

COMMUNITIES

BUILT TO CARE AND CONNECT ACROSS COMMUNITIES

The events of 2020 highlighted the importance of community engagement and continuing to build strong community relations with our stakeholders. From destructive hurricanes that cut wide swaths of damage through our Gulf of Mexico region to the viral vectors that connected countries in tragedy, our interconnectedness was highlighted like perhaps no other year has in modern times. In this context, Cheniere's commitment to strategic community investment and proactive engagement proved invaluable.

As the impacts of these emergencies were felt, we stayed nimble, accountable and grounded in our commitments, refocusing our efforts to support fast-evolving community needs. This included the contribution of more than \$1 million in COVID-19 support and \$1 million in hurricane relief, alongside our ongoing efforts to increase engagement, general community support and workforce development.

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OUR FOCUS AREAS

We focus on building and maintaining strong community relations. This includes driving community development through local skills training, job creation and targeted community investment. Collectively, this will support the long-term growth of both our communities and our business. Through our local stakeholder engagement efforts, we aim to foster respectful, collaborative relationships and respond proactively to our communities' needs and concerns. We take a "listen first" approach to understanding and addressing community concerns and openly share information to build strong, trust-based relationships.

BOARD OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT APPROACH

Our vice president of state and local government and community affairs provides executive oversight and leadership on our stakeholder engagement, community investments, corporate giving and volunteer efforts. This team provides periodic updates to the CEO, members of senior management and the board at least annually.

We listen to and engage with local stakeholders regularly and conduct social risk assessments to better understand local needs and inform our community investment program. In addition, we log and track community feedback to help ensure we address concerns in a timely and transparent manner. Finally, we empower our site managers to serve as the primary engagement leads in our communities.

PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Invested more than \$1 million in COVID-19-related community support efforts.
- Provided over \$1 million in hurricane relief.
- Continued annual contributions for marine habitats, coastal restoration and air quality totaling \$700,000.
- Provided nearly 8,000 volunteer hours in communities where we live and work and included virtual volunteer programs during COVID-19.
- Sponsored a mentorship program to help high school and early college students from underrepresented groups enter and/or advance in the workplace in the community near our Sabine Pass facility in Louisiana.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Expand our Corpus Christi Liquefaction Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to work with a larger group of local industries to address collective and/or cumulative impacts, as well as related community concerns.
- Launch a new program to improve the capacity of local small business owners through targeted skills development in the Corpus Christi area, and support local minority and women-owned small businesses affected by the pandemic and 2020 hurricanes in Louisiana.
- Work with an independent third party to improve our social impact assessment process to better understand, assess and mitigate our impact on these local communities.



BUILDING LASTING BENEFITS INTO OUR COMMUNITY ACTION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We are committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work. Building a local workforce and supplier base helps drive our positive impacts and is critical for the success of our business and communities. We aim to align our community investments with local needs, delivering lasting socioeconomic benefits. In 2020, our community investments targeted efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the active hurricane season in the Gulf.

Key issues and initiatives

We invest in opportunities to help local students gain specialized skills and create local jobs through a portfolio of mentorship, educational and apprenticeship programs. In 2020, these efforts included:

College apprenticeship programs: We support apprenticeship programs at SOWELA Technical Community College in Lake Charles, Louisiana and Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas, both of which focus on recruiting diverse candidates. Through these initiatives, high-performing students complete a year-long training program and on-site learning experiences at Cheniere facilities. Students work with mentors in process technology,

99.4%

of our employees working at our LNG facilities are local

instrumentation technology or millwrighting and are eligible to apply for open positions at the Cheniere site where they trained upon program completion. In its first three years, 56 apprentices participated in the programs and 17 were hired at Cheniere, helping build the next generation of U.S. LNG professionals.

Internship and mentorship programs: We provide internships to high school students from underserved communities in the Houston area through our partnership with Genesys Works. We also helped initiate a mentorship program for high school and early college students from underrepresented groups in Port Arthur, Texas, to develop soft skills critical to success in the workplace. In 2020, we contributed \$41,800 to support 18 student mentees.

