Tzu Chi’s Responses to Covid-19 Pandemic

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As of July 28, 2020, Tzu Chi volunteers around the world have mobilized to fight COVID-19. They have been providing protective gear and other materials to 78 countries/regions.

86 countries planned in total

- **Face Guards & Goggles**: 511,906 pairs
- **Medical Gloves**: 8,552,100 gloves
- **Gowns and Head Covers**: 1,262,298 pieces

**Total items provided**:
- **Medical Face Masks**: 10,917,804 pieces
- **Fabric Face Masks**: 271,124 pieces
- **Hand Sanitizers**: 48,829 liters
- **Blessing Bags**: 63,366 bags
- **Healthy Vegetarian Meals**: 85,561 servings
- **Jing Si Multi-functional Foldable Beds**: 5,175 beds
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Factors of PPE Support Priority

- Seriousness of local infection
- Level of shortage on PPE
- Request for Tzu Chi’s help
- Tzu Chi volunteer’s accessibility
- Risk on AML and Anti-terrorist
Challenges on PPE Support

- **PPE Purchase**
  - Material spec. confirmation
  - Time to check supplier’s credibility
  - Material price in competing with governmental org.
  - Cash transaction requirement at last minute

- **PPE Delivery**
  - Transportation insecurity by lockdown/airline com.
  - Volunteer availability for clearance & inland delivery

- **Political reason**
  - Rejection of PPE by certain countries/faith org.
Lessons Learned & Suggestions

- Global partnership, mobilization, and cooperation
- Information transparency and communication efficiency
- Global public/private resources collection, integration, and distribution
- Faith organization’s role/influence on separatism and xenophobia
Five Ways of Epidemic Prevention

1. Provide relief to the most vulnerable
2. Procure and provide PPE where needed
3. Education on epidemic prevention
4. Go Vegetarian
5. Pray with sincere piety
Keeping One Step Ahead

How The CoronaVirus Leads Us To A Vegan World

Vegan, the answer for all

A clever person solves the problem.

A wise person avoids it.

— Albert Einstein