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COVID-19 Response

IOM appeal for USD 618.9 million, elaborated through a **Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan**.

282.7 million received to date, 45% funded.

Country	Amount (in millions USD)
United States	105
European Union	42.4
Germany	29.8
United Kingdom	17.4
Italy	7.6
Japan	6.5
All other donors/contributions	74

IOM GLOBAL STRATEGIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
 February - December 2020
 Updated on 15 April 2020

\$499 M
 IOM'S FUNDING REQUIREMENT

140
 TARGET COUNTRIES

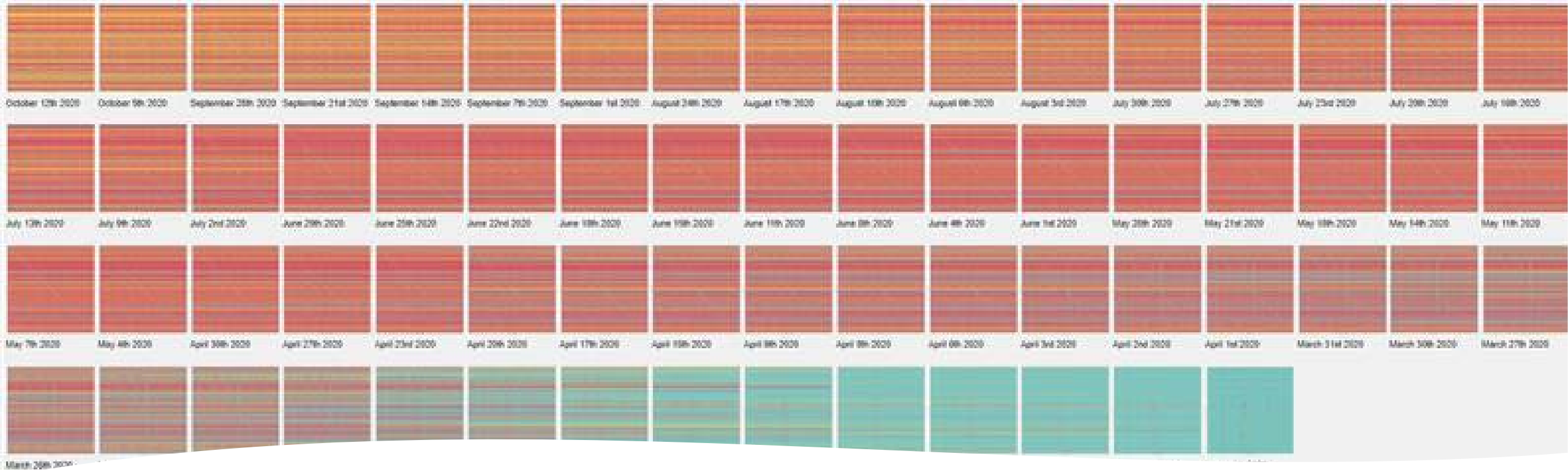
SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 31 December 2019, a cluster of pneumonia of unknown origin was reported in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of the People's Republic of China. On 11 March, the Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared the illness known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a pandemic. As of 14 April, more than 1.84 million cases and over 117,000 deaths have been reported worldwide. The COVID-19 pandemic has also resulted in travel restrictions bringing international mobility to a rapid standstill. As of 9 April, almost 46,000 restrictions on mobility have been put into effect by governments worldwide in order to contain and reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) works with governments and partners to ensure that migrants, whether in regular or irregular situations, returnees and forcibly displaced persons are included in efforts to mitigate and combat the illness's impact. Although they face the same health threats from COVID-19 as host populations, they may face particular vulnerabilities due to the circumstances of their journey and poor living and working conditions. Too often, they encounter obstacles in accessing health services, such as language and cultural barriers, fees they cannot afford, a lack of inclusive health policies, and fear of arrest or deportation. Legal, regulatory and practical barriers to accessing health care all play a part in this, as does, in too many instances, prejudice. Displaced populations in camps or camp-like settings, and those caught in conflict, are also highly vulnerable given limited access to services and poor access to knowledge on how to protect themselves. This unequal access to services places them and everyone else at risk.

With the economic slow-down and possible recession, migrants will remain among the most vulnerable population groups to be economically affected and at risk of stigmatization and exclusion. This is particularly dire given that their employment often supports families left behind and contribute to poverty reduction, access to basic services and education worldwide.

