A virtual quiz is a fun and popular way to raise money during COVID-19. Below, we’ve given you guidance to successfully set up and run a virtual quiz – we’ve even given you suggestions for rounds. Get in touch with us on fundraising-europe@mercycorps.org if you’d like a bit of support or just to let us know how you’re getting on. Good luck!

How do I set up a virtual quiz?
With every social event now being virtual, there are many different online platforms available. For example, Zoom, Google Hangouts and Houseparty all provide video call options. Give them a try and find the one that works best for you.

How do I inspire people to join my quiz?
Most importantly – this is an opportunity to bring your friends or family together, so make it fun. Hold the quiz at a good time for people to join and let them know in advance that you are raising money for Mercy Corps. You can find more about our Resilience Fund here. Often quiz winners get a prize – this could be a portion of the entrance cost or something silly like a promise of a chocolate bar when you next meet. If you give some of the donations away that will affect how you collect donations.

How do I collect donations?
It normally costs a few pounds to enter a pub quiz. We suggest that each person donates £5 to take part. They can donate online here or you can set up a fundraising page on a platform like JustGiving. Alternatively, payment for the quiz could be collected by one person and donated online to Mercy Corps – be sure to let us know in the comments that it is from your fundraiser.

What does the quiz include?
We’ve included a short five round quiz – it’s enough to last an hour but feel free to combine them with your own questions. You could even ask teams to contribute a round.

How do I share the images with quiz teams from the picture round?
We have included a separate PDF of the picture round that you can send to the quiz teams when it is time for that round to start.

Thank you in advance for donating to our COVID-19 Resilience Fund and supporting vulnerable communities across the world during this and future crises.
Round 1: General knowledge

1. What is India’s national fruit?
   Mango

2. Which girl’s name was a single by Fleetwood Mac in 1976?
   Rhiannon

3. In which city was Checkpoint Charlie?
   Berlin

4. What is the English translation for the Italian word Vespa (like the motorbike)?
   Wasp

5. Which author wrote Of Mice and Men (1937)?
   John Steinbeck

6. Which chef took part in Strictly Come Dancing in 2015?
   Ainsley Harriot

Round 2: Geography

1. Which fruit is named after a major city in north-west Morocco?
   Tangerine (from Tangier)

2. Which West African country was previously called French Sudan?
   Mali

3. Bucharest is the capital of which country?
   Romania

4. What is the full name of the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World?
   Great Pyramid of Giza

5. Kibo is the highest peak of which mountain?
   Kilimanjaro

6. How many countries border Germany?
   Nine (Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Austria, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands)
Round 3: Picture round

1. Which country's outline is this?

2. Which company's logo is part shown here?

3. Name the flag

4. In which country would you find this temple?

5. Name this famous place

6. Name the island country shown
Round 3 answers:
1. Somalia  
2. Amazon  
3. Venezuela  
4. Cambodia  
5. Victoria Falls, on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe  
6. Sri Lanka

Round 4: What year was it?
Explanation: Teams need to guess which year links the events described in each question.
Note: If no team gets the exact date correct, the quiz team(s) that get closest to the exact date win!

1. The world’s tallest building (Burj Kalifa) opens, Haiti experiences an earthquake of 7.0 magnitude, and Inception (the movie) is released.
   2010

2. The Queen Mother dies, Avril Lavine tops the chart with her song Sk8r Boi, and the Euro currency begins circulation.
   2002

3. Robert Mugabe dies, Frozen 2 is released and Notre-Dame Cathedral’s roof burns down.
   2019

4. The World Health Organization began its mission to eradicate polio, Al-Qaeda is formed by Osama bin Laden and Cliff Richard gets Christmas no.1 with Mistletoe and Wine.
   1988

5. Divorce becomes legal in the Republic of Ireland, the UK’s Labour Party comes back into power after 18 years, and the first Harry Potter book is published.
   1997

Round 5: Sounds the same!
Explanation: In this round, you (the quizmaster!) will say a sentence. This sentence will give quiz teams the hint to the two words they will need to identify. These two words sound the same but have a different spelling and meaning.

Example:
Sentence: DNA in casual wear
Answer: Genes / Jeans

*Tip: If people are struggling, you could indicate the number of letters in each word, or the letter they begin with.
1. It’s not a fancy aircraft
   Plain / Plane

2. Ejected from a seat of power
   Thrown / Throne

3. Something in a computer to get your teeth into
   Byte / Bite

4. Devoured all but four of a dozen
   Ate / Eight

5. Would you need to rotate to play this part?
   Roll / Role

6. A perjurer playing an ancient instrument
   Liar / Lyre

7. A very strange marketplace
   Bizarre / Bazaar