

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Over the last two months, COVID-19 cases have quintupled. 27 out of 33 health regions and 59 out of 113 health districts reported at least one case. 95% of reported cases were in the Greater Abidjan area. Aboisso, San Pédro and Bouaké are the main hotspots outside Abidjan. As of 29 July, out of the 15,813 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 58% are male and 42% female, 10,973 people (68.7%) have recovered, 4,921 cases (31%) remain active and 99 people (0.63%) have died.

- UNICEF organised an internal workshop to conduct the mid-year review of its work and programmes. The workshop included a review of every component of UNICEF's work in Côte d'Ivoire and will allow UNICEF to better position itself in the upcoming six months.
- A partnership was signed with the international NGO Action contre la faim (Fight Against Hunger) for the improvement of WASH conditions and IPC in 17 health centres in Abidjan. The partnership also covers the management of malnutrition in these 17 health centres and in surrounding communities.
- UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to launch a back-to-school campaign that focuses on girls' education. UNICEF also published a case study on the continuity of learning in Côte d'Ivoire, which includes the country's distance learning programme, community-based monitoring and approach to reopen schools.

Situation in Numbers:



15,813 confirmed COVID-19 cases and **99** deaths



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

UNICEF's COVID-19 Response

Health

The IPC Task Force – composed of the Ministry of Public Health, Management Sciences for Health, WHO, the United States Agency for International Development, the Centres for Disease Control (CDC), the United Nations Population Fund and UNICEF – have developed COVID-19 guidelines on the effective implementation of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures in health centres. The guidelines include a diagnostic tool for health centres, a COVID-19 IPC toolbox, ToRs for IPC focal points and standard operating procedures. On 30 July, these documents were validated during a workshop in Jacquelineville.

In the context of COVID-19, 19 human cases of cVDPV2 polio, 22 contact subjects and 46 cases from environmental surveillance have been reported. Faced with this epidemiological situation, UNICEF supported the investigation of human cases of cVDPV2 and the preparation of the campaign budget, logistics and communication plan. Upcoming actions include the deployment of UNICEF consultants as part of the cVDPV2 response, strengthening of routine immunization, and microplanning of the immunization campaign.

On July 28, with the support of UNICEF, a workshop was organized on the restitution of the survey on vaccination and the strengthening of the capacity of the National Federation of Health Organizations of Côte d'Ivoire (FENOSCI) in communication of vaccination in the context of COVID-19. This workshop brought together 20 NGO partners of FENOSCI.

From July 15-16, a meeting was organized in Divo with the support of UNICEF. The objective of this meeting was to sensitize regional and departmental directors on the implementation of community activities in the context of COVID-19.

WASH

In partnership with the Ministry of National Education's Directorate for School Life, which is responsible for WASH in schools, UNICEF is developing an operational strategy to support better handwashing practices in schools. Three models of handwashing stations with reduced contact were identified. UNICEF identified 10 primary schools in Abidjan which are not connected to the water supply network. 30 handwashing stations were ordered and will be delivered to these schools, which will be testing these handwashing stations. The level of practicality and acceptability of each model will be evaluated. An architectural plan for handwashing stations that are suitable for schools which do have access to the water supply network is currently being defined together with government counterparts. UNICEF is preparing a costing and bill of quantity in view of the construction of handwashing stations for the next school year.

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RCCE/C4D

UNICEF launched an intensive and innovative participative communication campaign with U-Report communities in hotspots in Abidjan and in rural communities. U-Report communities operated handwashing stations and distributed reusable masks in key hotspots, such as markets and transportation hubs. The campaign will continue every Saturday for one month. 15,123 interpersonal interactions were conducted by 555 U-Reporters.

The implementation of the Green Schools project continues in the village of Sangouiné, in the West of the country. The objective is to work with communities for cleaner and greener school environments and communities.

The Ministry of Communication, in collaboration with UNICEF, the Governmental Information and Communication Centre (CICG) and the Religious Alliance, organised a press briefing. Six religious leaders had the opportunity to report on their community involvement and to encourage and mobilise communities to respect the prevention measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The press briefings were broadcast simultaneously on state media, faith-based media and social media to reach all segments of the population. In this context, Imam Camara Mohamed Lamine encouraged followers to be vigilant and to scrupulously observe prevention measures during the forthcoming Eid El Adha festivities.

UNICEF continued its COVID-19 awareness campaign, which achieved a cumulative total reach of over 317 million hits, including a reach of 2,8 million on traditional media (TV, radio and print), 1,042,242 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) and 718,133 consultations of the U-Report coronavirus information centre over the last two weeks.

UNICEF's campaign has generated a cumulative total of 963,519 engagements (likes, comments, shares) on UNICEF and U-Report's social media platforms. To date, a total of 543,672 people engaged in COVID-19 related actions. This includes young reporters, young bloggers, Voix des jeunes, journalists, U-Report communities, religious leaders and people giving their opinion through U-Report polls.

Education

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country's distance learning programme, community-based monitoring and approach to reopen schools.

Following the approval of the Global Partnership for Education grant, which amounts to 11 million US\$ for education-related COVID-19 response, UNICEF as the grant agent supported the Government with the revision of the results framework and the development of a detailed operational plan aimed at ensuring an efficient implementation over the coming 12 months. Regular discussions and consultations with the Local Education Group and the Government helped finalise the national guidelines and manual to safely reopen schools.

As the Coordinating Agency, UNICEF advocated with the authorities to address the special situation of pregnant girls, young mothers and children with disabilities whose vulnerability has increased. Intersectoral work between the Child Protection, Health and Communication sections was promoted as part of the back-to-school campaign and the response to teenage pregnancies. This advocacy work resulted in the Ministry of Education's commitment to conduct a back-to-school campaign accompanied by a specific strategy for the reintegration of pregnant adolescent girls and other vulnerable groups. A meeting with the two highest religious authorities made it possible to ensure that children enrolled in Islamic educational structures were taken into account.

