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## Autumn 2020 Update Central America

## Food and education to tackle Covid-19

In El Salvador, Christian Aid partner ORMUSA has been responding to the coronavirus pandemic by looking at how it increases women's vulnerability to food insecurity and violence.

Emergency basic food packages have been delivered to over 300 women selected because they have lost their livelihood or missed out on government help during the crisis. The parcels delivered contained sugar, beans, rice, macaroni, sauces, coffee, soups, oil, powdered milk and sanitary products.

ORMUSA has also created a campaign to raise awareness of the increased risk of violence against women during the pandemic. The campaign is called "In this quarantine for COVID-19, I prevent violence" and was aimed at informing people about different types of violence against women, the need for prevention and the institutional mechanisms for reporting violence.

The campaign has been launched through social media and the information sheets created have reached over 300,000 people on Facebook. It has also been shared through WhatsApp to women's community groups.

Thanks to ORMUSA's advocacy working with the Feminist Network the government have set up a dedicated phone line for those experiencing violence. The data



ORMUSA distibuting essential food parcels to women in the community.

ORMUSA have collected through their campaigns have been used by media and news organisations to report accurately on the situation and raise further awareness.

Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life which has helped women to be safer during the Covid-19 pandemic.

'Over 300,000 people were reached with the anti-violence message'

## Building back with justice campaign toolkit

Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. As we contemplate a 'new normal' how might the love of God guide us in our choices and our actions?

Churches have adapted and continued to love and serve their communities. Although church buildings have been closed, the role of the church has never been more important.

We cannot waste this opportunity to reimagine a future that is built upon the intrinsic God-given worth of everyone as a foundation.

Christian Aid has an online campaign toolkit to help churches to lead discussions on what it will mean to build back with justice after Covid-19. caid.org.uk/buildingback

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