

- Countries receiving donated Costco product**
- » Afghanistan
 - » Albania
 - » Armenia
 - » Barbados
 - » Burundi
 - » Cambodia
 - » Chad
 - » Dominican Republic
 - » El Salvador
 - » Eswatini
 - » Guatemala
 - » Guyana
 - » Haiti
 - » Honduras
 - » Jamaica
 - » Kazakhstan
 - » Lesotho
 - » Malawi
 - » Mali
 - » Mauritania
 - » Mexico
 - » Moldova
 - » Namibia
 - » Nicaragua
 - » Niger
 - » Romania
 - » Somalia
 - » Tajikistan
 - » Tanzania
 - » United States
 - » Ukraine
 - » Zambia

- Top 10 product categories donated by Costco**
- » Appliances
 - » Baby diapers
 - » Bicycles
 - » Building supplies
 - » Food
 - » Household Furniture & Supplies
 - » Medical Supplies/PPE
 - » Personal care articles
 - » School & Office supplies
 - » Toys & Recreational items

Life Cycle of Returned Items



Partnering together to serve the World!



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A family reunited and a house becomes a home



Responding to those in need after Hurricane Ida made landfall



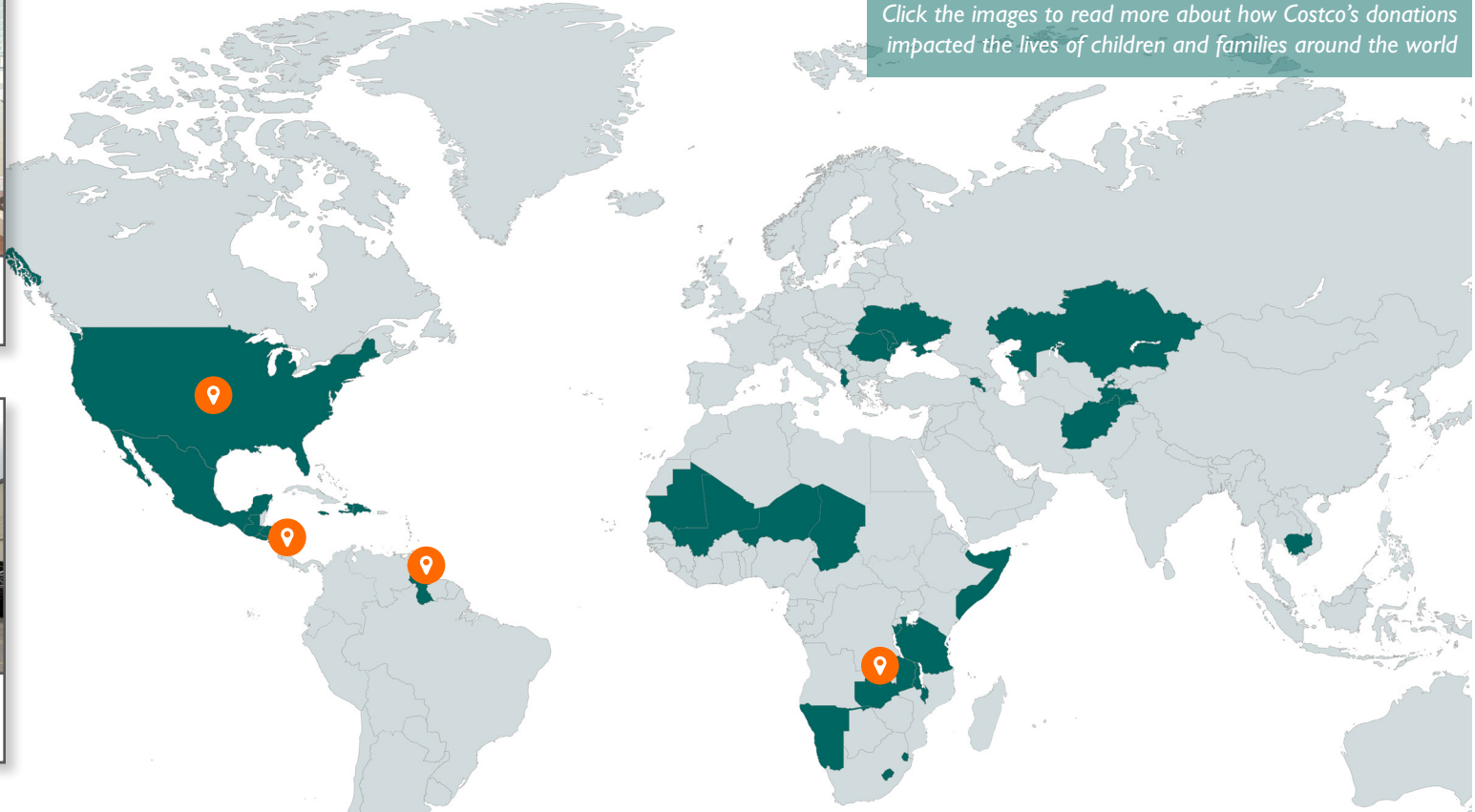
Refrigerators sent to Nicaragua



Essential hygiene products help families in Venezuela



Redefining the meaning of "normal" for a clinic in Zambia



Click the images to read more about how Costco's donations impacted the lives of children and families around the world



A family reconnected and a house becomes a home

Because of a lengthy and difficult visa approval process, the Perez family members, originally from Venezuela, were separated from each other for two years. When reunited in the Chicago area, they had lost most of their belongings which meant rebuilding their life from scratch.