* WHO COVID-19 Situation Dashboard, retrieved on 14 April 2020
 ** COVID-19 Mobility Restrictions, retrieved on 14 April 2020



Monitoring Global Mobility Restrictions

Development of COVID-19 Mobility Restrictions Database:
<https://migration.iom.int>

IOM assessed over **3,972 points of entry (POE)**, including airports, land border crossing and blue border crossing points, in **177 countries**

COVID-19 Response

Information campaigns

- Over 3.5 million reached through IOM awareness campaigns on COVID-19

Health

- 1300+ health/medical staff mobilised to provide health services and capacity-building
- 3,500 individuals trained on COVID-19 related issues to support continuation of services
- 225,000 people assisted through IOM Mental Health Psychosocial Support in **over 25 countries**.
- Over 6 million health screenings of travellers for COVID-19

Camp Coordination/Camp Management

- Working to facilitate isolation, physical distancing and, where appropriate, quarantine.

Sanitation

- Over 3,000 handwashing stations established

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IOM estimates **over 2.75 million migrants stranded** across the world:

Migrants, once stranded, are at a **higher risk of abuse, exploitation and neglect**. The loss of livelihood can increase vulnerability and exposure to exploitation.

Since the lockdown,

- IOM has received **requests to assist nearly 115,000 stranded migrants** to safely and voluntarily return home.
- IOM has **assisted over 6,000 migrants to return** using existing AVVR programming.
- Estimates include **976,000 stranded** in Asia and the Pacific, and **1,257,000 stranded** in the Middle East and North Africa.

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First Line of Defence (FLoD)

19 countries covered by global UN-IOM arrangement.

14 countries have signed the local MOU, among which:

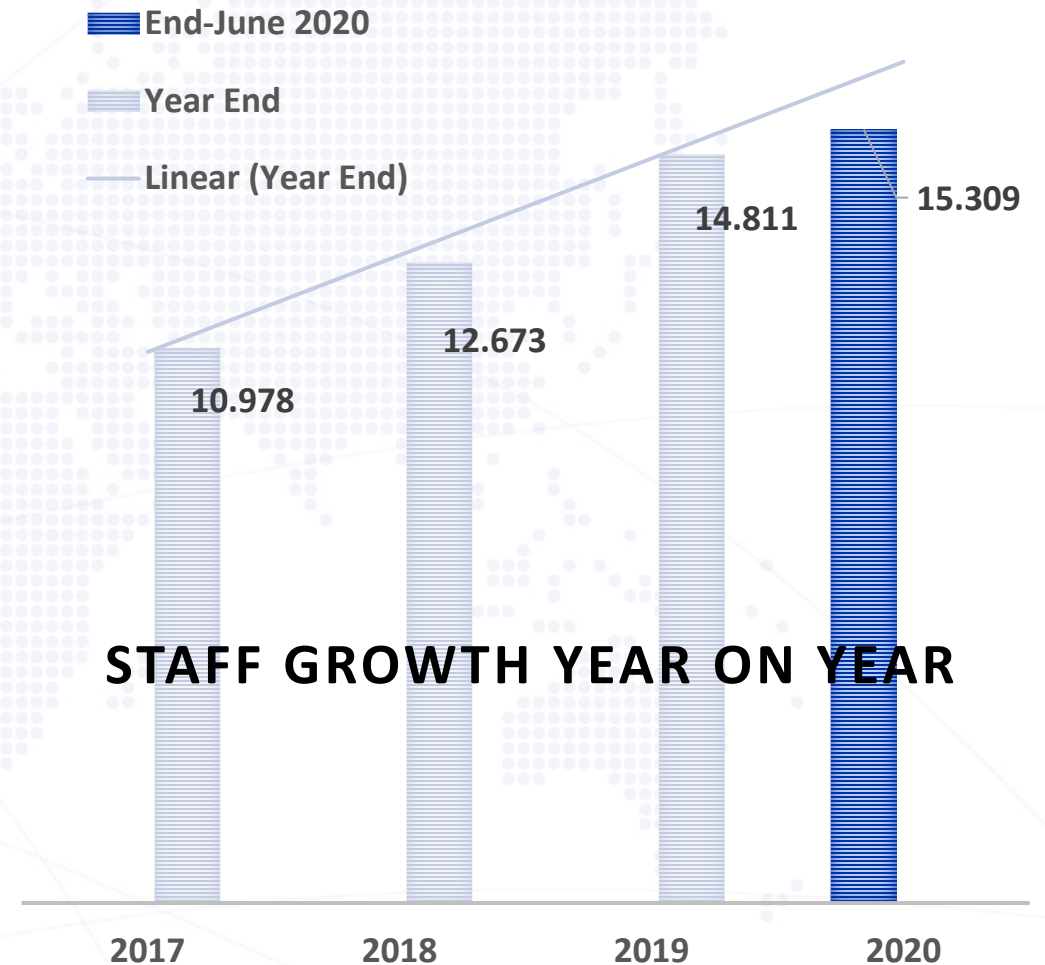
- 9 countries are receiving testing support;
- 6 countries are receiving clinical care and isolation services;
- 2 countries are receiving ex-country telehealth services.



