**448.3 MILLION**

PIECES OF PPE ARE REQUIRED ANNUALLY FOR 1 MILLION CHWs

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are often the first point of care for vulnerable and underserved populations in low- and middle-income countries. Lots of people are served by CHWs, yet, CHWs are disproportionately affected by the global shortage in personal protective equipment (PPE). Without PPE, CHWs cannot maintain essential health services or provide services that help interrupt and control the COVID-19 outbreak in their communities.

**Why PPE?**

Organizations such as WHO, UNICEF, and IRC recommend PPE such as face masks, gloves, goggles, and gowns for CHWs to protect themselves and patients against potential COVID-19 exposure and spread.

- **213 million** Surgical masks
- **3.5 million** Face shields or goggles
- **100 million** Pairs of gloves
- **1.6 million** Reusable gowns
- **130 million** Disposable biohazard bags

**Serving:**

**400 Million People**

- Angola
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

in **24 Countries**

The current reality: The COVID-19 outbreak has caused a surge in demand for and corresponding global shortage of PPE.

The growing focus on the potential of CHWs to inform, educate, and activate communities is met by substantial evidence demonstrative of their effectiveness in delivering a range of prevention, promotion, and curative services.

According to official data from the World Bank, there are 73.3 Million CHWs worldwide. We lack reliable data on CHWs in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the need is greatest.

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**What can my organization do about it?**

In this moment, time equals lives. The longer we delay getting PPE into the hands of CHWs, the faster this virus will spread, taking with it countless lives and reversing hard-fought public health gains.

**Deploy PPE for CHWs alongside other essential components:** Training, data feedback loops, dedicated supervision, WASH products, and public communications are key for occupational safety and to ensure CHWs are equipped to do their jobs.

**Prioritize investments in CHWs:** as urgent, cost-effective human resources for primary care to deliver basic public health interventions - now, and always.

**Partner with domestic and regional manufacturers to supply PPE for all health workers, in all parts of the world.**

Visit [https://rebrand.ly/CH-Supplies-Fund](https://rebrand.ly/CH-Supplies-Fund) for more information on how you can join forces with communities & CHWs across the world to beat COVID-19.