

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

COVID-19:

- As of 12 October, out of the 20,155 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 58.5% are male and 41.5% female, 19,831 people (98.9%) have recovered, and 120 people (0.59%) have died.
- Trends are showing a constant decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases with less than 200 active cases recorded to date. However, with the beginning of the Presidential campaign on 15 October, there is a risk of resurgence of cases due to public meetings and gatherings.

Upcoming Presidential elections (31 October 2020)

- UNICEF updated its Emergency Preparedness Platform during a joint mission in the North with all UNICEF emergency focal points and sector contributors from both Programme and Operations. This was also the opportunity to review the preparation for the upcoming elections.
- From 4 to 16 October, an OCHA mission came from Dakar to support the finalisation of the new Inter-Agency Contingency Plan (IACP) and to set up an emergency response coordination mechanism in the context of the upcoming elections. UNICEF contributed to the various sessions and led the discussions on: Nutrition, Education, WASH, and Child Protection.
- The RCO and UNICEF (co-lead) facilitated the UN Programme Criticality Exercise for the period around the elections.

Polio:

- The first round of polio vaccination with OPVm2 took place from 18 to 21 September in 113 health districts. This campaign aimed to vaccinate 5,276,820 children aged 0-59 months (national coverage). The results of the independent monitoring of the campaign showed a 94% immunisation coverage.
- Lessons learned from the first vaccination round were used to improve the implementation of the second round, which took place from 9 to 12 October.
- This second round of the campaign mobilised over 6 million doses of OPVm2 vaccine, 21,340 vaccinators, and 10,670 social mobilisers.

Situation in Numbers:



20,155 confirmed COVID-19 cases and **120** deaths



Over **6.3M** children affected by new school arrangements due to COVID-19

UNICEF's COVID-19 Response

Health

From 15 October to 30 October, the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Task Force supported the strengthening of IPC capacity of 32 additional hospital structures across the country.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Over 950 people from 190 additional households in Abidjan received equipment and products for improved handwashing practices. At the same time, 19,623 women and 21,000 men benefitted from awareness raising sessions on key hygiene practices to prevent the spread of water-borne diseases and COVID-19.

In partnership with Ministry of Education, the construction of handwashing stations equipped with 12 taps each is on-going in 111 primary schools in the district of Abidjan, the Sud Comoé region, as well as in Man and Korhogo. These facilities are being installed in schools connected to the water supply network, but that lack specific and appropriate spaces for handwashing.

Data collection for the assessment of the acceptability, appropriateness, sustainability, and inclusivity of handwashing devices delivered to schools that are not connected to the water supply network was organised jointly between the Ministry of Education at national level, its representatives at district level, and UNICEF. 26 school groups and 13 primary and secondary schools were visited over five days. The questionnaires combined interviews with school directors, teachers, students, and their parents with direct observations made by the assessment's teams.

In partnership with the Ministry of Health and international NGO "Action Contre la Faim" (Action Against Hunger), an assessment of the implementation of IPC measures in 17 health centres in Abidjan was conducted six months after the first case of coronavirus infection and five months after the training on IPC that was provided to health workers in Abidjan. The assessment aims to identify areas for improvement relative to IPC measures implementation and to identify

gaps relative to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene needs.

RCCE/C4D

UNICEF achieved a cumulative reach of over 354 million hits, including a reach of 9,529,451 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn), and over 3,132,534 consultations of the U-Report coronavirus information centre. In addition, UNICEF's implementing partners (Red Cross, Caritas, and ASAPSU) reached over 287,672 people through face-to-face community outreach activities. Face-to-face community outreach focusing on COVID-19 and primary health focusing on the most vulnerable youth were conducted in Odienné and Man through UNICEF Côte d'Ivoire goodwill ambassador NASH and through her rap contest and festival. More than 700 young people living in the most vulnerable communities were exposed to prevention messages.

So far, UNICEF's campaign has generated a cumulative total of 2,349,908 engagements (likes, comments, shares) on UNICEF and U-Report's social media platforms. To date, a total of 683,204 people engaged in COVID-19 related actions. This includes young reporters, young bloggers, Voix des jeunes (Voices of Youth), journalists, U-Report communities, religious leaders, and people giving their opinion through U-Report polls and community mobilisation.

Education

The Ministry of Education organised a working session to prepare for the relaunch of the "My School at Home" programme, which is expected to start after the development of the distance education strategy.

The platform is being revised to make it more interactive and to consider all levels of education.