Supporting local suppliers: In 2020, we partnered with Texas A&M University's Corpus Christi Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center to develop a program to boost the capacity of Coastal Bend's small business community through targeted skills development. This first-of-its-kind program will be launched in 2021, supporting our efforts to drive local business development and build a strong base of diverse local suppliers to support businesses in the region.

In 2020, 85% of our significant supplier spend was directed to vendors located in states where we operate, including Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma, up from 55% in 2019.

Investing in our communities: The past year has brought intense challenges for our local communities, from the worst hurricane season on record in the Gulf to the global COVID-19 pandemic. These issues guided our community investment focus in 2020. Cheniere pledged \$1 million in COVID-19 relief efforts globally to support community organizations in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Washington D.C., the U.K. and China, with a focus on providing critical personal protective equipment to frontline workers and addressing food insecurity with support to food banks.

Social risk assessments: We undertake regular social risk assessments to understand our impacts and community needs, which inform our community development and investment efforts. Our process is guided by international standards including the Equator Principles, the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the International Finance Corporation's Environmental and Social Performance Standards.

CASE STUDY

Read additional case studies online:
[Responding to Hurricane Laura](#)

2020 SIGNIFICANT SUPPLIER SPEND*



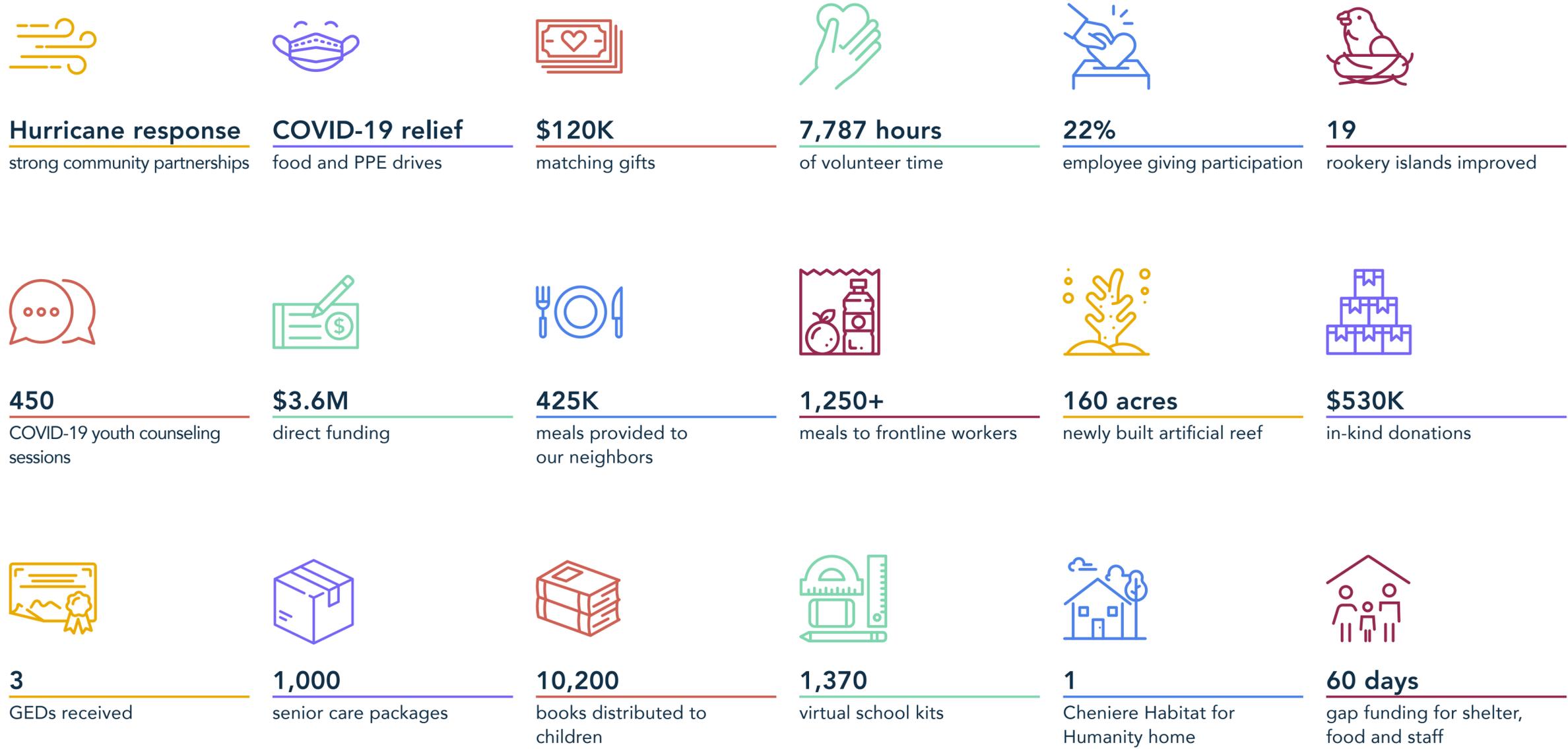
* Significant local suppliers represent vendors located in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma from which Cheniere procured a significant value of goods and services through the supply chain management unit. Other suppliers represent the remainder of Cheniere significant vendor spend.