Nutrition

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, a total of 310,237 caregivers of children aged 0-23 months received Infant and Young Child Feeding counselling through health care facilities, mass media and community platforms. During the same period, a total of 5,510 children affected by severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were admitted for treatment in health structures, of which 47.4% were boys and 52.6% were girls. Performance indicators are in line with SPHERE reference indicators with 80% recovered children.

The Nutrition Activities Intensification Week was carried out in 41 districts in June 2020. As of 30 July, 268,017 children aged 6-59 months were supplemented with Vitamin A and 176,225 children aged 12-59 months benefited from deworming.

The Child Health Days (CHDs) associating Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming in 72 districts as well as screening for acute malnutrition in 24 districts was carried out between 24 and 27 July 2020. A pilot strategy of community-based third-party field monitoring using U-reporters helped demonstrate that the implementation of the CHDs was good. As of 30 July, 7,713 households and 13,501 children aged 6-59

months were surveyed in four days by approximately 241 U-Reporters. 96.3% of households have been visited by the administrators since the beginning of the campaign. 2.8% of households have refused to participate in the Child Health Days. 96.8% of households surveyed said that they were aware of the COVID-19 protection measures and 93.5% said that they could recognise COVID-19 symptoms. At least 87.1% of CHDs team members respected the COVID-19 protection measures (wearing a mask, handwashing, social distancing). UNICEF provided 206,900 masks and 22,200 hand sanitizers to ensure that the CHDs are carried out in a safe manner. Percentages of Vitamin A supplementation, deworming and acute malnutrition screening were estimated at 86%, 84% and 86.7%, respectively.

Child Protection

During the reporting period, psycho-social support was provided to 13,506 people, including 4,643 women and 4,104 children. The total number of beneficiaries of psycho-social support since the beginning of the pandemic amounts to 101,841.

With UNICEF's support, 15 additional children were released from prison. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, a total of 132 children benefited from an early release.

Children without parental care were provided with hygiene and protection kits, particularly children in judicial child and youth protection services and in public accommodation centres.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2,193 children and 2,352 cases of gender-based violence

have been referred to social services with UNICEF's support.

Social Protection

94,700 people affected by COVID-19 benefited from cash and in-kind assistance provided by the Government's Special Solidarity Fund (FSS). 114,700 people are expected to benefit from the Special Solidarity Fund by the end of July.

At the end of June 2020, nearly 13,600 beneficiaries received assistance from the Informal Sector Support Fund (FASI), including more than 50% of women.

HIV & Adolescents

Over the last two weeks, UNICEF raised the awareness of 2,002 young girls on the management of menstrual hygiene. In addition, 34 adolescents and young people were counselled and screened for HIV. Heartland Alliance and consortium members carried out HIV/AIDS prevention activities that reached 1,548 adolescents and young people, of which 43% are part of key populations. In addition, nine adolescents that are part of key populations signed up for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment and received pills to reduce the risk of HIV infection.

UNICEF trained 40 health care workers, justice staff, national security officers and NGO staff in gender-based violence holistic services delivery in three health regions in the West of the country (Tonpki, Cavally and Gueon).

UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Youth Promotion and Youth Employment with the training of adolescents. 720 adolescents aged 10 to 19 received training on life skills and COVID-19 prevention measures.

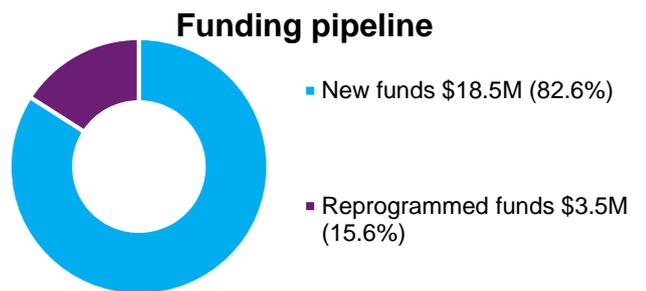
Adaptations to Ongoing UNICEF Programmes

Further to their mission in Dalao and Man, UNICEF's PM&E and HACT specialists, conducted a quality assurance mission in Korhogo, in collaboration with the zone office. The field mission allowed the team to assess the quality of the technical and financial implementation of SBAs with regards to HACT norms and procedures, and review SBA monitoring tools in accordance with the Global SitRep Indicators.

From July 22 to 24, 11 healthcare providers (doctors, midwives and nurses) from the regional hospitals (CHR) of Odienné, Touba and Man received training in order to strengthen their capacities in Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) for the management of premature births, which is the leading cause of death of new-borns (31.6%) in Côte d'Ivoire. This activity was marked by the inauguration of the Odienné CHR's KMC Unit on July 24 by the Secretary General of the Odienné Prefecture. This unit will help provide quality care to premature new-borns and very low birth weight infants in this northern region of the country.

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.



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	542,278
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	1,957,990
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	38,892 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	Data not available
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	307,032
Continuity of Health Care 4: Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).	33,000	5,480 ⁵
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 ⁶
Access to Continuous E, CP and GBV Services 2: Number of schools implementing safe school protocols.	1,000	0
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	1092 ⁷
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	101,841
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 ⁸
Social Protection		
Social Protection 1: Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs.	2,000	600
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: 9,681 boys, 8,812 girls, 9,853 adult women and 10,546 adult men.

5: 2,597 boys and 2,883 girls.

6: 0 children in pre-primary school, 391,022 in primary school and 448,913 in secondary school.

7: 505 boys and 587 girls.

8: 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 ⁹	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	(7,124,730)	(48%)

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