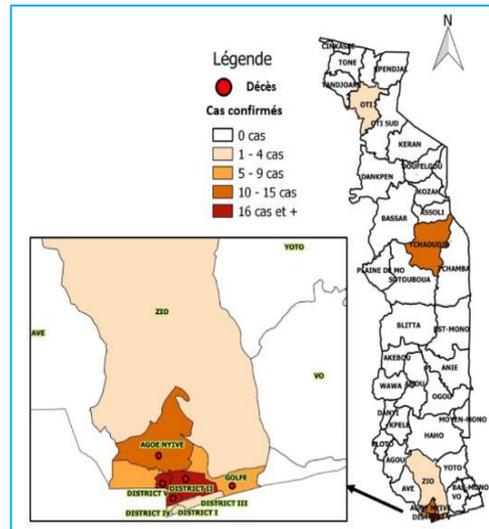


## Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of 20 April 2020, Togo has 84 confirmed cases of COVID-19 (+10 from the previous SitRep on 08 April 2020). The death toll is 06 people, representing a fatality rate of 7.1%, and 53 people recovered. To this date, 4,381 tests have been conducted nationwide.

The Male / Female ratio is 1.6. The age group between 20 and 59 is the most affected with 77% of cases. Lomé Commune and Maritime remain the most affected regions with 47 and 23 cases respectively (see map, right).



## Situation in Numbers



**84** COVID-19 confirmed cases

**06** deaths



**2,544,902** Children affected by COVID-19 school closures

## UNICEF's COVID-19 response

### Health

UNICEF continues to participate in the coordination meetings of the crisis management team of the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene. A training for community health workers (CHWs) of the Savanes and Kara regions on COVID-19 prevention is under preparation. Support is being provided for routine immunization activities continuation in health facilities and through outreach, while ensuring respect of COVID-19 prevention measures (physical distancing, masks and handwashing) by care providers. The creation of a WhatsApp group connecting all district immunization focal points allows UNICEF to monitor the effectiveness of child immunization (by sharing photos) during this crisis.

### WASH

UNICEF continues to support the implementation of infection prevention and control (PCI) actions, as well as the hygiene and sanitation interventions as per the response plan. Handwashing devices, sprayers, soap, disinfectants and other inputs were made available to the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene to help strengthening hygiene practices and IPC in health facilities in Lomé and Sokodé and some entry points. NGOs and networks of journalists already involved in the partnership for the implementation of Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) were mobilized to strengthen communication on COVID-19 preventive measures with access to the hand washing and the use of masks. This intervention reached more than 1,621,223 people, including 843,036 women in 19 health districts in the Kara, Savanes and Plateaux regions.

### Risk Communication and Community Engagement/C4D

UNICEF supports 36 radios for the broadcasting and the production of programs on COVID-19 and the possible impacts on immunization, nutrition, HIV, Protection and Education of children for the ongoing month and the next two months. UNICEF supported the COVID-19 Risk Communication Commission to develop and produce guides for media professionals, Community Health Workers (CHW) and community outreach workers. More specific messages targeting certain socio-professional categories have been developed for teachers, school directors, students, parents, motorcycle drivers, bus drivers, hairdressers, masons, carpenters, traders and resellers. In large cities, CHWs use megaphones to broadcast messages on COVID-19. UNICEF supports the health managers of the 3 districts of Lomé in the mobilization of community and religious leaders for their increased engagement in the promotion of prevention measures among the populations. Distance training is being prepared for regional and prefectural actors.

### Education

UNICEF is supporting the Government and the Local Education Group (LEG) to develop the national education response to COVID-19. Coordination meetings were held with two ministers of Education and the LEG to discuss the education response plan. UNICEF is also providing technical support to the government to develop a proposal for the Global Partnership of Education COVID-19 accelerated funding in close collaboration with the World Bank (grant agent) and the LEG.

## Child protection

The advocacy for the analysis of cases and the release of adolescents from units of liberty deprivation continues, involving the Ministry of justice, children's court judges, civil society and the media. It uses as a reference the press release on children in conflict with law, prepared by UNICEF HQ and complemented with information from the national context. A social worker team has been identified to ensure the follow up of the situation and specific assessments on social needs of children affected by Covid-19 in the Lomé, Maritime region. Similar teams are being set in other parts of the country in liaison with the prefectural Social Action Directorates, civil society organizations and community leaders. A specialist team has been created with UNICEF support to provide psychosocial support to specific cases of children and families affected by Covid-19. The specialists will assist the psychosocial needs of the children and families through psychosocial across the Allo 1011 hotline, and by supporting the protection teams responsible for responding to the crisis.

