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A brief report on events related to viral contingency.

Our planet is undergoing accelerated change and now, with the coronavirus, the actions of countries to protect their citizens have been altered.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, measures have been taken to protect people at home through quarantine. In some countries, social actions have been ordered to prevent contagion for 15 days. In other countries, the mandate is for one month's confinement in living quarters.

Teachers were asked to provide guides for schoolwork to be done at home, others via the Internet, whatsapp or e-mail, especially those at universities.

In the field of basic education, several electronic and telephone actions have been carried out to ensure the revision of curricula and other new content.

Cases of contagion have been fewer than in Asia and Europe according to television and radio reports.

Communication with Team members was mainly through whatsapp. Too many images take the events very seriously and formally, while others do so with a lot of jokes. Team members comment succinctly through whatsapp on what is happening in their country. Governments, with their policies, have considered actions such as curfews in Colombia for example. Most notable have been the Cubans who are collaborating with brigades of doctors in some countries.

The health sector is concerned about the events due to the lack of medicines and the lack of attention paid to many people.

In the field of education, Mexico gave the indication of 30 days without classes and indicated that these were advanced holidays. Although these are not holidays, in all countries containment is established at home.

In some teams the sadness is due to the fact that some team members have died (but not because of the virus).

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