Nutrition

From March to October 2020, 10,344 children under five and suffering from severe acute malnutrition were admitted for treatment across the country (44% boys and 49% girls), including 705 cases with medical complications. A total of 619,504 caregivers of children aged 0-23 months and 565,928 pregnant women have received infant and young child feeding counselling through health facilities, media, and community platforms since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Côte d'Ivoire.

During the reporting period, UNICEF supported the training of 238 community health workers and 15 health

agents from nine districts of Abidjan within the framework of its partnership agreement with ACF. Trainings focused on preventive and promotional aspects of nutrition, specifically optimal breastfeeding practices, infant and young child feeding, vitamin A supplementation, deworming, and acute malnutrition screening in the context of COVID-19. Through the ongoing COVID-19 response partnerships with ASAPSU and CARITAS in the North and West, a cumulative number of 17,709 children were screened for acute malnutrition, of which 561 malnourished children were referred for treatment. A total of 10,739 pregnant and lactating women participated in infant and young child feeding counselling sessions, in communities and hospitals.

In addition, 27 health districts were equipped in anthropometric material in the North, Northwest, and Northeast in preparation of possible disruptions in the replenishment of nutrition inputs following the presidential elections. UNICEF prepositioned a stock of RUTF in Abidjan, as well as in its Man and Korhogo zonal offices.

Child Protection

During the reporting period, social workers provided psychosocial support to 351 children (196 girls and 155 boys) and awareness campaigns on violence against children reached an estimated 25,000 people.

The helpline received 4,479 calls, including 22 calls for information directly related to COVID-19.

The mobile teams identified 100 additional street children in need of care and assistance. During the reporting period, 25 street children (10 girls and 15 boys) were reunified with their parents. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 457 street children have been identified and received various forms of support, such as psychosocial support, accommodation, and care in transit centres. Out of the 457 street children, 77 have thus far been reunified with their parents.

Social Protection

UNICEF financed and provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to organise a joint workshop with the Ministry of Social Cohesion, Solidarity and the Fight against Poverty, the Ministry of Health and the COVID-19 Special Solidarity Fund (FSS) to share experiences and lessons learnt relative to cash transfers during the preliminary phase between May and July 2020. The challenges mentioned during the discussions included: the duplication of applicant names (there are many entry points that may include

not only local communities, but also professional organisations or ministries), incomplete information, or lack of mobile phones or identification documents. As a result of these challenges, 55% of demands for cash transfers (a total of 75,000 CFA for three months) were rejected in August 2020.

The participants agreed to take measures to improve the quality control of the candidate lists and to develop a detailed action plan with the FSS and the Ministry of Finance and Economy. The plan aims to increase the coverage and number of beneficiaries of the FSS. At the end of September 2020, only 19 billion CFA out of 170 billion CFA committed for the FSS had been transferred.

UNICEF's Response to Polio

The first round of polio vaccination with OPVm2 took place from 18 to 21 September in 113 health districts. The results of the independent monitoring of the campaign showed a 94% immunisation coverage. This campaign aimed to vaccinate 5,276,820 children aged 0-59 months. These good results are the outcome of (i) rigorous campaign planning and coordination which took into account the COVID-19 context and implemented all the recommend IPC measures to ensure the safety of staff in the field, and (ii) the deployment of a C4D team to monitor fake news and counter misinformation to avoid any potential confusion between polio and COVID-19 vaccines.

Lessons learned from the first round have been used to improve the implementation of the second round, which took place from 9 to 12 October. This second round of the campaign mobilised over 6 million doses of OPVm2 vaccine, 21,340 vaccinators, representing a 23% increase in the number of teams, and 10,670 social mobilisers, representing a 59% increase. This significant increase in the number of operational actors of the campaign is a key recommendation from the first round assessment, which noted the existence of geographical areas not visited by vaccinators due to the rapid geographical expansion of cities, particularly in Abidjan.

Partial data reviewed by the Campaign Coordinating Committee on 13 October showed that 5,539,376 children aged 0-59 months were vaccinated, representing a vaccine coverage of 105%, with an expected reporting completeness rate of 63% at the district level and a vaccine wastage rate of 1.80% at the national level. In addition, 46 cases of acute flaccid paralysis were detected, and 4,891 cases of refusal were resolved out of the 5,779 cases recorded (85%). Despite the COVID-19 context, the refusal rate is well below the usual refusal rates.