## Social Protection

UNICEF is providing technical support to the government by contributing in a rapid study on the COVID-19 socioeconomic impact. Furthermore, UNICEF, in collaboration with the IMF, has initiated a social protection advocacy note aiming at recommending improvements to the government response to COVID-19. The World Bank, UNDP and WHO - among others - have welcomed this initiative and contributed to the advocacy note. The Resident Coordinator along with the Heads of Agencies will discuss this note during the next meeting with the competent authorities.

## Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes

UNICEF Togo and its partners are on the line to continue to deliver results as per our Country Programme. In the education sector, UNICEF is playing a central role in advocating for the development of distance/home-based learning programme for all children affected by school closures. This programme will be supported especially in selected vulnerable areas where the regular programme is implemented. The Child Survival sector is also supporting immunization professionals to ensure that children receive their vaccines as planned.

## Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF Togo has received several contributions from resource partners since the beginning of the pandemic. The Education sector received USD 70,000 from the Global Partnership for Education to support the overall coordination of the education sectoral response. DFID also contributed to the response with an emergency grant of USD 200,000. This represents only 2% of the total funding needs as exposed in our COVID-19 Response Plan.

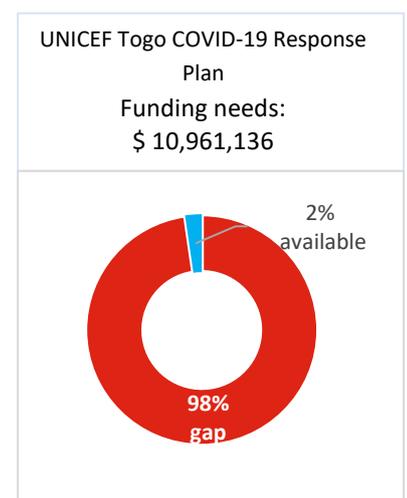
## Communication

In a context where the spread of false information increases the vulnerability of populations to the Covid-19 pandemic, the office collaborates with a group of fact checkers: Togo Check\_CoaWeb. Through Whatsapp, the contry office shared all publications denouncing the fake news circulating on the web.

UNICEF contributed to the production of an awareness-raising video bringing together all UN agencies in Togo. This video was released by all agencies through all their communication channels at almost the same time.

The office also negotiated, through the UNICEF Côte d'Ivoire office, the broadcast of an awareness-raising video on handwashing on Canal+ Afrique's cable programme (4.89 million subscribers to its pay-TV service). This video was produced by the national ambassadors for UNICEF in Togo, the TOOFAN group in 2012 but reactivated to promote handwashing, one of the barrier measures.

From 10th to 16th April, around 32,889 people have been directly reached by messages and vital information transmitted on the following UNICEF social media platforms, essentially on Facebook (32,580). Our post on Twitter has recorded 18,800 Tweet impressions.



## External Media

UNICEF Press Release: <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/covid-19-children-heightened-risk-abuse-neglectexploitation-and-violence-amidst>

Op-ed published in LA Times <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-03-13/op-ed-laUSD-just-closed-schoolsebola-taught-us-why-that-may-be-extreme>

Publication on Social Media:

1. On Facebook:

[Facebook - 07 April 2020](#)

[Facebook - 13 April 2020](#)

[Facebook - 14 April 2020](#)

[Facebook - 15 April 2020](#)

[Facebook - 15 April 2020](#)

[Facebook - 16 April 2020](#)

[Facebook - 16 April 2020](#)

2. On Twitter

[UNICEF Togo Twitter Account](#)

3. On Instagram

[UNICEF Togo Instagram Account](#)

Op-ed published in local media in link with all ED Fore statement and global press release:

[www.savoirnews.net](http://www.savoirnews.net)

[www.africardv.com](http://www.africardv.com)

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## Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</b>		
Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.	3,898,070	1,621,223
Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions	1,2520	0
<b>WASH and IPC</b>		
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services	2,000,000	488,700
Number of healthcare facilities staff and community health workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	1,900	0
<b>Health</b>		
Number of children & women receiving essential healthcare services, including immunization, prenatal, postnatal, HIV & GBV* care in UNICEF supported facilities	735,090	Penta3: 48,234 ANC1: 9,723
<b>Nutrition</b>		
Number of primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months who received YCF counselling through facilities and community platforms	58,984	0
<b>Education</b>		
Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning	738,330	ND
Number of schools implementing safe school protocols (COVID-19 prevention and control)	3,740	0

## Annex B

## Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements	Funds available	Funding gap \$	Gap %
C4D / RCCE	347,200	50,000	297,200	86%
WASH & IPC	1,770,000	150,000	1,620,000	92%
Nutrition	65,000	0	65,000	100%
Health and HIV/AIDS	100,000	46,300	53,700	54%
Child Protection	165,000	0	165,000	100%
Education	5,702,000	70,000	5,632,000	99%
Operations	2,000,000	5,200	1,994,800	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,149,200</b>	<b>321,500</b>	<b>9,827,700</b>	<b>97%</b>