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Structural Adjustments

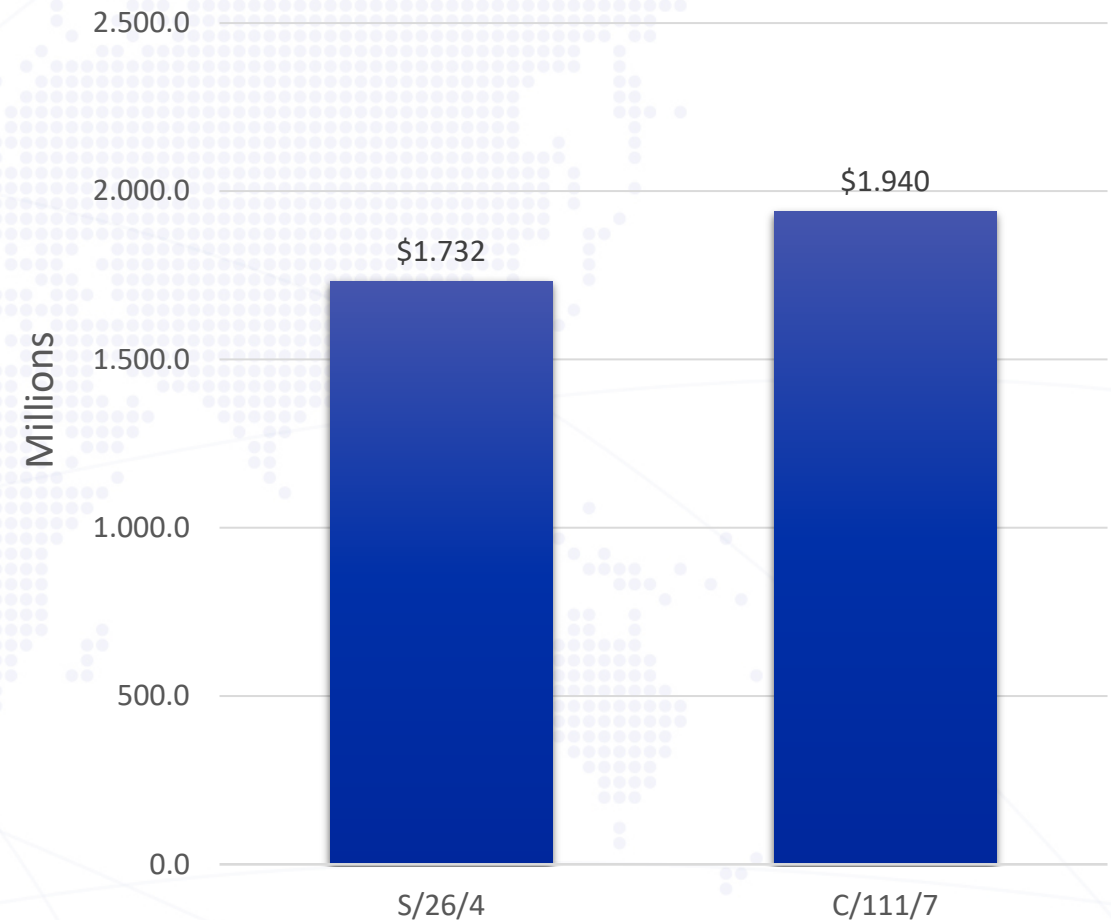
- Approximately USD 14 Million in proposed savings
- Hardest hit programmes: Visa Application and Health Assessments
- Approx. 575 staff members moved to part-time, with 250 moved to retraining
- 140 positions abolished
- Staff growth slowed between 2019 and 2020
- Non-staff decline of 20%