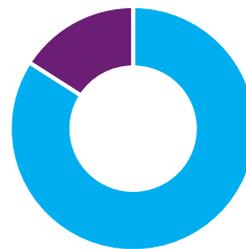
HIV & Adolescents

Under the U-Test project, 113 community workers were trained in Abidjan and Bouaké on real-time data collection with a component on geolocation. In addition, equipped with personal protective equipment, community mediators were able to reach 486 vulnerable adolescents with HIV awareness information and prevention activities. NGO CASES, UNICEF's implementing partner, raised the awareness of 4,817 adolescents and youth on HIV and COVID-19 through WhatsApp.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

The US\$14.8 million programmatic budget required for UNICEF's multi-sectoral response plan for COVID-19 has been fully funded with a positive net balance of USD\$7.1 for a total of US\$21.9 million (+48%) resources mobilised. The amount is a combination of reprogrammed funds (15.6%) and new funding (82.6%) received from governments and private donors.

Funding status



- New funds \$18.5M (82.6%)
- Reprogrammed funds \$3.5M (15.6%)

External Media

Floods response photo album:

<https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408PRHWTU>.

All graphic design content is available here: <https://bit.ly/39eynLd>.

All photos and videos are available here: <https://weshare.unicef.org/Folder/2AM408X0E416>.

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Annex A

Summary of Programme Results

Sector	UNICEF and IPs Response	
	2020 target	Total results*
Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)		
RCCE 1: Number of people reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services.	14,000,000 ¹	14,000,000
RCCE 2: Number of people engaged on COVID-19 through RCCE actions.	1,000,000 ²	632,483
RCCE 3: Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms.	2,500,000 ³	2,111,654
Provision of critical medical and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) supplies and improving Infection and Prevention Control (IPC)		
IPC 1: Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services.	100,000	82,552 ⁴
IPC 2: Number of healthcare workers within health facilities and communities provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).	7,119 (4,013 HF staff + 3,106 CHWs)	4,508 (2,598 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)
IPC 3: Number of healthcare facility staff and community health workers trained in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).	13,106 (10,000 HF staff + 3,106 CHWs)	11,643 (9,733 HF staff + 1,910 CHWs)
Continuity of care for women and children		
Continuity of Health Care 1: Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral, and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases.	12,123 HF staff	9,733 HF staff
Continuity of Health Care 2: Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare, including prenatal, delivery and postnatal care, essential new-born care, immunization, treatment of childhood illnesses and HIV care through UNICEF supported community health workers and health facilities.	389,050 Children: 325,617 + Women: 63,456	97,263 ⁵
Continuity of Health Care 3: Number of caregivers of children aged 0-23 months reached with messages aiming to protect breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 through national communication campaigns.	1,200,000	569,377
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).	33,000	9,091 ⁶
Access to continuous education, child protection and GBV services		
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 1: Number of children supported with distance/home-based learning.	1,247,097	839,935 ⁷
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols.	1,000	123 ⁸
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 3: Number of children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements.	1,381	1,402 ⁹
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV S. 4: Number of children, parents and primary caregivers provided with community based mental health and psychosocial support.	100,000	102,192
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 5: Number of UNICEF personnel & partners that have completed training on GBV risk mitigation & referrals for survivors, including for PSEA.	80	72 ¹⁰
Social Protection		
Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.	2,000	1,322
Social Protection 2: Number of households benefitting from new or additional social assistance measures provided by governments to respond to COVID-19 with UNICEF support.	177,000	69,396

1: Target and results have been revised with HQ. The results indicate the number of people reached by SMS.

2: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 500,000 people to 1 million.

3: Based on the good results of the proximity communications campaign, this indicator has been revised from 2 million to 2.5 million.

4: 20,549 boys, 18,704 girls, 20,913 adult women and 22,385 adult men.

5: The Health Information Department updates this indicator during the first quarter of every year.

6: 4,282 boys and 4,809 girls.

7: 0 children in pre-primary school, 391,022 in primary school and 448,913 in secondary school.

8: 38,027 pupils (16,876 girls) provided with handwashing stations.

9: 805 boys and 597 girls.

10: Among the partners trained, 19 were women.

Annex B

Funding Status

Sector	Funding requirements (\$)	Funds available (\$)	Funding gap (\$)	Gap (%)
C4D / RCCE	741,000	1,178,972	-437,972	0%
WASH & IPC	3,556,800	3,342,038	214,762	6%
Nutrition	594,700	1,178,250	-583,550	0%
Health	8,445,500	2,324,120	6,121,380	72%
Child Protection	483,800	965,000	-481,200	0%
Education ¹¹	538,000	11,642,000	-11,104,000	0%
HIV/AIDS	0	603,000	-603,000	0%
Social Protection	460,200	200,000	260,200	57%
Coordination	0	511,350	-511,350	0%
Total	14,820,000	21,944,730	0	0%

11: The funds raised for Education cover implementation until June 2021, whereas UNICEF's COVID-19 response plan is for 2020.