Thanks to the wonderful products donated by Costco to World Vision, once the Perez family

moved into a house, it quickly became a home filled with couches to sit and visit on, a table to share a meal, working appliances and even a spot to rest outside where a father and daughter could bond once again.



A space 100% for him to learn and grow

A desk & fan from Costco created a special place for this child attending virtual school. A little distraught, this young man is shuffled between homes living with mom and grandma. It was heartwarming to explain to him that this little desk and fan was all his own! So, even though he doesn't have stability in his life, he has one spot that is 100% all his. He was super shocked and proud of his new space. It's the little things that encourage others to be all they can be.



Responding to those in need after Hurricane Ida made landfall



Hurricane Ida lashed Louisiana on Sunday, August 29th making landfall near Port Fourchon as an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 150 mph. Ida then churned inland, bringing catastrophic winds, heavy rainfall, tornado watches, danger of flash and urban flooding plus life-threatening storm surge along the coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Coinciding with the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, Hurricane Ida ties as the strongest to ever hit Louisiana.

Residents of Louisiana had severe damage to their homes and property and were left struggling in high temperatures without power. World Vision responded by sending four truckloads of relief



supplies to Louisiana.



Many of the items in these trucks were donated by Costco through their returns program, including coolers, shelf-stable food, diapers, personal care, and cleaning supplies. Shelf-stable food, water and coolers were especially important while power remained out for millions and temperatures soared.

Essential hygiene products help families in Venezuela



Venezuela is in crisis. One out of every three Venezuelans is food-insecure and in need of urgent food supplies, according to the World Food Programme (WFP). Once-eradicated diseases like cholera and malaria have returned, and children are increasingly dying of causes related to hunger and malnutrition.

The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the country's humanitarian and economic crisis. World Vision has maintained a multi-country response to the Venezuelan migrant crisis since January 2019. As of August 12, 2021, we've reached more than 782,000 people, including 258,00 children, through programs focused on child protection, education, and food security and

livelihoods in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela.

Costco's essential hygiene items are helping people in Venezuela to stay healthy. Claudis (above, left) and Katie (bottom, right) are two women who have benefited from the personal care items donated by Costco. Claudis is currently pregnant, and these essential items are keeping her healthy and helping her prepare for her baby. Katie's mother recently passed away, leaving Katie to care for family. The donated hygiene items help the whole family and stretch their budget.



Redefining the meaning of “normal” for a clinic in Zambia



It's not hard for us to imagine overrun hospitals, exhausted staff, crowded waiting rooms, and the need to process patients in every corner, but in parts of Zambia, this is normal, even pre-COVID-19.

Patients are treated in the dirt alongside a road, in an open-air shelter with a thatch roof, or in abandoned buildings. If you are

fortunate enough to be treated in a medical facility, it will likely not have a waiting room, office, or clinical furniture. Not only does this discourage people needing treatment – it can highly discourage staff and volunteers.

Thanks to donations of chairs from Costco, the “normal” has changed in the Northern Province of Zambia at a One Stop Clinic. The office chairs are being used at a newly renovated clinic and help provide a dignified and operational space for staff, volunteers, and patients to be seen and treated. Having clean and functional clinics has resulted in better treatment and stronger, healthier communities.

Refrigerators help provide safe food for children in Nicaragua

In the spring of 2021, Costco donated several truckloads of small refrigerators to World Vision. The refrigerators were distributed through World Vision programs in the U.S. and globally, including 167 refrigerators to Nicaragua for use in community feeding programs. Twenty-seven community feeding programs for vulnerable children received refrigerators. These programs contribute to the eradication of malnutrition and, in the long term, to breaking the cycles of poverty. Prior to the refrigerator donation, these programs did not have a way to store unused fresh food. The refrigerators solved both the problem of food loss and the associated costs.



Did you know?

Costco donated 5,981 bicycles and 433 pallets of diapers to World Vision in 2021. More than any other World Vision donor! Find out below why these two items are so important and learn more about how World Vision and Costco are helping communities in need around the world.



Why are bicycles so important?

Bicycles are a form of recreation and sometimes transportation in the U.S. While in developing countries, bicycles are often the only form of transportation other than walking, especially in rural areas. In many countries, young girls and boys have to walk for hours to reach the nearest school. Unfortunately, the children often drop out as parents feel their time would be better spent working and supplementing the family's income. For vulnerable children living in remote villages, a bicycle can definitely create new opportunities and change their future. A much quicker mode of transportation, bicycles enable children to spend far less time traveling to and from school—and ensure they get home in time to help their families with work.

(Source: World Vision)

Why are disposable diapers so important?

Few people realize that unlike other essentials such as food or health insurance, there is no federal assistance for purchasing diapers. Food stamps and WIC (Women, Infants and Children – supplemental nutrition program) do not cover diapers. Nationally, low-income families pay up to 14% of their entire income just for disposable diapers. As a result, parents may re-use dirty diapers, or use paper towels and plastic bags when they can't afford to purchase diapers. Many low-income parents stretch the time between diaper changes which puts children at risk for painful rashes and infections. Compounding the problems of struggling parents is the fact that most child-care centers require a one-day supply of disposable diapers. Low-income parents who can't afford to leave disposable diapers at day-care centers are then unable to access child-care, which impedes their ability to work or attend school on a consistent basis.

(Source: West Side Baby)





COVID-19 response: Here at home and around the globe

Responding to the pandemic in over 70 countries with the goal of reaching 72 million people, including 36 million children. Our COVID-19 response is focused on where children are most at risk: areas of conflict, urban slums, and refugee settlements.



Global Response

66,194,595

people reached through our COVID-19
emergency response

including **28,928,810** children

As of Aug. 21, 2021.