Click here and type "USA COVID19 supplies" in the dedication box](#) to help fund diapers, formula and hygiene kits for families in need.

Para Crianças Stays Connected with At-risk Families in Brazil

Just two weeks into the new school year--and with our first INMED Aquaponics™ system nearly completed at SERTA-Brazil plunged into a national lockdown to combat COVID-19. At our Health in Action program sites, the school meals that so many families count on to feed their children were halted.



The first harvests from our Health in Action school gardens have been distributed to families, and our Para Crianças team is organizing fund drives for hygiene kits and supplemental meal baskets for under-resourced communities. Field coordinators continue to stay connected with parents, teachers and cafeteria workers via existing WhatsApp groups to provide program materials and other information on staying healthy and resilient during and after the quarantine. "It's one way we can keep delivering our healthy lifestyles and nutrition messages, which will help change habits at home," says Program Manager Paula Sanches.

[CLICK HERE](#) to help fund emergency hygiene kits and food baskets for destitute families in Tucumã.



INMED Andes Continues to Save Newborn Lives in Peru

Babies born this year in La Libertad, Peru are getting a healthier start in life, thanks to the expansion of our Bilikit™ project. It's the second high-jaundice region where INMED Andes has introduced this revolutionary trio of technologies to screen for, diagnose and treat jaundice.

Approximately 1 million newborns annually around the world have jaundice severe enough to require intervention. Left untreated, jaundice can lead to permanent neurological damage—and even death. Our INMED Andes team is working closely with neonatal clinicians and community health workers to reinforce COVID-19 safety measures during the coronavirus pandemic, while exploring new technologies and applications to improve the diagnostic and treatment process. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

INMED Caribbean Completes Five Aquaponics Systems Just in Time

In early March, INMED Caribbean celebrated the

completion and handover of five INMED Aquaponics™ systems for distressed communities in Clarendon—made possible by a government pilot program to reduce Jamaica’s vulnerability to climate change.



For nearly two decades, Jamaica has experienced increasingly destructive impacts, such as stronger hurricanes, severe flooding, prolonged droughts and sea level rise, which have led to food insecurity, unemployment and growing poverty. Clarendon, which is home to more than 300,000 people, is among the hardest hit regions.

Fully operational and producing crops, the systems are providing food security for the communities during the COVID-19 crisis—and just in the nick of time. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about this project.



INMED South Africa's Harvests Feed Neediest in Soweto, PE

As the nation prepared to go into lockdown on March 26, our team at INMED South Africa scrambled to procure and distribute enough fish food to supply INMED's aquaponics systems in Gauteng, Free State and Eastern Cape, ensuring food security for beneficiary communities for the duration.

Programs Director Unathi Sihlahla also obtained a special exemption for select INMED agricultural specialists to tend our school and community aquaponics systems and made arrangements for our Health in Action school gardens to be harvested and distributed to the most vulnerable families in surrounding communities. That's good news for the orphanages in Soweto that rely on free distributions of our fresh produce and fish, while disabled aquaponics farmers in the Free State are supplying their communities with fresh food as store shelves run bare.

Now working remotely, our program team has fast-tracked the development of digital training and other learning resources moving forward. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



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