Programme and Budget for 2020

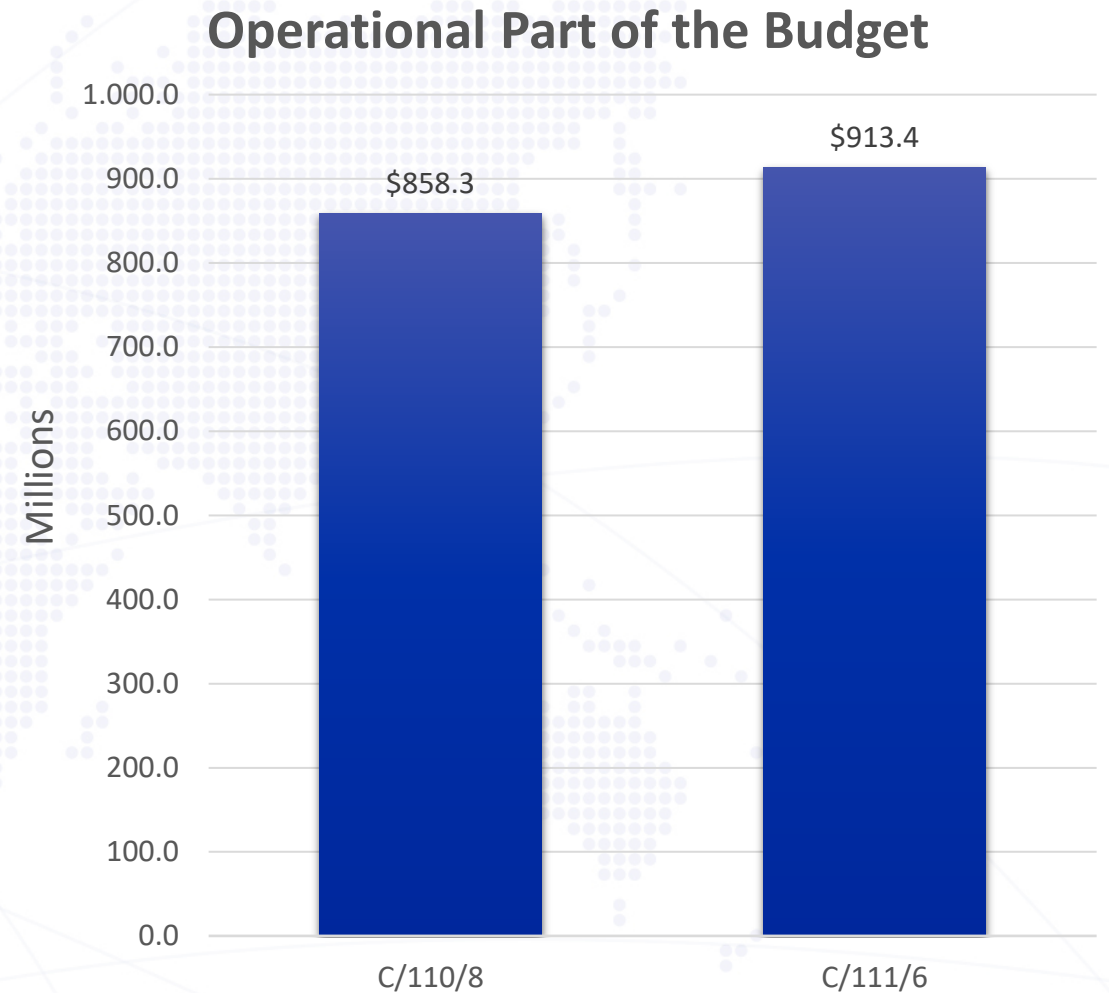
- Administrative Part of the Budget: CHF 52,242,614 (*unchanged*)
- Operational Support Income: USD 123 million (*unchanged*)
- OSI Drawdown USD 10.1 million
- Operational Part based on confirmed funding: increased from **USD 1.7 billion** to **USD 1.9 billion**
- Largest increases relate to Movements, Emergency and Post Crises Programming, Regulating Migration, Facilitating Migration and Migration Health

Operational Part of the Budget



Programme and Budget for 2021

- **Administrative Part of the Budget: CHF 52,242,614** (*unchanged*)
- **Operational Support Income: USD 128 million** (*4% increase*)
- **Operational Part** based on confirmed funding so far: increased from **USD 858.3 million** to **USD 913.4 million**



Institutional Commitments

Environmental Sustainability

- IOM climate neutral for first time in its history (2019)

PSEA

- Support of inter-agency capacity-building
- 1st online global training for PSEA coordinators
- Plan of Action forthcoming

Disability

- IOM participation in 1st year of UN Disability Inclusion Strategy

Gender and Diversity

- Internal conversation on racism and diversity, including personnel survey
- Roadmap for practical action forthcoming
- Expand Gender Coordination Unit to broader range of issues related to inclusion

THANK YOU