READ MORE

Read more in our ESG Metrics and Disclosures Appendix:
[Programs to support local communities](#)

CHENIERE 2020 COMMUNITY GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2020, we increased community investment by 18% compared to 2019. Our 2020 investments focused largely on COVID-19 and hurricane relief.



BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our local stakeholder engagement efforts aim to foster respectful, collaborative relationships. We recognize the importance of actively and responsibly managing potential concerns associated with our operations, such as localized light, noise and air pollution and increased commuter traffic, and maintain regular two-way dialogue with residents to understand and address their concerns.

Key issues and initiatives

Proactive community engagement: We engage with our local communities from the earliest planning stages through all phases of permitting, construction and operations. We conduct public safety workshops, public presentations and community open houses to inform community members about our company and operations and to understand their needs and concerns.

Cheniere Coastal Bend Community Advisory Panel:

Since 2018, we have convened a diverse CAP with over 25 members representing residents from nine communities near our Corpus Christi facility. The panel is designed as an open forum to share and receive feedback and suggestions on behalf of the community. Due to the positive impact the CAP has had on both Cheniere and the community, we began working with other companies in the region to join the forum. In 2021, the panel will transition from a Cheniere-specific group to a regional CAP involving plant managers from six companies.

Stakeholder feedback mechanisms: We have a formal stakeholder feedback mechanism for each of our LNG facilities in Louisiana and Texas and the Midship Pipeline in Oklahoma. Community members and other stakeholders can provide feedback through a range of channels including email, toll-free phone numbers, social media and websites. Once received, we follow a formal process to collect, record, investigate and respond to issues (see our 2019 CR report, [page 63](#)). In 2020, we received 30 direct community concerns or feedback related to our liquefaction facilities and mitigated, resolved or responded to 100% of concerns in accordance with our policies. In 2020, we also began

to engage with indirect feedback received from social media platforms. These concerns primarily covered issues related to traffic, air quality, flaring and local job creation. Site managers at each of our facilities work directly with local stakeholders to streamline our stakeholder engagement process and better position us to respond quickly to concerns. See our [website](#) for examples of recent community feedback received and our responses.

Tribal engagement: We respect the rights of Indigenous peoples and recognize the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of Indigenous communities and lands of historic tribal importance in proximity to our operations. Our operations in Texas and Louisiana are not located in or on designated Native American lands and none of our operations have caused resettlement of Indigenous peoples. We continue to communicate with local landowners and stakeholders during operations. For more information, see our [2019 CR Report](#).

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[Engagement with Indigenous peoples](#)