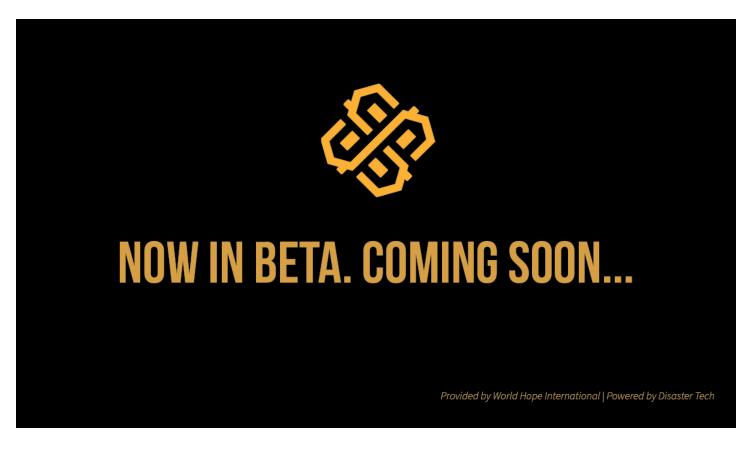# Innovative "Get-Support" tool designed by World Hope International and powered by Disaster Tech launched to help communities facing enforced and voluntary quarantines

@WorldHopeOrg has teamed up with @DisasterTech and other nonprofit and disaster relief partners to develop innovative means to support those in quarantine locally and globally

World Hope International responds to COVID-19 by launching innovative quarantine tool for communities

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WASHINGTON D.C. (MARCH 21, 2020) — World Hope International has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by developing a unique web-based platform called Get-Support in partnership with veteran-owned technology firm, Disaster Tech. As a primary responder to the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone from 2014 - 2016, World Hope International has significant experience working alongside communities to address and stem infectious disease outbreaks, including helping individuals and families maintain quarantines while still receiving necessary provisions including food, clean water, medical assistance, necessary supplies, and more.

The Get-Support tool will provide faith-based and community organizations with the ability to quickly, securely, and safely respond to needs from those who are facing enforced or voluntary quarantine. Each organization will have its own universe within the platform, where users can submit and respond to requests for assistance

from others in their community. Get-Support will take as much workload as possible off community leaders, removing the "middle man" challenge and automating the process. It not only helps community members safely and successfully help each other, but it empowers community leaders to maintain their focus on ministering to those in need rather than attending to spreadsheets and other traditional administrative tools as requests for support build and volunteers ask how they can help. Translations of the user guide have been made possible through the Translator Interpreter Program (TIP) of the Cornell University Public Service Center.

"At its very core, World Hope International is a market-driven, community led organization that seeks to empower the most vulnerable members of populations. In the United States right now, we know that population is suddenly the elderly and the immunocompromised, as well as those with preexisting conditions. World Hope helped maintain safe quarantines throughout the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, and thinking about how we could help here inspired the Get-Support idea. I thought, what if we can provide a tool that would empower leaders in their churches, their communities or organizations, and their cities or states to easily and safely serve the needs of those in mandatory or voluntary quarantine?" – John Lyon, World Hope International President & CEO

Sean Griffin, Founder and CEO of Disaster Tech, shared that "I've worked with World Hope International on a number of different occasions in response to disasters. When World Hope approached me about partnering with them on this tool, I knew immediately it is something we wanted to be part of. It's an honor to know that we are helping communities across the country - and hopefully around the world- to help each other. There's a special synergy that happens when innovative but user-friendly technology like the Get-Support tool can be built and deployed in rapid fire response to something like this. You know the impact it has could be astronomical."

The "Get-Support" tool is being tested in beta by several organizations this week. After any desired tweaks and adjustments are completed, it is expected to roll out to the public on March 27th. All user data is stored on secure servers and encrypted for protection and privacy purposes, and the tool is optimized for accessibility needs. World Hope and Disaster Tech are already anticipating that new iterations will be developed, such as support for in-group advertisements of services or potential API connections to outside services.

More information and assets for the Get-Support tool can be found on the press page and organizations interested in supporting their community through quarantining can now register online.

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Note to Editors: Interviews with internal spokespeople and Get-Support beta users available.

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About World Hope International

World Hope International addresses poverty and injustice through market-based and community-led programming in over 20 countries worldwide through its core focus areas of global health, protection, clean water & energy, and social ventures.

World Hope International strengthens public health systems alongside doctors, clinicians, and physical therapists so communities gain access to affordable healthcare and prevention services and provides clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services to healthcare facilities. In Sierra Leone, World Hope International trains Community Health Workers and local partners in disease surveillance and works with communities to respond to infectious disease outbreaks such as the Ebola epidemic as well as addressing maternal and child health. World Hope International is currently supporting the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health to investigate suspected cases of COVID-19 in the country.

For more information, please visit https://www.worldhope.org

About Disaster Tech

Disaster Tech, a Public Benefit Corporation, Microsoft for Startups, and NVIDIA Inception company, has developed the world's first comprehensive, end to end data aggregation and data science platform, providing real time analytics and decision support for research and risk management of natural hazards, climate change, and disasters. There is no other platform that can provide this level of real time situational awareness and high velocity performance at scale for cross sector private and public agencies, before, during, and after disasters.

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